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ON

**“Science, Technology, and Innovation and the African
Transformation Agenda: Making New Technologies Work for
Africa's Transformation”**

**21-22 July 2014
Transcorp Hilton
Abuja, Nigeria**

Jointly organized by the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), Addis Ababa, Ethiopia and the Federal Ministry of Science and Technology (FMST) of the Federal Republic of Nigeria

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Monday, 21 July 2014

8:30 – 9:00 Registration

9:00 – 09:40 Opening session

- Opening Address - United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA)
- Welcome Address by Nigeria Government Representative
- Keynote Address by TBD

09:40 – 10:00 Tea / Coffee Break

10:00 – 11:30 Panel discussion session 1: Technology and Innovation in the African Union's Agenda 2063

This session will discuss the AU Agenda 2063 and the STI requirements for achieving it in the context of sustainable development.

Panelists:

- AUC
- ECA
- AfDB
- ECOWAS
- COMESA
- SADC

Moderator:

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11:30 – 13:00 Panel discussion session 2: Africa, the UN post-2015 development agenda and the role of science, technology and innovation

This session will discuss the technology/innovation readiness of African countries to implement a UN post-2015 development agenda which will rely on the deliberate application of science, technology and innovation to meet its objectives/goals.

Panelists:

- Amina J. Mohammed, Special Adviser to the Secretary-General's on Post-2015 Development Planning
- UNDP
- AUC Department for Rural Economy and Agriculture
- AUC Department for Economic Affairs
- UNIDO / UN Energy
- TBD

Moderator:

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13:00 – 14:00 Lunch Break

14:00 – 15:30 Panel discussion session 3: ICT and Sustainable Development

This session will, against the backdrop of an assessment of ICTs contribution to Africa's recent growth performance, discuss ICT and innovation in ICT in Africa.

Panelists:

- Federal Ministry of Communication Technology, Nigeria
- Federal Ministry of State for Works, National Planning Commission, Nigeria
- MTN Group
- Google
- Private Sector, TBD

Moderator:

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15:30 – 15:50 Tea / Coffee Break

15:50 – 17:20 Panel discussion session 4: Enabling national environment for science, technology, and innovation policies – (discussion of country experiences)

This session will discuss the national STI policies of selected countries and lessons that can be learned from them.

Panelists:

- Federal Ministry of Science and Technology, Nigeria
- Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Innovation, Cape Verde
- Ministry of Science and Technology, South Africa
- Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation, Brazil
- Ministry of Scientific Research, Egypt
- Ministry of Science and Technology, China
- Ministry of Higher Education, Scientific Research and Communication Technologies, Tunisia

Moderator:

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17:20 – 17:30 Wrap up of Day 1

Tuesday, 22 March 2014

8:30 – 10:00 Panel discussion session 5: Technology, innovations and governance: Open government, open government data, and open data

This session will explore the scope, possibilities, opportunities, risks of open government, open government data and open data in for promoting technological development and innovation.

Panelists:

- Mrs. Lohini Moodley, Principal, McKinsey & Company
- DFID / World Bank
- Department of Public Service Administration, South Africa
- Department of Information Communications and Technology, Seychelles

Moderator:

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10:00 – 11:30 Panel discussion session 6: Better measurement: R&D Data for decision making

This session will discuss Africa's STI data needs and recommend policies for developing STI data collection on the continent.

Panelists:

- United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA)
- NEPAD
- OECD
- World Economic Forum
- World Bank
- UNESCO Institute for Statistics
- UNDESA/UNSD
- AUC Department for Human Resources, Science and Technology

Moderator:

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11:30 – 11:50 Tea / Coffee Break

11:50 – 13:20 Panel discussion session 7: Urbanization - Enhancing the efficiency of African cities as centres of innovation

This session will explore how suited African cities are as centres of innovation and technology development and what can be done to improve their efficiency in this regard.

Panelists:

- UN-Habitat
- Ministry of Land, Housing and Urban Development, Kenya
- Ministry of Infrastructure, Science and Technology, Botswana
- Ministry of Federal Capital Territory Administration, Nigeria
- Ministry of Housing, Utilities and Urban Development, Egypt
- Prof. Olufemi Adebisi Bamiro, Professor, Faculty of Technology, University of Ibadan, Nigeria

Moderator:

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13:20 – 14:30 Lunch Break

14:30 – 16:00 Panel discussion session 8: Youth and Innovation - Realizing the African transformation agenda

This session will discuss the "youth problem", technologies available and the possibilities for promoting innovation among African youth as a means to address the problem of youth income poverty as well as promote economic growth.

Panelists:

- The Olusegun Obasanjo Foundation
- UNESCO
- ECA
- World Intellectual Property Organisation
- Federal Ministry of Youth Development, Nigeria
- Ministry of Women, Youth and Children's Affairs, Ethiopia
- Ministry of Sport, Youth and Child Development, Zambia

- Microsoft 4Afrika
- Simdul Shagaya, Founder and Chief Executive Officer of Konga.com
- Juliana Rotich, Co-founder and Executive Director of Ushahidi

Moderator:

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16:00 – 16:30 Tea / Coffee Break

16:30 – 17:30 Closing session: Adoption of Outcome Document

- AUC
- ECA
- Federal Ministry of Communication Technology / Ministry of Science & Technology, Nigeria