TUESDAY, 11 SEPTEMBER 2018
9:00–10:00 OFFICIAL OPENING

H.E. Mr. Christopher Yaluma, Minister of Commerce, Trade and Industry, Zambia

Hon. Christopher Yaluma was appointed Minister of Commerce and Industry in February 2018 after being the Minister of Mines and Minerals Development for five years. Previously, Hon. Mr. Yaluma served in various engineering management positions over 19 years at Eskom and 12 years working for Zambia Electricity Supply Corporation. He has used his in-depth experience across power system management to coach a number of engineers in the industry. He holds a BSc in Electrical Engineering from University of Idaho in the USA.

Ms. Arancha González, ITC Executive Director

Arancha González, an expert in international trade issues with 20 years of experience, serves as Executive Director of ITC since September 2013. Before joining ITC, she served as Chief of Staff to World Trade Organization (WTO) Director-General Pascal Lamy from 2005 to 2013. During her tenure at the WTO, she played an active role in launching the Aid for Trade initiative and served as Mr. Lamy’s representative at the G-20. Prior to working at the WTO, Ms. González held several positions at the European Commission, including spokeswoman for trade and adviser to the European Union Trade Commissioner. Ms. González co-chairs the World Economic Forum (WEF) Agenda Council on the Future of Trade and Investment.
Rose Sibisi, Media entrepreneur and founder, StylewithRoseS

Rose Sibisi has over 26 years corporate experience with DHL, Multichoice, MTN, Herbalife, Sony, Samsung and BMW. Her brand, StylewithRoseS, focuses on innovative and creative initiatives driven by youth. The platform teaches, inspires and challenges society through advocacy. She has wide experience in event management, personal image branding and communications. She is an alumni entrepreneur of the Graca Machel Africa Programme 2017, an alumni woman entrepreneur trainee of Stanbic Bank Zambia and Babson College USA, a community member of Lionesses of Africa since 2015, and a nominated mentee in the Cherie Blair Mentorship Programme 2018-2019. Ms. Sibisi holds a Post Graduate Diploma in Marketing from the Chartered Institute of Marketing, U.K.

10:00 – 11:30 JOBS OF TOMORROW, THROUGH TRADE

H.E. Dr. Michael Bimha, Minister of Industry and Commerce, Zimbabwe

Hon. Michael Bimha was previously Deputy Minister of Industry and Commerce in Zimbabwe before being appointed Minister of Industry and Commerce in 2013. Previously, Hon. Dr. Bimha served as Executive Director of Anglo American Corporation and Executive Director of SMM Holdings. He was also Chairman of Air Zimbabwe and Chair of various Board Committees, including Africa Resources Limited and Nicoz Diamond. He holds a PhD in Strategic Human Resources Management and a Masters in Business Administration from the University of Zimbabwe.

Ms. Indira Malwatte, Chairperson and Chief Executive, Export Development Board, Sri Lanka

Indira Malwatte is the chairperson and chief executive of the Sri Lanka Export Development Board, a state organization responsible for the development and promotion of exports. She has worked to promote and facilitate exports both internationally and locally for more than 40 years. Ms. Malwatte has served as the focal point for export development projects with organizations including ITC, the World Bank, and GIZ in the industrial, agricultural, and service sectors.
Ms. Chileshe Kapwepwe, Secretary-General, COMESA (tbc)

Chileshe Kapwepwe is the Secretary-General of the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA), which she was elected to in July 2018. Prior to that, she was the chairperson of the Zambia Revenue Authority and was the first woman to serve as chair. She has a career of more than 30 years in local and international organizations, including as Deputy Minister of Finance and National Planning in the Cabinet of Zambia, as the Executive Director of the Africa Group One Constituency of the International Monetary Fund, and as the Managing Director of the Zambia National Airports Corporation. Ms. Kapwepwe has also served on the boards of the Bank of Zambia, BP Zambia Limited, and the Zambia Privatization Trust Fund.

