

WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM'S -GLOBAL AGENDA COUNCIL ON AFRICA-MEETING

Background:

The World Economic Forum's -Global Agenda Council on Africa- is co-chaired by the UN Economic Commission for Africa's (ECA) Executive Secretary, Dr. Carlos Lopes and Ms. Maria Ramos, Chief Executive Officer, Barclays Africa Group.

The Global Agenda Council on Africa is 1 of 80 of World Economic Forum's Network of Global Agenda Councils whose membership is comprised of some of Africa's leading experts from business, academia, government, civil society and international organizations. All Global Agenda Councils have a common goal to advance knowledge and jointly explore critical issues shaping the global, industry and regional agendas.

The Global Agenda Council on Africa's specific mandate is to provide leadership that creates a public-private cooperation framework to fast track Africa's economic transformation and inclusive growth. Its interventions aim to complement the Post 2015 Common African Position as well as the African Union Agenda 2063. In addition, the Council aligns its overall support to the African Agenda as promoted by the three key regional pan-African organizations on the continent: the African Union Commission; the ECA; and the African Development Bank.

Purpose:

The Global Agenda Council on Africa members recently met in Dubai, in 2014, during the Summit for Global Agenda Councils. The next meeting will now take place on 29 March, from 16.00 to 18.30, on the margins of the eighth Joint Annual Meetings of the African Union Specialized Technical Committee on Finance, Monetary Affairs, Economic Planning and Integration and the ECA Conference of African Ministers of Finance, Planning and Economic Development. This is opportune given the Council's commitment to align its overall support to the African Agenda as promoted by the key regional pan-African organizations. The meeting will be a closed session.

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