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The 2021 AFRICAN CAUCUS

Digitalization for Inclusive Recovery and Sustainable Growth

Venue: National Assembly and Virtual Arrangements

Country: Bujumbura, Burundi

Date: August 3- 6, 2021

PROGRAM

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DAY	TIME	EVENT
Tuesday, August 3, 2021	01:00 - 02:30 pm	Excursion to the tea plantations in TEZA
	03:00 – 06:00 pm	Entertainment in BUGARAMA and return to Bujumbura
	07:00 - 09:00 pm	Dinner at Royal Palm Resort (Atrium)
Wednesday, August 4, 2021	08: 00 am – 08:40 am	Seating of the guests
	08:45 am - 09:00 am	Opening Ceremony
	09:00 am – 09:45 am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prayers • Welcoming remarks by the Chairman of the African Caucus – Dr. Domitien NDIHOKUBWAYO, Minister of Finance, Budget and Economic Planning (Burundi) • Opening speech by H.E. General Evariste Ndayishimiye, President of the Republic of Burundi
	09:45 am - 10:15 am	Group photo and Coffee Break
	10:15 am-12:15 pm	<p>Session 1: Mobilizing Resources for Digital Infrastructure</p> <p>Moderator: Hon. Alamine Ousmane Mey, Minister of Economy, Planning and Regional Development (Cameroon)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Panelist 1: Dr. Vera Songwe – Under-Secretary and Executive Secretary (ECA) 2. Panelist 2: Dr. Rania Al- Mashat – Minister of Internal Cooperation (Egypt) 3. Panelist 3: Mr. Ruud De Mooij – IMF Advisor on Revenue Mobilization (FAD) <p>Discussion: All Governors</p>
	12:15 pm -12:45 pm	Lunch
	12:50 pm – 1:50 pm	Presentation - Sub-Saharan Africa—Regional Economic Outlook: Navigating A Long Pandemic - Mr. Papa N’Diaye – IMF Division Chief - Regional Studies Division (AFR)
	02:00 pm – 03:45 pm	<p>Session 2: Enhancing Africa’s Capacity to Harness Potentials of Digitalization</p> <p>Moderator: Hon. Athian Ding Athian, Minister of Finance and Planning (South Sudan)</p>

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		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Panelist 1: Mr. Ousmane Diagana - WBG Vice President (Africa Western & Central Region) Panelist 2: Mr. Aiaze Mitha - Lead of UNCDF/UNDP Joint Digital Finance Program Panelist 3: Ms. Katherine A Foster/Sofie Blakstad – Emerging Technology SDGs Expert/CEO hiveonline <p>Discussion: All Governors</p>
	03:45 pm - 04:00 pm	Coffee Break
	04:00 pm - 05:30 pm	Presentation: Digital Economy for Africa – Mr. Hafez Ghanem, World Bank Vice President (Africa Eastern & Southern Region)
Thursday, August 5, 2021	08:30 am - 09:00 am	Seating of guests
	09:00 am – 10:00 am	Presentation: Access to Electricity as a Prerequisite for Digitalization – EDs’ message to the Governors - Mr. Alphonse Kouagou, WBG Executive Director - (AFG2)
	10:00 am – 12:00 pm	<p>Session 3: Jobs and Economic Transformation (JET)</p> <p>Moderator:Hon. Rich Randiamandranto, Minister of Economy and Finance</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Panelist 1: Prof. Mthuli Ncube – Minister of Finance & Economic Development (Zimbabwe) Panelist 2: Mr. Albert Zeufack – Chief Economist (World Bank Africa Region) Panelist 3: Mr. Sergio Pimenta – Regional Vice President for Africa (IFC) <p>Discussion: All Governors</p>
	12:00 pm - 12:45 pm	Lunch
	12:50 pm – 01:50 pm	Presentation: Illicit Financial Flows – WBG perspective (Jean Pesme – WB Global Director - FCI) & Academic perspective (Prof. Leonce NDIKUMANA – Distinguished Professor of Economics Univ. of Massachussettes)
	02:00 pm - 04:00 pm	<p>Session 4: Digital Financial Service and Digital Money – Opportunities, Risks and Safeguards to Enhance Adaptation – Keynote Speaker – Ms. Kristalina Georgieva, IMF Managing Director</p> <p>Moderator:Dr. Patrick Njoroge, Governor for Central Bank of Kenya</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Panelist 1:Tommaso Mancini-Griffoli – Division Chief (IMF-MCM)on CBDCs and G20 Report on Cross Border Aspects Panelist 2: Mr. Harvesh Kumar Seegolam – Governor Bank of Mauritius – Domestic CBDC Panelist 3: Mr. Timothy Antoine – Governor Eastern Caribbean Central Bank - Domestic CBDC Panelist 4: Mr. Howard Lee - Deputy Chief Executive, Hong Kong Monetary Authority Hong Kong Monetary Authority (presentation on MCBDC bridge) <p>Discussion: All Governors</p>
	4:00 pm - 4:15pm	Coffe Break

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	04:15 pm - 06:30 pm	<i>Review of the Draft 2021 African Caucus Memorandum and finalization of the Bujumbura Declaration – Mr. Taufila Nyamadzabo (Executive Director – WBG, AFG1)</i>
	06:30 pm - 07:00 pm	Closing - Concluding remarks by the African Caucus Chairman – Dr. Domitien NDIHOKUBWAYO, Minister of Finance, Budget and Economic Planning (Burundi)
	7:00pm	Dinner at Kiriri Garden
Friday, August 6, 2021		Free day (Free tour in Bujumbura and surroundings) and departure of participants