Ms. Parminder Vir, Chief Executive Officer, Tony Elumelu Foundation

Parminder Vir joined the Tony Elumelu Foundation as Director of Entrepreneurship in April 2014, and was responsible for the design of the $100 million, multi-year, pan-African Tony Elumelu Entrepreneurship Programme. She has had a 20-year award-winning career as film and TV producer with BBC Television, Carlton Television and Chanel Four, as well as CEO of her independent production company, Formation Films. She was awarded an Order of the British Empire (OBE) by Queen Elizabeth II for her services to the Broadcasting and Film industry in 2002.

Mr. Likando Mukumbuta, Director General, Citizens Economic Empowerment Commission

Likando Mukumbuta has 29 years of professional experience, facilitating investment capital for more than 6,500 MSMEs throughout Zambia, creating more than 40,000 jobs. He has served as Director General of Citizens Economic Empowerment Commission (CEEC) since 2012. Before joining CEEC, Mr. Mukumbuta served in international development institutions where he headed two project management consulting firms as Chief Executive Officer for a decade. Before this, he served as Mission Economist at USAID/Zambia for five years. He has a Masters Degree in Agricultural Economics and a Masters Degree in Geo-Information Systems.
Mr. Momarr Taal, Founder, Tropingo Foods

Momarr Taal has 11 years of experience as a social entrepreneur, starting his first company at the age of 17 selling products in five countries. He founded Tropingo Foods in 2015, a Gambian agro-processing company established to create sustainable market access for local produce to be exported. Tropingo Foods employs 180 staff, majority of which are women and has international recognition or its impact on rural communities, youth and women. Mr. Taal has also spearheaded numerous community initiatives such as Ebola Free Gambia and various Mentorship programs. In 2016, he was included by Forbes ‘30 under 30 Entrepreneurs Africa’ and has been recognised by Tony Elumelu Foundation.

Ms. Janet Bugembe, Executive Director, Cinq Diamandes

Janet Bugembe is a young entrepreneur owning two companies and is the youth coordinator of Business and Professional Women in Kampala, Uganda. She is founder of The Mentorship Class, an organisation that offers mentoring to young African leaders in leadership, financial literacy, marketing and sales. In 2017 she was recognised in the ‘Top 40 under 40 Women’ in Uganda by newspaper New Vision and has been part of the Rhett Power mentorship programme sponsored by the American Embassy. Ms. Bugembe has travelled the world, sharing her story with over 200,000 youth.

Ms. Yentyl Williams, Founder and President, ACP Young Professionals Network

Yentyl Williams is a PhD Researcher on EU affairs with Africa, the Caribbean and the Pacific countries (ACP) at the University of Bristol. She has several years of work experience on EU relations in both the public and private sector. In 2015, Ms. Williams was appointed Expert to the European Economic and Social Committee for the Green Paper on ‘The Future of the EU’s relations with the ACP group and the successor to the Cotonou Partnership Agreement’. In December 2014, Ms. Williams founded ACP Young Professionals Network to advocate that the EU and ACP countries utilise Article 26 of the legally binding Cotonou Partnership Agreement on ‘youth issues’.
Mr. Oumar Yam, Co-Founder, OuiCarry
Oumar Yam studied in France and became an entrepreneur when he returned to Senegal in 2009. He is the co-founder of OuiCarry.com, providing a delivery service for people in West Africa. Consumers in Senegal, Mali, Togo and Benin receive goods from the largest online sites from all over the world. Mr. Yam studied Economics and Transport at the University of Montpellier.

Professor Landry Signé, Distinguished Fellow, Stanford University’s Center for African Studies
Professor Landry Signé is a distinguished fellow at Stanford University’s Center for African Studies and is special adviser to world leaders on international and African affairs. Professor Signé is David M. Rubenstein Fellow at the Brookings Institution where he works in the Africa Growth Initiative. He is also founding Chairman of the award-winning Global Network for Africa’s Prosperity. Professor Signé has won more than sixty prestigious awards including World Economic Forum’s Young Global Leader, JCI Ten Outstanding Young Persons in the World, and Tutu Fellow who “drives the transformation of Africa”. Previously, Professor Signé was founding president of a business strategy and development firm based in Montreal and a visiting scholar at the University of Oxford.

