Wednesday, 1st November

07.30 Registration and networking

09.00 WELCOME ADDRESS
H.E. Majid Saif Al Ghurair, Chairman, Dubai Chamber of Commerce & Industry, UAE

09.10 Next Generation Africa
There is enormous excitement about the opportunities and potential for growth across Africa, but also disenchantment about the failure to tackle basic obstacles to trade, investment and prosperity. What role can Africa’s dynamic young entrepreneurs play in resolving this dilemma? This session introduces the themes and structure of this year’s Forum.

Confirmed speaker:
Sangu Delle, Chief Executive Officer, Golden Palm Investments, Ghana

Future Realities

09.20 Innovative Solutions - Is Leapfrogging a Reality or a Myth?
Africa’s entrepreneurial talent is starting to get noticed worldwide as start-up companies use new technologies and innovative business models to tackle Africa’s big challenges. Is technology and entrepreneurship enough to unleash Africa’s economic potential or do these companies need the support of policy, infrastructure and foreign investment to succeed in the long term?

Confirmed speakers:
Jeremy Hodara, Co-Founder and Co-Chief Executive Officer, Jumia Group, UAE
Aboyeji Iyinoluwa, Co-Founder and Managing Director, Flutterwave, Nigeria
Amy Jadesimi, Chief Executive Officer, LADOL, Nigeria

Moderator: Naga Munchetty, International Broadcaster and Journalist, UK
10.10  EXPERT OUTLOOK  
Making Growth Inclusive – The Role and Limits of Entrepreneurship  
The past decade of rapid growth in Africa changed the realities of life for many at the top, but did little to impact the lives of ordinary people. Now that growth has slowed, how can it be made more inclusive? What role could entrepreneurship play in ensuring that young Africans are part of a more prosperous Africa?

Confirmed speaker:  
Sim Tshabalala, Co-Chief Executive Officer, Standard Bank, South Africa

Moderator:  Mark Eddo, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Mark Eddo Media

10.35  KEY INSIGHT  
For Africa By Africa – New Partnerships for Growth  
Foreign aid is playing an ever smaller role in Africa’s development. Remittances from the African diaspora have overtaken total aid and are supporting business activity throughout the continent. African companies are taking on the big challenges with new approaches to both business and philanthropy that are reshaping economies and people’s lives – and they are attracting significant financial support from global investors across the world. What kind of opportunities are opening up for partners as African development follows new models?

Confirmed speakers:  
Tonye Cole, Co-Founder and Group Executive Director, Sahara Group, Nigeria  
Uche Orji, Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, Nigeria Sovereign Investment Authority, Nigeria

Moderator:  John Defterios, CNN, UAE

11.15  Networking Break
11.45  Reimagining the Future – Journeys of Transition
Perceptions shape and limit what countries are able to achieve. How can governments and businesses redefine the way their country is perceived and the way they see their own future? In this session, we talk to leading figures in Rwanda, Estonia and Peru – all key countries in our Global Business Forums – about the journey they are making as they transform both their narrative and their reality. We look at how they are reinventing themselves as entrepreneurial hotspots and ask what they can learn from each other.

Confirmed speakers:
Taavi Rõivas, Former Prime Minister, Republic of Estonia
Gary Urteaga, Endeavor Entrepreneur, Peru

Moderator: Eithne Treanor, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Treanor Media, UAE

12.30  HEAD OF STATE DIALOGUE
Accelerating African Integration - Speaking with One Voice
When the African Union created an African passport in 2016, the first two copies went to its new chairman and to Paul Kagame, President of Rwanda. His leadership has transformed Rwanda - but he also aims to help develop a powerful voice for a more joined-up Africa. In this session he looks at what integration means for the future of Africa.

Confirmed speaker:
H. E. Paul Kagame, President, Rwanda

Moderator: John Defterios, CNN, UAE

13.00  Networking Lunch
DUBAI EXPO 2020 LEARNING LAB
What is the legacy of an Expo? Dubai aims to be the catalyst for a new, unexpected and lasting set of connections between governments, businesses and people around the world. Under the theme Connecting Minds – Creating the Future, participants will discuss challenges, share expertise and build partnerships around sub-themes of mobility, sustainability and opportunity. In our Learning Lab, participants will share what they are planning and what kind of cross-pollination they are hoping to achieve through Expo 2020.
Next Generation Solutions

14.30  Introduction to the afternoon and evening programme
Next Generation Solutions, Regional Spotlights and AFRICA LIVE

Confirmed speaker:
Sangu Delle, Chief Executive Officer, Golden Palm Investments, Ghana

14.35  EXPERT OUTLOOK
Playing the Long Game - Balancing Opportunities and Risks in Africa
Bob Diamond founded Atlas in 2013 with the aim of creating a pan-African bank, at a time when international banks were reducing their global footprint. He discusses what he has learnt from both his successes and his setbacks, and explores his expectations for the shape of banking in Africa over the coming decade.

Confirmed speaker:
Bob Diamond, Founding Partner and Chief Executive Officer, Atlas Merchant Capital, UK

Moderator: Naga Munchetty, International Broadcaster and Journalist, UK

15.00  Access to Power – Leveraging the Energy Transition
Lack of access to the power grid has held back African growth for decades. But as with telecoms, the private sector is bypassing the obstacle and pioneering off-grid renewable power, relying on solar, wind and mini-hydro stations. Will this be the way forward for Africa – and what impact could these technologies and business models have on the rest of the world?

