

# Columbia University presents African Economic Forum 2013

Columbia University's Graduate School of Business, School of International and Public Affairs, Law School, and Mailman School of Public Health jointly present the 10th Annual African Economic Forum (AEF) to be held at Columbia University's Graduate School of Business on 1-2 March 2013.

The Forum has grown from its modest beginnings to become the largest Africa-focused event at Columbia, bringing over 400 participants to campus last year. AEF has hosted a number of important scholars, policy makers, and practitioners, including: Lamido Sanusi, governor of the Central Bank of Nigeria; H.E. Amina S Ali, African Union Representative to the US; Danny Jordan, CEO of the 2010 FIFA World Cup Organising Committee; Dr. Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, Minister of Finance for the Federal Republic of Nigeria; Mark Walton, executive vice president of The Africa Channel; and Dr. Jian-Ye Wang, chief economist of the China Export-Import Bank among many other distinguished guests.

The Forum comprises a variety of engaging panels covering relevant topics across the continent such as entrepreneurship, private equity, women in leadership, energy, and infrastructure.

As AEF marks a decade of successful partnerships that have brought exceptional minds together, the focus will be the realisation of discussions, the leap from ideas to outcomes. Across panels, inspiring projects will be highlights on the continent in the past decade, address challenges faced in their implementation, and solutions to address them.

Themed "Africa Ignited: Exploring Ideas, Shaping Outcomes, the 10th Annual African Economic Forum is about embracing this momentum and sharing opportunities to dive in. The continent is stirring and the flame has long been ignited.

Conference events will include the AEF Pre-Conference Party in February, an evening gala, networking sessions, and a Career Fair in March, which will bring together influential actors on the African continent. Panel discussions will engage participants in a wide range of topics including entrepreneurship, real estate, manufacturing, urban development and infrastructure, consumer markets, and more. Registration began on 1 February, and space is limited.

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