Mr. Serge Nawej, Chair, National Commission of young Entrepreneurs Democratic Republic of Congo
Serge Nawej is a business lawyer engaged in finance with a focus on African related projects. Mr. Nawej was appointed Chair of the National Commission of Young Entrepreneurs of Democratic Republic of Congo in early 2017. He is a driving force to the development of ProximA, a law firm based in the Democratic Republic of Congo involved in major cross border transactions in Africa. He was recognized as one of the Ten Most Innovative Lawyers in the US by the Financial Times. Mr. Nawej has been involved in the successful implementation of a number of businesses and companies throughout Africa.
Mr. Michael Ocansey, Co-founder, AgroCenta, Ghana - Winner of the WEDF 2017 pitch competition

Michael Ocansey is a software engineer who created a platform to aggregate and connect smallholder farmers to big companies that need their produce. The company uses technology to give rural farming communities access to market, capital and resources. Agrocenta’s aim to sign up 1000 farmers in Ghana. Mr. Ocansey has spent 15 years in lead developer roles in companies spanning diverse industries. His biggest drive is to see an increase in world-class software, products and apps stem from the African continent.

Ms. Stella Mutale Sata, Plan Store Business Solutions, Zambia

Stella Mutale Sata is the founder of Plan Store Business Solutions in Zambia, a business development service provider that helps entrepreneurs develop their businesses. She is also the Co-Founder and Executive Director of the Stella Project, an organization that empowers marginalized communities through business, finance, and entrepreneurial training, especially for women and youth. In 2017, she was awarded the Mandela Washington Fellowship for Young African Leaders.

Pompi, CEO of Atmosphere Entertainment and musician, Zambia

Chaka Nyathando aka POMPI is an international multi-award winning Zambian artist who has revolutionized the music industry in Zambia. In addition to being an artist, Pompi is an inspiring public speaker. One of his public speaking engagements the Lusaka TEDx Talk hosted by the Africa Development Bank where he spoke about education citing the poem ‘Wrong Test Wrong Uniform’. Also known as the African eagle, Pompi has proudly carried the Zambian flag internationally.
H.E. Mr. Vincent Munyeshyaka, Minister of Trade, Rwanda (tbc)

Vincent Munyeshyaka is the Minister of Trade and Industry for Rwanda, a position he has held since 2017. Before joining the ministry, he served as the Minister of State responsible for socioeconomic development and the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Local Government. He has also previously worked in the Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning. Before entering politics, Mr. Munyeshyaka also worked in the Rwandan banking sector.

Amb. Albert M. Muchanga, Commissioner for Trade and Industry, African Union

Albert Muchanga was elected Commissioner for Trade and Industry of the African Union in 2017. He has previously served as Permanent Secretary in the Zambian Cabinet Office in charge of Parliamentary Affairs and Ambassador to Ethiopia and the African Union. Mr. Muchanga has held responsibilities for international economic and foreign policy analysis and implementation. He is a central figure in the launch of the African Continental Free Trade Area, an economic space comprising 55 members of the African Union promoting trade of duty free goods and services.

Ms. Kayula Siame, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Commerce, Trade and Industry, Zambia

Kayula Siame is the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Commerce, Trade and Industry of Zambia. She was appointed to the position in 2015 by President of Zambia Edgar C. Lungu. Her work with the ministry has focused on industrialization, job creation, and promoting private-sector development. Prior to her current position, she was the National Coordinator of Private Sector Development, Industrialisation and Job Creation at the Cabinet Office of Zambia.

