

## *Invitation*

# African Economic Outlook 2017

## Entrepreneurship and Industrialisation

The Sub-Saharan Africa Initiative of German Business (SAFRI),  
the OECD Development Centre and the African Development Bank (AfDB)  
present the

### African Economic Outlook (AEO) 2017

**NEW – Monday, 12 June 2017, 11.30 to 14.00 hrs – NEW**  
at the Haus der Deutschen Wirtschaft, Breite Strasse 29, Berlin.

The African Economic Outlook is an annual report produced by the African Development Bank, the OECD Development Centre and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

For its 16th edition, the report focuses on “Entrepreneurship and Industrialisation in Africa” by taking a hard look at the role of entrepreneurs in Africa’s industrialisation process. It proposes practical steps that African governments can take to carry out effective industrialisation strategies. Only holistic strategies can unlock the potential of African entrepreneurship. They should encourage entrepreneurs to grow their businesses by improving skills, business clusters and access to finance.

This year, the Berlin presentation of the AEO 2017 will be followed by a High-Level Panel with interventions by prominent leaders from Africa and International Organisations.

The report will be presented in English. Please use the following [Link](#) for your registration.



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## Programme

- 11.30 – 12.00     *Registration*
- 12.00 – 12.15     *Welcome*
- Dr. Volker Treier, Deputy Chief Executive Officer of the Association of German Chambers of Commerce and Industry (DIHK)
- Dr. Stefan Liebing, Vice-Chairman of the Sub-Saharan Africa Initiative of German Business (SAFRI) and Chairman of the German-African Business Association (Afrika-Verein)
- 12.15 – 12.45     *Presentation of the African Economic Outlook 2017  
– The role of entrepreneurs for industrialisation*
- Mario Pezzini, Director of the OECD Development Centre
- Abebe Shimeles, Research Director at the African Development Bank (AfDB)
- 12.45 – 13.45     *High Level Panel – Partnerships for Africa's Development*
- Keynote Speech*
- H. E. Paul Kagame, President of the Republic of Rwanda
- Interventions*
- Akinwumi Adesina, President of the African Development Bank (AfDB)
- José Ángel Gurría, Secretary General of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)
- Thomas Silberhorn, Parliamentary State Secretary in the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)
- Moderator:* Mario Pezzini, Director of the OECD Development Centre
- Master of Ceremonies:* Lara Petersen, Federation of German Industries (BDI)
- 13.45 – 14.30     *Networking and Light Buffet Lunch*
- At 14.00             Shuttle bus to EUREF Campus for participants of the  
G20 Africa Partnership Conference – Investing in a Common Future