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Dear Members and Partner Companies,

The IOE and Business Africa are supporting dmg::events in the organisation of the second Global African Investment Summit, to take place in London on 1 - 2 December 2015.

The event aims to take the debate on investing in Africa beyond "the dated narrative of Africa rising" and to deliver investment and a true business platform that leads to long term investment. The summit will be complemented by Project Roundtable Meetings, which will provide an opportunity for governments, business leaders and other stakeholders to interact and to hear successful case studies. Government participants for the 2015 Summit include H.E. Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, President, Uganda; H.E. John Dramani Mahama, President, Ghana; H.E. Paul Kagame, President, Republic of Rwanda; H.E. Peter Mutharika, President, Republic of Malawi and the Rt. Hon. Augustin Matata Ponyo, Prime Minister, Democratic Republic of Congo. Government ministers of infrastructure, finance, agriculture, mines, trade and industry will also be in attendance.

The two-day event will cover topics such as Investing in the next generation; The real challenges of investing in Africa - understanding and overcoming the barriers; Beating poverty with investment, entrepreneurship and jobs; Sharing best practices in investing in Sub-Saharan Africa, and more. Featured speakers include: Mr Arnold Ekpe, Chairman, Atlas Mara; Diana Noble, CEO, CDC; Mustafa Abdel-Wadood, Partner, the Abraaj Group; Cherie Blair CBE, QC, Chair, Omnia Strategy among many other notable personalities. The organisers commit to providing the opportunity to network with 700+ qualified global investors, controlling US$ 235 billion in managed funds.

I am pleased to report that the IOE’s Vice-President for Africa, Mthunzi Mdwaba, will be among the speakers and the IOE has the opportunity to propose additional speakers from among its membership. Please submit your proposal for an intervention to IOE Senior Adviser for Africa, Mr Frederick Muia.

Please visit the website for the latest programme, list of confirmed speakers and registration. (See link in the side panel.) The organisers will
waive the participation fee for IOE member federations and partner companies, but travel and other expenses will be covered by the participant.

We hope you will take this opportunity to join the debate on transforming African economies for global competitiveness. It promises to be a truly prestigious and high-level occasion. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or comments.

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