Mr. Hennie Heymans, CEO, DHL Express Sub-Saharan Africa

Hennie Heymans, a South African national, joined DHL Express in 2001 as Head of the Direct Business Unit, supervising telesales, agents and retail in Namibia, eSwatini and Lesotho. After this, he was appointed Managing Director for Central Africa, managing eight markets in the region. Mr. Heymans has extensive knowledge of operating in challenging markets, strong leadership skills and a strong African network.
Mr. Frank Matsaert, CEO, TradeMark East Africa
Frank Matsaert’s career has focused on development, programme delivery and management in 14 African and 6 Asian countries where he has designed and overseen over 40 major programmes, totalling over $1 billion in the fields of trade, finance, privatization, climate change, market development and skills training. Prior to joining TradeMark East Africa in 2010, Mr. Matsaert was Private Sector Adviser to the UK Department for International Development (DFID) and their Country Director for Care.

Ms. Annette Ssemuwemba, Deputy Executive Director, Enhanced Integrated Framework
Annette Ssemuwemba is the Deputy Executive Director of the Enhanced Integrated Framework. She has more than 20 years of experience in international trade and development, especially in trade policy formulation, regional integration, trade facilitation and trade-related capacity building both nationally and regionally. Prior to her current position, she was the Chief Strategy and Results Officer at the Enhanced Integrated Framework and was a member of the Senior Leadership team at TradeMark East Africa.

Ms. Dorothy Tuma, Chair, East African Women in Business Platform
Dorothy Tuma is the current Chair of the East African Women in Business Platform, which represents over 3,000 women entrepreneurs. She also founded the Women’s Centre of Job Creation, which provides micro entrepreneurship development to rural women in Eastern Uganda. Ms. Tuma has over twelve years of experience as a Lead Consultant and Trainer of trade-related projects in East and Southern Africa. She has a Master of Public Administration from the Harvard Kennedy School, a Master of Business Administration from the Anderson School, University of California Los Angeles and a Bachelor of Science in Economics from Makerere University Kampala, Uganda.
IN CONVERSATION

Ms. Tiguidanke Camara, Chairman and CEO, Tigui Mining Group and Camara Diamond & Gold Trading Network, Guinea

Tiguidanke Camara is the Chairman and CEO of Tigui Mining Group and Camara Diamond & Gold Trading Network. She is originally from Guinea and has lived in Morocco and the United States. She previously worked as a jewellery model, which inspired her to open her own mining company in Guinea, making her one of the few women mine owners in Africa. She is a member of Women in Mining International and a WEDO World Ambassador for Women’s Entrepreneurship Day, representing Guinea.

WEDNESDAY, 12 SEPTEMBER 2018

9:00 – 10:15 AGRICULTURE TO AGRIBUSINESS: REDUCING RISKS, INCREASING RETURNS

H.E. Mr. Henry Mussa, Minister of Industry, Trade and Tourism, Malawi (tbc)

H.E. Mussa has been a Member of Parliament in Malawi for almost 20 years and has held ministerial posts in agriculture, rural development, labour, and youth. He has participated in key events for industrial growth, trade promotion, and economic development in and around Africa including at meetings of the Commonwealth Enterprise and Investment Council and the Global Business Forum. He previously worked as an insurance broker for the African Lakes Corporation.

Ms. Jennifer Blanke, Vice-President, Agriculture, Human and Social Development, African Development Bank

Jennifer Blanke is responsible for overseeing the African Development Bank’s strategy and activities for agriculture and human and social development. Ms. Blanke was Chief Economist at the World Economic Forum from 2012 to 2017 and has written and lectured extensively on national competitiveness. With a Master's degree in International Affairs from Columbia University, New York, and a MA and PhD in International Economics from the Graduate Institute of International Studies, Geneva, she is a member of the Canadian government's Council of Economic Growth. Her international career includes several non-executive board responsibilities in the non-profit sector.
Ms. Ina-Marlene Ruthenberg, Country Manager, the World Bank Group

Ina-Marlene Ruthenberg is a development economist and the World Bank Country Manager for Zambia. She is experienced in policy as well as operational work in bilateral and multilateral organizations. In addition to her current position, she has held several technical and leadership positions at the World Bank. She has previously also worked at the Inter-American Development Bank and for the European Union.