Confirmed speakers:
Andrew Alli, President and Chief Executive Officer, Africa Finance Corporation, Nigeria
Reda El Chaar, Executive Chairman, Access Power, UAE
Tony Nyagah, Chief Executive Officer, Strauss Energy, Kenya

Moderator: Eithne Treanor, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Treanor Media, UAE

15.50  AFRICA-DUBAI DIALOGUE - The Future of Money
Digital technology is transforming the way we think about money – and the changes have just begun. Africans pioneered the fintech revolution with mobile money solutions born out of necessity and remains a leader in digital payments. Dubai is
now aiming to leverage technology to transform the future of money. Leading members of the African and Emirati fintech communities will discuss the opportunities and future potential.

Confirmed speakers:
- **Arif Amiri**, Chief Executive Officer, DIFC, UAE
- **Louis Antoine Muhire**, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Mergims, Rwanda
- **Shayne Nelson**, Chief Executive Officer, Emirates NBD, UAE
- **Tayo Oviosu**, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Paga, Nigeria

Moderator: **Mark Eddo**, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Mark Eddo Media

**REGIONAL SPOTLIGHTS**

**Economic Outlook and Business Realities**

Standard Bank’s Chief Economist, Goolam Ballim, will provide a brief economic outlook for the region, highlighting business opportunities and investment climate in key markets, and bringing in ministers and officials from the region to share their perspectives. Each session lasts 30 minutes.

15.00  East Africa
15.45  West Africa
16.15  Southern Africa

Confirmed speaker:
- **Goolam Ballim**, Chief Economist, Standard Bank

**AFRICA LIVE**

17.00-19.00  **CULTURE ON THE TERRACE**

A combination of short talks, performances, demonstrations and exhibitions, celebrating young African and UAE cultural entrepreneurs.
Thursday, 2nd November

09.30  **Yesterday and Today – In Brief**
We will get the morning going with a summary of memorable points from the first day’s sessions – and an overview of the second day.

**Confirmed speaker:**
**Sangu Delle, Chief Executive Officer, Golden Palm Investments, Ghana**

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**Game Changers**

09.40  **HEAD OF STATE DIALOGUE**
**Reversing the Brain Drain - Unleashing the Potential of Africa’s Youth**
The majority of Africa’s successful young entrepreneurs received their education outside their own countries. Not all those studying abroad come back to Africa, and many of those without world-class education strive to leave the continent. The President of Mauritius, herself a renowned scientist, discusses what is needed to reverse the brain-drain and unleash the full potential of Africa’s young people.

**Confirmed speaker:**
**H. E. Ameenah Gurib-Fakim, President, Mauritius**

**Moderator:**  **Eithne Treanor, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Treanor Media, UAE**

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10.05  **Funding African Business – Deal Makers not Risk Takers**
Private equity is playing a significant role in funding Africa’s businesses – but traditional investors are competing for deals alongside successful entrepreneurs and institutional investors. This panel will explore how investors are approaching these fast-growing but difficult markets and ask whether traditional models for deploying funds and exiting investments can work.

**Confirmed speakers:**
**Rob Hersov, Founder and Chairman, Invest Africa, UK**
**Eghosa Omoigui, Managing General Partner, EchoVC Partners, Nigeria**
**Ashish Thakkar, Founder and Managing Director, Mara Group, UAE**

**Moderator:**  **Mark Eddo, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Mark Eddo Media**

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10.45  **Networking Break**
EXPERT OUTLOOK
Does Africa Need Industrialisation?
Africa’s population will double by 2050 meaning that hundreds of millions of young people will need jobs. In every other region of the world, those jobs have come from manufacturing as countries used their cheap labour advantage to climb the wealth ladder. Is this still a possible route to prosperity or has technology changed the paradigm and put a premium on brains? What would it take for Africa to attract manufacturing? If that option is blocked, how do nations get ready for the digital knowledge economy?

KEYNOTE ADDRESS
Building Infrastructure for Tomorrow’s Global Supply Chains
DP World has transformed global logistics and reshaped trade and investment patterns over the past few decades. H.E. Sultan bin Sulayem, the driver of that transformation, discusses the company’s plans across Africa and explores the continent’s potential place in the supply chains of the future.

Confirmed speaker:
Sultan Ahmed bin Sulayem, Group Chief Executive Officer, DP World, UAE

Moderator: Eithne Treanor, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Treanor Media, UAE

Future Africa – Tomorrow’s Business Leaders and the Public Sector
Over the past decade, hundreds of innovative companies have emerged that demonstrate the strength and diversity of Africa’s business scene. Entrepreneurs from around Africa share their experience in interfacing with the public sector and discuss the policy measures they think are needed to make them scalable - at home and across the continent.

Confirmed speakers:
Chris Folayan, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Mall for Africa/Mall for the World, Nigeria
Vahid Monadjem, Chief Executive Officer, Nomanini, South Africa
Feleg Tsegaye, Founder, Deliver Addis, Ethiopia
Affiong Williams, Founder, Reel Fruit, Nigeria

Moderator: Lai Yahaya, Government Policy Advisor, Nigeria
13.20  **Round Up and Take Aways**  
Summing up Global Business Forum on Africa 2017  

**Confirmed speaker:**  
*Sangu Delle, Chief Executive Officer, Golden Palm Investments, Ghana*

13.30  **Networking Lunch**  

15.00  **End of Global Business Forum on Africa 2017**