



## **AFRICA RISING FORUM**

Realizing Africa's Potential for the Future of All Its Peoples

Monday, 22 September 2014, 2.00 pm – 7.00 pm

The Africa Center, 1280 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY  
(between 109th and 110th Streets)

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### **SESSIONS BREAKDOWN**

- 2.00 – 2.10:** Welcoming/Introductory Remarks
- 2.15 – 3.30:** Session 1 – Ensuring shared prosperity
- 3.45 – 5.00:** Session 2 – Building peaceful and accountable societies
- 5:15 – 7.00:** Keynote Session with UN and African leaders –  
Making Africa's Transformation Impactful
- Moderated by  
*Ms. Amina J. Mohammed and Dr. Mo Ibrahim*
- 7.15 – 9.00:** Cocktail Reception

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## FORUM OBJECTIVE

The Africa Rising Forum will assess and identify how governments, institutions, the private sector and civil society can partner in ensuring inclusive, sustainable and resilient transformation for Africa's societies and economies. The deliberations will feature political, civil society and business leaders, policy makers and opinion shapers.

The day's discussions and conclusions will contribute to ongoing efforts to ensure ambition, cohesion and coherence between the continent's strategic development vision and the international processes to advance sustainable development leading up to 2015 and beyond.

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## SESSIONS OVERVIEW

### WELCOMING/INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

#### **SESSION 1 – Ensuring shared prosperity:**

Investing in transforming Africa and ensuring the inclusion and well-being of its people: Key investors, planners and beneficiaries across Africa discuss concrete actions to address population dynamics and to improve the investment and resource mobilization climate, entrepreneurship, social protection, and decent employment, underlining that Africa is open for and ready to benefit from sustainable business.

*Key topics: infrastructure / energy / industrialization / water / education / healthcare / agriculture / environment / resource management*

#### **SESSION 2 – Building peaceful and accountable**

**societies:** Promoting governance and addressing the important nexus between peace, security, human rights and development in Africa. Key political and development actors discuss how development must be supported by peace, security, political stability, social cohesion, good governance and rule of law to meet rising challenges on the continent.

*Key topics: peace / security / social cohesion / human rights / inclusion / institutions / accountability / governance / rule of law*

#### **KEYNOTE SESSION – Making Africa's**

**Transformation Impactful:** Africa's most prominent leaders and global partners discuss Africa's emergence, its rightful place in the world and how this will be leveraged to benefit its peoples.

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*Key topics: aligning priorities and shaping global deliberations for Africa's benefit (Ending poverty irreversibly and transforming Africa through sustainable development - social cohesion, economic prosperity and environmental protection)*

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Established in 2006, The Mo Ibrahim Foundation focuses on the critical importance of leadership and governance in Africa. By providing tools to

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on the continent. The Foundation, which is a non-grant making organization, helps to define, assess, and enhance governance and leadership in Africa using the following tools: The Ibrahim Index of African Governance, The Ibrahim Prize for Achievement in African leadership, the Ibrahim Forum, and various fellowships & scholarships.

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### United Nations

The UN is working with governments, civil society and other partners to build on the momentum generated by the MDGs and carry on with an ambitious post-2015

sustainable development agenda that is expected to be adopted by UN Member States at a Summit in September 2015. As part of the UN's effort to galvanize international support for Africa's development aspirations, including through the relevant global processes, the Office of the Secretary-General's

Special Adviser on Post-2015 Development Planning and the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa in close coordination with the Africa Section of the Department of Public Information and other partners across the United Nations are involved in this initiative. This collaboration will build on and highlight their ongoing engagement with and support of African programs and priorities including NEPAD, Agenda 2063 and especially the Common African Position on the Post-2015 Development Agenda. <http://www.un.org/millenniumgoals/beyond2015-overview.shtml>; <http://www.un.org/africa/osaa/>; and <http://www.un.org/africarenewal/>

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