

JOBS FOR AFRICA FOUNDATION

“IMPLEMENTATION OF THE BLUEPRINT FOR JOBS IN AFRICA”

PRE-EVENT TO THE JOBS AND SKILLS SUMMIT OF THE AFRICAN UNION'S LABOUR & SOCIAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION

ALGIERS, ALGERIA, 22-23 APRIL 2017

PROGRAMME

Saturday, 22 April 2017		
09:00 – 10:30	<i>Opening ceremony</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms Saïda Neghza, President of the General Confederation of Algerian Enterprises (CGEA) Mr Abdelmadjid Sidi-Saïd, Secretary-General of the General Union of Algerian Workers (UGTA) Mr Albert Yuma, Vice-President of Business Africa Ms Linda Kromjong, Secretary-General of the International Organisation of Employers (IOE) Mr Arezki Mehzoud, Secretary-General of the Organisation for African Trade Union Unity (OATUU) Mr Ould Sidi, Director of the International Labour Organization (ILO) in Algeria Representative of the African Union (AU) His Excellency Mr Abdelmalek Sellal, Prime Minister of Algeria
Group photo and coffee break		
10:45 - 12:00	<i>Session 1</i>	<p><i>For the inclusive growth of African economies – what strategies should be adopted? Youth employment as a security issue in Africa.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr Jamal Belahrach, President of the Jobs for Africa Foundation Mr Michael Mwasikakata, Senior Specialist & Coordinator Active labour market Policies & Employment Services Group of the International Labour Office (ILO)

- Mr Oussama Ben Abdelkarim, Senior Education Economist at the African Development Bank (AfDB)
- Representative of the government of Algeria
- Mr Abdoulaye Diallo, Worker Representative

Open discussion

12:00 -
13:20

Session 2

Employment and competitiveness pacts as governance tools - innovative experiences and good African and international practices. Successful conditions for employment and competitiveness pacts.

- Ms Jacqueline Mugo, Secretary-General of Business Africa
- Mr Youcef Ghellab, Head of the Social Dialogue Unit of the Department of Governance and Tripartism at the International Labour Office (ILO)
- Representative of the government of Morocco

The responsibilities of governments

- Mr Sami Silini, Central Director of Social Affairs at the Tunisian Union of Industry, Commerce and Handicrafts (UTICA)
- Mr Mohammed Mwamazingo, Senior Economist at the Bureau for Workers' Activities at the International Labour Office (ILO/ACTRAV)

Open discussion

Lunch break

14:30 -
15:30

Session 3

Improving the business climate to promote the development of enterprises and investment in key sectors such as agriculture, energy, services, new technologies and thus promote the creation of decent jobs

- Mr Maximin Emagna, Expert in charge of the private sector at African, Caribbean, and Pacific Group (ACP)

Good African and international practices

- Mr Frederick Muia, Senior Adviser for Africa, at the IOE and Secretary of the Jobs for Africa Foundation

- Mr Edouard Ladouyou, Permanent Secretary of the Training and Employment Social Committee of the General Confederation of Enterprises of the Côte d'Ivoire (CGECI)
- Mr Jean-Jacques Samba – Congolese Employers' Federation (UNICONGO)

15:30 -
16:40

Session 4

Education, training and employability – what strategies for bridging the mismatch between training and the labour market?

- Mr Ashwani Aggarwal, Technical Expert at the Skills Department of the International Labour Office (ILO)
- Mr Beyani Munthali, Executive Director of the Employers' Consultative Association of Malawi (ECAM)
- Mr Eric Manzi, General Secretary, Trade Union Centre of Workers of Rwanda (CESTRAR)

Coffee break

17:00 -
18:30

Session 5

Youth and women's entrepreneurship – strong potential in Africa: Giving a boost to start-ups.

- Mr Léonard Cox, MEDEF President's Chief of Staff – Adviser in charge of globalisation
- Ms Valérie Beilvert, Vice-President of External Relations at the National Employers' Council of Mali (CNP Mali)
- Ms Patricia Gieskes-Veringa, President of the National Social Committee at the Employers' Federation of the Democratic Republic of Congo (FEC)
- Representative of the government of Kenya

Sunday, 23 April 2017

09:00 - *Session 6* *Tripartite implementation of the Blueprint for Jobs in Africa at national level*

- Sub-regional group sessions

Open discussion

Coffee break

11:15 – *Plenary* *Presentation of outcomes of group sessions and adoption of the conclusions and recommendations to guide the drafting of national and sub-regional pacts for employment and competitiveness in Africa (2017-2021)*

Lunch break

14:00 – *Closing of the conference*
15:00