Ms. Sefa Gohoho, CEO, Songhai Africa, Ghana

Sefa Gohoho is CEO of Songhai Africa, a Ghanaian company that focuses on agribusiness, hospitality and luxury consumables. Ms. Gohoho is a founding member of Africa 2.0, a consortium partner of The Young African Leaders Initiative, Accra, launched by President Obama as a signature effort to invest in future African leaders. She has served as Africa 2.0 Ghana Chapter head, and is the current Chair of the Board of the Africa 2.0 Foundation Ghana. An alumnus of the London School of Economics, she was educated in Ghana, Zimbabwe, South Africa and England.

Mr. Thierry Kalonji, Director of Industry and Agriculture, and responsible for Investment Promotion and Private Sector Development, COMESA

Thierry Kalonji, a lawyer, works closely with the ACP-EU Business Climate Facility on private sector development and the International Finance Corporation to improve the business environment in COMESA countries. His international career has involved work for the World Bank, OECD, the African Development Bank and the Southern African Development Community. He has been Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Finance in the Democratic Republic of Congo and Advisor to the Ministers of Finance and Economy.

Mr. Guy Hogge, Head of Global Sustainability, Louis Dreyfus Company

In his role as Louis Dreyfus Company (LDC)’s Global Head of Sustainability, Guy Hogge has been responsible for sustainability initiatives across the globe since 2010. He joined the Group in 1994 and, prior to his current appointment, was managing various commercial roles within LDC’s Sugar and Oilseeds platforms. Before joining LDC, Mr. Hogge spent 7 years with British company Tate & Lyle, first as a graduate trainee and then moving on to commercial positions in the animal feed and sugar trading divisions. Mr. Hogge holds a BSc
with honours in Agricultural and Food Marketing from the University of Newcastle, UK.

Mr. Geemon Korah, Chief Executive Officer, Kancor Ingredients Limited

Geemon Korah heads Kancor Ingredients Limited, the world’s fifth largest flavour and fragrance company since 2006. Since taking over as CEO, the company has seen a five fold growth in size and intellectual gains. Mr. Korah started his professional career with a Government of Kerala enterprise before moving to Kancor. He built new initiatives, expanding the business to over 60 countries, and became a brand ambassador for both the company and the spice industry at a global level. Mr. Korah is a graduate in Agriculture and a post graduate in Management from Harvard Business School.

14:00 – 15:30 GOING GREEN: WHO WILL FINANCE SMES

Dr. Patrick I. Gomes, Secretary-General, African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States

Dr. Gomes was appointed Secretary-General of the ACP Group in December 2014. Prior to this role, he has served as Guyana’s Ambassador to Belgium and the European Union and as Guyana’s representative to the World Trade Organization and the UN Food and Agriculture Organisation. He has authored numerous publications in the areas of development and social policy analysis, and has served as Chairman of the Board of Governors for the Maastricht-based think tank, European Centre for Development Policy Management (ECDPM). He holds a PhD in Social Institutions and Sociology of Development from Fordham University, New York.

Mr. Jacob Lushinga, Managing Director, Development Bank of Zambia

Jacob Lunda Lushinga joined the Development Bank of Zambia in June 2012. As Managing Director, his goal is to restore the Bank’s competitive performance and make it Zambia’s premier finance institution. His previous work experience includes that of Director General & CEO of the Zambia Investment Centre and Head – Strategic planning at Bank of Zambia. Mr. Lushinga was Chairman of the 2013/2014 United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Board on the Zambian Human Development Report. He holds an MSc qualification in economics.
Mr. Erick Yong, CEO and Co-Founder, GreenTec Capital Partners

Erick Yong set up GreenTec Capital Partners in 2014 with former Deutsche Bank director Thomas Festerling. He is a successful entrepreneur, launching several businesses across various industries. Mr. Yong believes that entrepreneurship is the key to the development of Africa and GreenTec Capital is a venture capital company that invests in visionary start-ups in Africa. GreenTec Capital have invested in 10 companies in five different countries – Uganda, Rwanda, Ghana, Nigeria and Cameroon. Mr. Yong has experience in international business development and used to be a professional basketball player.

