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About The Summit

Over the last decades, Africa has been experiencing rapid technological and economic development creating new opportunities for millions of people all over the continent. However, with more than 226 million people aged between 15 and 24, Africa has the youngest population and the highest youth unemployment rate (60%) – in the world. Lack of employment opportunities, low levels of education and skills combined with limited access to sexual and reproductive health services, have resulted in a generation of young people with almost no association to the formal job market.

YouthConnekt is a result of a highly successful initiative launched in 2012 by the Government of Rwanda with United Nations Development Program. In 2016, 14 countries in Africa expressed interest in the scale up of the initiative. In partnership with UNCTAD and UNDP, the Government of Rwanda is hosting the inaugural YouthConnekt Africa Summit to initiate the rollout of the program across the continent. It is designed to realize Africa's demographic dividend by combining elements of skills development, entrepreneurship, access to jobs and finance, awareness raising on issues related to youth development, and promotion of youth citizenship and leadership to foster solidarity, engaging youth in delivering SDGs.

Hosted by H.E President Paul Kagame, President of the Republic of Rwanda, the inaugural YouthConnekt Africa summit will bring together Heads of States & special guests including Jack Ma, Special Adviser to UNCTAD on young entrepreneurs and small business and Founder and Executive Chairman of Alibaba Group, Dr. Mukhisa KITUYI, Secretary-General of UNCTAD and Abdoulaye Mar Dieye, UNDP Assistant Administrator and Director of the Regional Bureau for Africa.

Wednesday 19 th July 2017	
09:00 – 20:00	Registration & Accreditation Parliament Office & Kigali International Airport (pre-printed card at the airport only)
Innovation Village	17.30 - 19.30: Meet the African Changemakers <i>hosted by</i> Kigali Global Shapers
Car Free Zone	18.00 - 22:00: I am Kigali concert <i>hosted by</i> Impact Hub
Thursday 20 th July 2017	
09:30 – 11:00 Auditorium	<i>Opening session</i> Plenary: How do we get to 50 million jobs by 2020? Africa faces numerous challenges in ensuring inclusive growth, particularly among the youth demographic, which continues to grow each day as the majority. Today, 200 million of the 1.2 billion Africans are youth aged between 15 and 24 years. It is essential that we urgently tackle youth unemployment in order to fully realize

	<p>Africa’s potential.</p> <p>According to the SDG Center for Africa, 18 million jobs will need to be created each year until 2035 and by 2020, at least 54 million jobs, will need to have been created in order to absorb the growing labor force. To contribute to that target, YouthConnekt Africa Program alone, aims to oversee the creation of 10 million jobs by 2020. In order to achieve this, governments, private sector and civil society must establish SMART goals that create an enabling environment (policy), drive programs and nurture partnerships that will then yield employment/work opportunities for Africa’s youth.</p> <p>This session will discuss top challenges hindering youth employment and what opportunities i.e. policy, programs and partnerships can address these challenges. Is a target of at least 54 million jobs by 2020 a realistic target? Are there specific examples of opportunities (current and future sectors) yielding many jobs we should pursue or replicate as part of good practices learnt? What lessons can we take from elsewhere and why? Are there funding opportunities to take advantage of?</p> <p>Opening Remarks</p> <p>Hon. Jean Philbert Nsengimana, Minister of Youth and ICT, Rwanda</p> <p>Keynote Address</p>
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	<p>Abdoulaye Mar Dieye, Assistant Administrator & Director, Regional Bureau for Africa, UNDP</p> <p><i>Conversation Leaders</i></p> <p>Akinwumi Adesina, President, African Development Bank, Côte d'Ivoire</p> <p>Tony Elumelu, Founder, The Tony Elumelu Foundation, Nigeria</p> <p>Vera Songwe, Executive Secretary, Economic Commission for Africa</p> <p>Diane Karusisi, Chief Executive Officer, Bank of Kigali</p> <p><i>Moderator:</i> Yemi Babington Ashaye, Head of Global Shapers Community, World Economic Forum</p>		
11.00 - 11.30	Break		
11:30 – 13:00	<p><i>Parallel Session</i></p> <p>Youth Driving SDGs</p> <p><i>Format:</i> Roundtable</p> <p><i>Room:</i> MH1</p> <p><i>Lead:</i> UNDP</p> <p><i>Opening remarks:</i></p> <p>Lamin M. Manneh, Director, Regional</p>	<p><i>Parallel Session</i></p> <p>Access to finance: Where is the money?</p> <p><i>Format:</i> Roundtable</p> <p><i>Room:</i> MH2</p> <p><i>Lead:</i> WEF</p>	<p><i>Parallel Session</i></p> <p>Connekted Girls – Implementing Smart Women & Girls Declaration</p> <p><i>Format:</i> Presentation</p>

