

AGENDA **2<sup>nd</sup> African Interdisciplinary Alumni Conference**  
hosting **13<sup>th</sup> International Business Forum**

at La Palm Royal Beach Hotel in Accra/ Ghana 2009

## Global Crises – African Challenges

November 4, 2009

17:30 – 19:00 **Registration**

19:00 – 20:15 **Reception**

### Welcoming Remarks

- **Bernd Schleich**, Managing Director, InWEnt
- **Emmanuel Salu**, Chair of the Alumni Association

### Presentation of Background Paper

- **Michael Mowlam**, Director Inspiris Ltd.

### Showcase: Video-Presentation of the Highlights of the International Video-Conferences on 'Growth and Crisis'

- **Diletta Doretti**, World Bank Institute

### Drinks, Meet and Greet

November 5, 2009

The 13<sup>th</sup> International Business Forum at InWEnt's Alumni-Conference will be chaired by **Annette Rathjen**, Head of Department of InWEnt, and **Rodney Dreyer**, InWEnt Alumnus. The plenary discussion will be moderated by **Michael Mowlam**, Director, Inspiris Ltd.

During the conference, a fair takes place at the entrance of the Conference hall of the La Palm Royal Beach Hotel. InWEnt Alumni Associations, the APD, the EU-helpdesk and others present their work at this occasion.

08:00 – 08:30 Registration/Security Check - Light Breakfast

## GLOBAL CRISES - AFRICAN CHALLENGES: BUSINESS IN AFRICA AGAINST THE BACKDROP OF THE CRISES

08:30 – 10:15 **Opening Plenary**

### Welcoming Remarks:

- **Hannah Tetteh**, Minister for Trade and Industry, Ghana tbc
- **Hans-Christian Winkler**, Deputy Head of Mission of the Federal Republic of Germany in Ghana
- **Bernd Schleich**, Managing Director, InWEnt

### Introductory Remarks:

This session will frame the issues and set the tone of the conference

- **Hassan Y. Aly**, Chief Research Economist, The African Development Bank
- **Volker Hauff**, Chairman of the Council of Sustainable Development of the German Government & Former German Minister for Research and Science

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## GLOBAL CRISES - AFRICAN CHALLENGES: MAPPING OUT NEW STRATEGIES FOR AFRICA

10:30 – 12:00

### Plenary Session

This session will deal with the risks and opportunities arising from the current economic and climate crises in Africa. It will be staffed with high-ranking African and German business persons who are concerned with both the economic slowdown and the effects of climate change. They will present their experiences and spot new ways for Africa to emerge even stronger from these crises. Commentators from academia and international organizations will analyse these propositions and critically introduce alternatives.

#### Keynote panelists:

- **Stanley Subramoney**, Deputy CEO Price WaterHouse Coopers and Member of the supervisory board of the NEPAD Business Foundation
- **Jens-Peter Breitengroß**, Chairman of the German-African Business Association
- **Garth Greubel**, CEO (rtd) Bond Exchange of South Africa
- **Issa Ouedraogo**, Managing Director, B-Bovid Ltd (Organic & Biodiversity), Vice-Board Chair of Open Society Initiative for West Africa(OSIWA) & Board member of West Africa Democratic Radio (WADR)

#### Commentators:

- **Volker Hauff**, Chairman of the Council of Sustainable Development of the German Government & Former German Minister for Research and Science
- **Nicholas Gouede**, Programme Specialist, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) TICAD/UNDP Regional Bureau for Africa

12:00 – 14:00

### Lunch

14:00 – 15:45

### Working Groups I - IX, Session A

Participants are invited to divide into nine parallel working groups (see Annex). The working groups will be concerned with different aspects of the key topic "Global Crises - African Challenges". They will give prominence to Africa as an increasingly important global player in questions of Global Governance, raw materials, potential improvements in infrastructure, agricultural production, economic diversification, statistics, and education for sustainable management.

16:00 – 16:45

### Feedback Plenary Session One

Rapporteurs from each working group present the main recommendations that emerged from the working group discussions.