Ms. Madalo Minofu, Resident Representative, International Finance Corporation

Madalo Minofu is the resident representative of the International Finance Corporation for Malawi and Zambia. She has previously worked for the Development Bank of Southern Africa as a Project Development Manager and as a Senior Investments Officer, where she worked particularly in the energy sector and on renewable energy projects. She has also worked as a Business Development Manager for Pfizer Pharmaceuticals.

Mr. Jules Ngankam, Deputy CEO, African Guarantee Fund

Having worked in various senior international positions with leading financial institutions, he has vast experience in treasury and asset-liability management as well as monitoring foreign exchange risk and interest rate derivatives including risk analysis. Prior to AGF, Jules worked for over eight years at Barclays Capital, the investment banking division of Barclays PLC, in various roles including Rates Strategist, Rates Trader and Treasury Vice President. A Cameroonian national, Jules is an ESSEC Business School graduate and a statistics and economics graduate from ENSAE both in Paris Finance. He also holds a Master’s degree in Applied Mathematics from the University of Paris Dauphine, France.
Mr. Axel Addy, CEO, Ecocap Investment Group (tbc)

Axel Addy is the CEO of Ecocap Investment Group, an investment consulting firm specialized in linking investments to emerging markets in West Africa. A Liberian national, Mr. Addy served as Minister of Commerce and Industry from 2012 to 2018, where he focused on empowering small and medium-sized enterprises and on finance and capacity development opportunities. He was the Chief Negotiator in Liberia’s Accession to the World Trade Organization. Previously, he has also served as the Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry and as Liberia’s country representative to Population Services International.

15:45 – 16:45 REDUCING RISKS FOR INVESTORS IN AFRICA

Dr. Benedict Okey Oramah, President and Chairman of the Board, African Export-Import Bank

Dr. Benedict Okey Oramah assumed his current position in September 2015, after having joined the bank in 1994 as Chief Analyst. Prior to joining Afreximbank, he was an Assistant Research Manager at the Nigerian Export Import Bank from 1992. Dr. Oramah serves as Chairperson of the Africa Chapter of the International Factors Group (IFG) and is on the Board of the IFG and the Editorial Boards of Trade and Forfaiting Review and the Journal of African Trade. He is also a member of the Consultative Board on World Cocoa Economy of the International Cocoa Organization. Dr. Oramah holds M.Sc. and Ph.D. degrees in agricultural economics from Obafemi Awolowo University, Nigeria. He has published a book, “Foundations of Structured Trade Finance” and has written more than 35 articles on a wide range of African economic, trade and trade finance issues.

Mr. Mohammad Al Kamali, Deputy CEO, Dubai Exports

Mohammad Al Kamali is the Deputy CEO for Dubai Exports, the export promotion agency of the Department of Economic Development in Dubai, which was created to advocate and assist exporting to foster economic development in the region. He was appointed the Vice President of the Arab Union for Industrial Exports Development in 2016.
Ms. Joy Kategekwa, Regional Head Africa, UNCTAD

Joy Kategekwa is the head of the Regional Office for Africa at the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development. A Ugandan national, Ms. Kategekwa was appointed to her current position in 2015. She has worked for more than 15 years in top multilateral trade and development organisations and has been dedicated to creating better trade deals for Africa, both within the continent and globally.

Mr. Alfredo Baldini, Resident Representative in Zambia, International Monetary Fund

Alfredo Baldini is the Resident Representative of the International Monetary Fund in Zambia. He is an economist who has worked with the IMF for over 15 years in the Department of Fiscal Affairs, the African Department, and the Institute for Capacity Development. Prior to joining the IMF, he worked as an Economic Advisor in the Ministry of Economy of Finance in Italy. He received his PhD in Economics from the University of London and has held teaching positions at Bocconi University, the London School of Economics, and the New School for Social Research.