	<p>Service Centre for Africa, UNDP</p> <p>Conversation leaders: Sidiki Saw, Winner, Accelerate 2030, Mali</p> <p>Ruth Njeri Waiganjo, Ms. Geek Africa 2017</p> <p>Godwin Benson, Winner Africa Prize for Engineering Innovation 2017, Nigeria</p> <p>Sandrine Sangwa, Akilah Institute, Entrepreneur, voice of people living with disabilities, Rwanda</p> <p>Ibrahim Ceesay, Chair of African Youth Alliance on SDGs, Gambia</p>	<p>Conversation leaders: Samba Bathily, CFO, Akon Lighting Africa & CEO, Solektra International</p> <p>Alice Kilonzu Zulu, Managing Director, Ecobank Rwanda</p> <p>Daniel Monehin, Division President, MasterCard, Sub-Saharan Africa</p> <p>Kamran Elahian, chairman and co-founder Global Catalyst Partners, USA</p> <p>Monique Nsanzabaganwa, Vice Governor, National Bank of Rwanda</p> <p>George Ombado, Executive Director, ACCOSCA</p> <p>Ephraim Rwamwenge, Kigali Global</p>	<p>Room: MH3 Lead: Girl Effect</p> <p>Opening remarks: Hon. Esperance Nyirasafari, Minister of Gender and Family promotion Arancha Gonzalez, Chief Executive, International Trade Centre Suzuka Sato, Senior Advisor, JICA HQ</p> <p>Conversation leaders: “Challenging Norms: Women at the forefront of science and technology” Esther Mbabazi, pilot, Rwandair, Rwanda</p> <p>“Bringing technology to communities” Joanna Bichsel, CEO, Kasha, Rwanda</p>
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	<p>Complements by Dr. Lamin M. Manneh, Director, Regional Service Centre for Africa, UNDP Dr. Belay Begashaw, Director General of SDG Centre for Africa Saah Charles N'Tow, Ministry of Youth and Sports, Liberia Prudence Nonkululeko Ngwenya, Head African Union Youth Division, Ethiopia Goeffrey Douglas Prewitt, Chief, Development Programming, United Nations Volunteers</p> <p>Moderated by: Njoya Tikum, Program Advisor, Regional Service Centre for Africa, UNDP</p>	<p>Shaper & Founder, RWA Capital Group, Rwanda</p> <p>Moderated by: Drew Propson, Project Lead, Financial Inclusion</p>	<p>“Creative Digital revolution in Africa” Rachel Sibande, Chair of Zathu Board, Zambia</p> <p>“Connecting Girls to the 21st Century” Salamatu Ishaq Adam, Girl Effect TEGA, KANO, Nigeria</p> <p>Moderated by: Georgie Ndirangu, Presenter, CNBC</p>
11:30 to end of the day	“Hack the Future” Hackfest begins in the Mezzanine		Job Connekt begins in the main Foyer till 6pm

	<p>Format: Seminar</p> <p>Room:</p> <p>Lead: PSF ICT Chamber</p>	<p>Format: Seminar</p> <p>Room: Foyer A</p> <p>Lead: Akazi Kanoze</p>
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch break	
14:00 – 15:30	<p><i>Parallel Session</i></p> <p>Harnessing Youth’s Potential through Health</p> <p>Format: Seminar</p> <p>Room: MH1</p> <p>Lead: UNFPA</p> <p>Opening Remarks: Hon. Diane Gashumba, Minister of Health, Rwanda (TBC)</p>	<p><i>Parallel Session</i></p> <p>Enterprise Hub</p> <p>Format: Roundtable</p> <p>Room: MH2</p> <p>Lead: UNCTAD</p> <p>Elevator pitches presentations (2 minutes each)</p> <p>Arielle Kitio, Chairman of Cayste, Cameroon Modou N.S. Nije, FarmFresh, Gambia Sandra Letio, Pelere Group, Uganda</p>
		<p><i>Parallel Session</i></p> <p>Youth Konverse</p> <p>Format: Presentation</p> <p>Room: MH3</p> <p>Lead: Global Shapers</p> <p>Youth Konverse 1</p> <p>” Creating cultural spaces for african youth to have a voice ”</p> <p>Diana Mpyisi, Co-founder &</p>