16:45 - 17:00

**Wiltrud Terlau** "Teaching for Development" - a program of the University of Bonn/ Rhein Sieg

17:00

**Evening program: Excursion to the Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping Training Centre (KAIPTC) with reception**

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- 08:00 – 08:45 **Light Breakfast**
- 09:00 – 10:30 **Working Groups I - IX, Session B**
- Participants are invited to divide into nine parallel working groups (see Annex).  
Coffee will be served during the sessions.
- 11:00 – 12:30 **Working Groups I - IX, Session C**
- 13:00 – 14:30 **Lunch**
- 15:00 – 16:00 **Feedback Plenary Session Two**
- Rapporteurs from each working group will present the main recommendations that emerged from the working group discussion.
- 16:00 – 18:00 **Net-Making Session**
- Coordinators: Annette Rathjen and Rodney Dreyer**
- Participants are invited to meet and interact with each other in view of enlarging the partnership network and to take the first practical steps towards cooperation. Appointments can be arranged in advance through the conference organizers.
- 16:00 – 18:00 **Experts Meeting on Responsible Business Responses to Climate Change**
- This Working Group will discuss what business can do to respond to the risks and opportunities of climate change. The focus will be on responsible business responses contributing to adaptation to and mitigation of climate change. Participation to the Expert Meeting will be by invitation only.
- 16:00 – 18:00 **World Bank Consultation on Climate Change**
- The World Bank Group is embarking on the preparation of a new environment strategy, expected to be completed by 2010. Consultation with business will be undertaken to ensure quality of the new Environment Strategy. The session will be delivered by World Bank Experts from the environment group.
- 18:00 – 19:10 **Closing Plenary: Summary of the main outcomes of the conference and outlook for next year**
- Outlook:**
- Luiz Ramalho**, Director, InWEnt
- Wrap up with the Alumni & Presentation of InWEnt's Alumni Work:**
- Aneesha Vahle**, Alumni Coordinator, InWEnt Office Pretoria
- Presentation of Certificates and Closing Remarks:**
- Bernd Schleich**, Managing Director InWEnt and selected participants
- 19:10 **Farewell Reception**

## Annex I: Alumni-Conference - Working Groups/ International Business Forum 2009

### "Global Crises - African Challenges"

Topic	Working Groups								
	I*	II	III	IV	V	VI*	VII	VIII*	IX
	<b>Economic Empowerment of Women</b>	<b>Local Stakeholder's Response to Regional Economic Development</b>	<b>Economic Statistics</b>	<b>Visions for Economic Progress in Southern Africa</b>	<b>Capacity Building for E-learning - The African Experience</b>	<b>The Impact of the Global Economic Crisis on Fragile Situations in Sub-Saharan Africa</b>	<b>Capacity Building for Financial Management in Education</b>	<b>Rural development and use of natural resources</b>	<b>Productive Use of Renewable Energies as Contribution to integrated climate friendly Rural Development - A Market-oriented Approach</b>
<b>A</b>	Economic Empowerment of Women - Introductory Session	Red Tape reduction to meet economic challenges	Monitoring macroeconomic performance with statistical indicators	Visions for Economic Progress in Southern Africa I Quality of Products and Services	Navigating the e-Storm: eLearning Solutions for The Business Sector in Africa	The Global Economic Crisis - A Threat to Stability in Africa	Decentralisation in Education and Financial Management	Regional development in rural areas / Développement régional en zones rurales	Marked and renewable energy based approach for the production of goods and services
<b>B</b>	Women Entrepreneurs: the driving force for dynamic economies	Improvement of infrastructure services in African cities through optimal use of available local resources	Private Sector's Demand for Economic Statistics - A User-Producer Dialogue	Visions for Economic Progress in Southern Africa II Export Promotion	Business Strategies for eLC's to fast-track eLearning implementation in Africa	Coping with the Global Economic Crisis in Fragile Situations	Funding for quality and equity in education with limited resources	Infrastructure for rural development and accessibility	Demonstration and exercises using the tools and handbook developed in the INSABA-project
<b>C</b>	Political Lobbying through Women Entrepreneurs networks & Engendered Statistics	Private sector approaches as energizers for public sector management	Measuring Economic Impact of Climate Change	Visions for Economic Progress in Southern Africa III Logistics concepts	Building on Multi-Stakeholder e-learning centre models as rapid e-learning multipliers for private sector in Africa	Addressing the Global Economic Crisis under Conditions of Fragility - Case Studies	Visions for a Network of Education-Finance Alumni in Southern Africa	Sustainable Forest Management	Perspectives for a productive use of renewable energies in small and medium sized industries

\*Working group sessions will be held in French and English.