Mr. Pizzaro Lukhanda, Regional Underwriter-Southern Africa, African Trade Insurance Agency

Pizzaro Lukhanda joined the African Trade Insurance Agency (ATI) in July 2009. Mr. Lukhanda is based in ATI’s Lusaka, where he is responsible for developing a market for underwriting credit and political risk insurance in Southern Africa. Mr. Lukhanda held senior level positions with Malawi’s NICO General Insurance Company Ltd and with Standard Bank Malawi Ltd, where he was the Bancassurance Officer. He was also a part-time lecturer in Risk Management and Insurance Underwriting Processes. A graduate of the University of Malawi, Mr. Lukhanda is a Chartered Insurer and an Associate of the Chartered Insurance Institute of the UK.
Mr. Peter Mulroy, Secretary General, International Factoring Association

As Secretary General of the International Factoring Association (FCI), Mr. Mulroy assists banks, regulators and governments in educating the role and introducing the concept of factoring. He addresses audiences around the world on the subject of receivables finance and international trade and is regarded as a ‘global ambassador for the factoring industry’. He is a past Chairman of FCI, and has served on the FCI Executive Committee for over a decade. He is a past Chairman of FCI, and has served on the FCI Executive Committee for over a decade. Mr. Mulroy was previously Managing Director and International Regional Manager of CIT Commercial Services, having served on the Management Committee, supporting the global growth strategy of the company. Peter has an MBA from Thunderbird, School of Global Management in Arizona.

PANEL MODERATORS

Georja Calvin-Smith, TV news presenter, France 24

Georja is a Paris-based writer, TV news presenter and producer who has worked in international magazine and current affairs broadcasting for over a decade. She currently produces and fronts the daily ‘Eye on Africa’ bulletin at France 24, an international news network broadcasting in English, French and Arabic. Georja also anchors the weekly ‘Across Africa’ magazine show. Back in the UK she was a news presenter in Manchester and produced stories, features and documentaries for the BBC, ITV and HBO in New York. She has interviewed Jesse James, David Miliband, Hussein Bolt and several presidents including Ghana’s leader John Mahama and Nigeria’s Goodluck Jonathan. Georja’s also reported from around the world and is an insightful and friendly host of debates and corporate events.
Mr. Ramah Nyang, News Anchor, CGTN
Ramah Nyang joined CGTN in 2012 as a business anchor and reporter. Prior to that, he worked in various Kenyan media houses, covering a range of business and political stories. He started his career as a general news reporter and presenter in urban news radio in Kenya, at the Radio Africa Group, before moving on to roles behind and in front of the camera at KTN. While there, Mr. Nyang was responsible for the creation of a weekly show which analysed events in Kenya’s political and economic arenas. From 2010 to 2012, he was part of the team that set up a TV news unit at Radio Africa’s Kiss TV. Mr. Nyang has covered developments in Kenya’s fiscal and monetary policy and capital markets over the years.

Ms. Rofhiwa Madzena, TV anchor and producer, CNBC Africa
Rofhiwa Madzena is an award winning journalist who has been working as a journalist since 2011. Rofhiwa has moderated live studio panel discussions focusing on South Africa’s economy, youth and small business development amongst other discussions on the CNBC Africa platform. She was the only African AIDEx finalist for the Humanitarian and Development Journalism award in 2016, for a series articles about refugees living in South Africa for Forbes Woman Africa. In 2017 she won the Tabble Award. Prior to joining CNBC Africa, Rofhiwa worked as a freelance writer, and in radio as a reporter and then as the on-air producer for news and current affairs.

Ms. Marion Jansen, Chief Economist, ITC
Marion Jansen is responsible for publishing ITC’s annual flagship publication the ‘SME Competitiveness Outlook’. Before joining ITC in 2014, she was a counsellor in the Economic Research and Statistics Division of the World Trade Organization, an organization she first joined in 1999 after a short spell in the private sector. From 2009 to 2012, she was the head of Trade and Employment Programme at the International Labour Organization. Her publications in the field of international trade and global governance include a volume on the internationalization of financial services and articles on regional services liberalization.