

## ‘AFRICA TOGETHER’ CONFERENCE – PRESS RELEASE – JUNE 2019

CAMBRIDGE, UNITED KINGDOM - The African Society of Cambridge University (ASCU) is proud to announce the sixth annual ‘Africa Together’ conference to be held on **Saturday, 1st June 2019**. The theme for this year’s conference is **“Which Way Forward? Africa and The Global Agenda for Sustainable Development”**, and will be held at the **Cambridge Union, University of Cambridge**.

‘Africa Together’ is the largest student-led conference on Africa at the University of Cambridge. Over the last five years, the conference has grown into a leading platform that convenes some of Africa’s best minds, policymakers, businessmen and women, scholars, students, and professionals to discuss issues of critical importance to the continent’s future. The conference will include keynote addresses as well as panel discussions in regard to the UN Sustainable Development Goals. With a list of multi-national speakers, this event promises to be one of the largest and most diverse conferences centred on Africa in the UK.

Some of our confirmed speakers include Her Excellency Ameenah Gurib-Fakim, former President of Mauritius; His Excellency, Abiy Ahmed, the Prime Minister of Ethiopia; Dr Donald Kaberuka, former President of the African Development Bank; Dr Mukhisa Kituyi, Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference, Professor Benny Dembitzer, Noble Prize Winner and Managing Director, Grassroots Africa; Mr. Fahad Awadh, founder of YYTZ Agro-Processing, and listed as one of the 30 Most Promising Young Entrepreneurs in Africa for 2017 and 2018 Forbes; Mr. Hassan Tampuli, CEO National Petroleum Authority, Ghana; Mrs Bose Okakwu, Director Planning, Research and Statistics at National Youths Service Corps, Nigeria; Prof. Kenneth Amaeshi, Chair in Business and Sustainable Development, and Director of the Sustainable Business Initiative, University of Edinburgh; Ms Deola Sagoe, Founder of House of Deola Sagoe; Mr. Peter Okwoche, Award-winning Senior presenter for the BBC World Service, and Focus on Africa; Ms Noella Wiyala, Award-winning Afropop Singer and Songwriter; Mr. Biyi Bandele, Award-winning Novelist, playwright and Filmmaker; Ms. Chinenye Ogwo, Director Africa Initiative for Governance; Dr. Izeduwa Derex-Briggs, UN Women Regional Director for Eastern and Southern Africa; Ambassador Nonye Rajis Okpara, former Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to Singapore, among others.

Over 350 delegates are expected to attend this year’s conference, with high-profile leaders and students representing all regions of the world. The conference will provide opportunities for networking and one-on-one engagement with guest speakers, participating organisations, academics and diplomats from across Africa and the UK, as well as authors showcasing.

The 2019 event builds on the success of the five previous ‘Africa Together’ conferences, that were attended by distinguished guests such as Her Excellency Dr. Amani Abou-Zeid, the African Union Commissioner for Infrastructure, Energy, ICT, and Tourism; Kanayo F. Nwanze, president of the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD); Madame Bineta Diop, African Union special envoy for women, peace and security; Sir David King, the UK Foreign Secretary’s Permanent Special Representative for Climate Change, among others.

We hope you join us in this conversation on the fate of Africa’s development in our rapidly changing world.

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