

8th December 2018



## 09.00 – 11.00 **WOMEN EMPOWERING AFRICA - OPENING**

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Location: Red Sea & Sinai

### Roundtable discussion: The Gender Agenda: Moving Forward Together

#### Speakers

- **H.E. Aissata Issoufou Mahamadou**, First Lady of Niger Republic
- **Daphne Nkosi**, Executive Chairman, Kalagadi Manganese
- **Mona Zulficar**, Founding Partner, Zulficar & Partners Law Firm and Chairperson, EFG Hermes
- **Bineta Diop**, African Union Special Envoy on Women, Peace and Security
- **Vanessa Mungar**, Director of Gender, Women and Civil Society, AfDB

**Moderator: Prof. Maggie Kigozi**, President, Business & Professional Women (BPW) Kampala & SDG5 Ambassador

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## 11.00 – 11.45 **COFFEE BREAK**

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## 11.45 – 13.00 **PARALLEL SESSION: WOMEN DRIVING POLICY**

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Location: Red Sea & Sinai

Africa has more women in parliament than the world average. African women already serve as leaders in civil society, as civil servants and politicians across the continent. While Africa equals, and even exceeds international standards, the number of women in government still has to double to achieve full gender parity. This session will identify where Africa has got it right and where weaknesses lie, discuss priority areas and look at what needs to be done more to ensure more women become part of shaping the continent's economic and political agenda and its future.

#### Framing remarks:

**H.E. Nabila Makram**, Minister of Immigration and Egyptian Expatriates Affairs

**H.E. Dr Yasmine Fouad**, Minister of Environmental Affairs, Arab Republic of Egypt

**Speakers:**

- **Chileshe Kapwepwe**, Secretary General, COMESA
- **Victoria Bright**, Co-founder, Addison Bright Sloane
- **Dr. Maya Morsy**, Chairperson, National Council for Women of Egypt

**Moderator: Isha Sesay**, Former CNN Anchor and Founder, We Can Lead

**11.45 – 13.00**

**PARALLEL SESSION: WOMEN IN THE BOARDROOM**

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Location: Nile Valley

According to a groundbreaking study by the African Development Bank (AfDB) two years ago, inclusive boardrooms in Africa’s Top-listed Companies, women then, accounted for only 14% of the total board memberships, meaning only one woman out of every 7 board members. The Report also revealed that one-third of African boardrooms have no women at all. Africa must accelerate the presence of women in company boardrooms to sharpen the continent’s competitive edge and to make inclusive growth a reality. This will require a strategic vision that tackles structural barriers, through leadership at government-level and from the business community as a whole. This session will highlight women’s leadership skills and ongoing accomplishments and explore avenues for amplifying women’s voices at the decision-making table.

**Speakers**

- **Fatoumata Ba**, Founder & CEO, Janngo
- **Dolika Banda**, CEO, African Risk Capacity
- **Carole Wainaina**, COO, Africa 50 Investment Fund
- **Hanaa Helmy**, Head of EFG Hermes CSR Department, and CEO of EFG Hermes Foundation
- **Janet Heckman**, Managing Director for the Southern and Eastern Mediterranean, EBRD

**Moderator: Ibrahima Cheikh Diong**, Founder, ACT Africa

**13.00 – 14.15**

**LUNCH**

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**14.15 – 15.30**

**PARALLEL SESSION: WOMEN & YOUTH: PREPARING THE NEXT GENERATION OF WOMEN LEADERS IN BUSINESS**

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Location: Red Sea & Sinai

This session will address the advantages, successes and challenges of nurturing African female leadership, and focus on ways to connect emerging female entrepreneurs with mentors as well as investors. How can current leaders wield positive influence, provide resources and boost young women's participation in strategic roles within the business world and beyond? Investing in education, access to technology and digital entrepreneurship are issues that will also be discussed.

### Success stories

- **Hilda Moraa**, Founder, Pezesha
- **Fatma Ghaly**, Managing Director, Azza Fahmy Jewelry

### Speakers

- **Vivian Onano**, Women & Girls Advocate
- **Irene Ochem**, Founder & CEO, Africa Women Innovation and Entrepreneurship Forum
- **Gerald Chirinda**, Founder & CEO, Tapiwa Capital
- **Michelle Omamteker**, Founder, Malengo Foundation

### Reactions:

- **Chimuka Moore**, CEO, Telplus Communications Ltd.
- **Sharmila Chetty**, President, Africa & Global Managing Director, Europe & Africa, Duke Corporate Education

**Moderator:** **Nozipho Mbanjwa**, Anchor, CNBC

**14.15 – 15.30**

## PARALLEL SESSION: MEDIA & CHANGING THE NARRATIVE

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Location: Nile Valley

The media influences minds and thinking. How can women's voices be better heard and their issues better distilled in a strategic way with a clear long term vision? This session will discuss ways to better use the media to increase public awareness of women's empowerment, and to advocate for faster changes from governments, the corporate world, and society as a whole in embracing and facilitating gender equality in Africa.

### Speakers

- **Dina Abdel Fattah**, Editor in Chief of Amwal El Ghad and TV anchor
- **Biola Alabi**, Founder & CEO, Biola Alabi Media
- **Patricia Obozuwa**, Director of Communications & Public Affairs, General Electric Africa
- **Peace Hyde**, Founder, Aim Higher Africa
- **Abiola Oke**, CEO, OkayAfrica

**Moderator:** **Regina Gere**, Editor, New African Woman

15.30 – 16.00

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**COFFEE BREAK**

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16.00 – 17.15

**PLENARY SESSION: IMPLEMENTING A PRO-WOMEN POLICY AGENDA**

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Location: Red Sea & Sinai

This panel provides a platform to envisage a truly effective pro-women policy agenda in Africa, one that translates policies into meaningful change with tangible outcomes for Africa's women.

**Speakers**

- Dr Margo Thomas, Founder & CEO, Women's Economic Imperative
- Prof. Maggie Kigozi, President, Business & Professional Women (BPW) Kampala & SDG5 Ambassador
- Nevine El Messeery, CEO and Managing Director, El Ahly United Bank
- HE. Hala Zaid, Minister of Health, Arab Republic of Egypt

**Moderator: Ramy Radwan**, Journalist and TV anchor