	<p>Testimony from: Nadege U. Munyaburanga, KigaliHope, Rwanda</p> <p>Conversation Leaders Sandrine Umutoni, Director General, Imbuto Foundation, Rwanda Shamim Namugerwa, Leader, AfriYAN, Uganda Sylvain Hirwa, Winner, IAccelerator,Rwanda Prudence Nonkululeko Ngwenya, Head of Youth Division, AU Closing Remarks: Mr. Mark Schreiner, UNFPA Representative, Rwanda</p> <p>Moderated by Dominique Alonga, Executive Director of Imagine We Rwanda and</p>	<p>Victor Mnyawami, Entrepreneurship Challenge, Empretec, Tanzania Yvette Ishimwe, CEO, IRIBA clean Water, Rwanda</p> <p>Expert Conversation Hon. Margaret Mwanakatwe, Minister Of Finance And Economic Development, Zambia (TBC) Tonye Patrick Cole, CEO, Sahara Group Clarisse Iribagiza, CEO, DMM Hehe Kevin Etter, Loan Expert, UPS Foundation</p> <p>Moderated by Regis Rugemanshuro, CEO, BK Techouse, Rwanda</p>	<p>Spoken Word Rwanda</p> <p>Youth Konverse 2 ” The Power of a Young Citizen to Impact Their Community” Hawa Deme, Global Shaper, Mali</p> <p>Youth Konverse 3 “The global competitiveness landscape for African fashion producers” Matthew Rugamba, Founder, House of Tayo, Rwanda</p> <p>Youth Konverse 4 “ Growing a business in an unstable market”</p>
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	winner, iAccelerator, Rwanda.		<p>Omnia Etayari, Co-Founder & CEO, Mazadah, Libya</p> <p>Youth Konverse 5</p> <p>“Overcoming the fear of failure”</p> <p>Kamran Elahian, chairman and co-founder Global Catalyst Partners, USA</p> <p>The highlight: Youth Konverse 6</p> <p>” What the african youth need to do excel in today’s global Sport scene”</p> <p>Lilian Thuram, Founder, Lilian Thuram Foundation, France</p>
15:30 – 16:00	Mid-afternoon break		

16:00 – 17:30
Auditorium

Plenary: Demographic Dividend: How Can We Win?

Lead: ONE Campaign

Africa’s population is projected to double by 2050 (2 billion) yet we are optimistic about maximizing the anticipated labor force. How shall this population growth impact Africa’s demographic transition? This session aims to discuss policy interventions and programs Africa can enact to ensure youth participation in delivering demographic dividend to achieve agenda 2063 and the mission and goals of Youth Connekt Africa. What challenges are retarding the continent from realizing the demographic dividend? What investments must we make to in our youth to reap the benefits of this resource opportunity?

As we work to lower birth and child mortality rates, what is being done to create economic opportunities for the working-age population, particularly youth, to reduce the number of citizens requiring support. For example gender equality interventions, education, health, entrepreneurship.

Keynote Address

Dr. Martial De Paul Ikounga, Commissioner, Human Resources, Science and Technology, African Union Commission

	<p>Conversation Leaders</p> <p>Hon. Hermella Destinée Doukaga, Ministre de la Jeunesse et de l'Education Civique, Congo Brazzaville Donald Kaberuka, High Representative for financing the Union & Peace Fund, African Union Commission Eric Kacou, Co-Founder, ESPartners, Côte d'Ivoire Francine Furaha Muyumba, President, Pan African Youth Union</p> <p>Moderated by Zain Verjee, Presenter and Founder, AKoma, Kenya</p>
17:45- 19.00	<p>YouthConnekt Ministerial Roundtable</p> <p><i>(By invitation only)</i></p>
19:00 – 21:30	<p>Opportunity Raising Gala Dinner</p> <p><i>(By invitation only)</i></p>
Friday 21st July 2017	
09:00 - 10:00	<p>B2B Breakfast Roundtable by Rwanda Development Board</p> <p><i>(By invitation only)</i></p>
09:00 – 10:00 Auditorium	Plenary: Youth and Politics

	<p>Youth, being the majority and our leaders of tomorrow, must begin to participate in shaping the political environment which shall support their development. This session is about exchanging ideas on the appropriate policies, programs and structures aimed at fostering youth participation in ensuring sustainable political, socio-economic development. Discussants will tackle the benefits of involving youth in politics across the continent, with emphasis on civic engagement to groom and empower community leaders.</p> <p>Keynote speech</p> <p>Hon. Oswald Homeky, Ministre de la Jeunesse, des Sports et des Loisirs, Benin (TBC)</p> <p>Conversation Leaders</p> <p>Anastase Shyaka, Chief Executive Officer, Rwanda Governance Board, Rwanda</p> <p>Ali Mufuruki, Founder, Infotech & Chairman, Africa Leadership Initiative, Tanzania</p> <p>Dr. Hamadoun I. Touré, Executive Director, Smart Africa, Rwanda</p> <p>Hawa Deme, Founder, DIEYA Movement, Mali</p> <p>Armand Yav, Conseiller Socioculturel, Cabinet du Président, RDC</p> <p>Ruth Aine Tindyebwa, Global shaper, Uganda</p> <p>Moderated by</p>
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	Fiona Mbabazi , TV Anchor, Rwanda
10:00 – 10:30	Break
10:30 – 11.30 Auditorium	<p>Plenary: Youth in Diaspora, the 6th Region</p> <p>Africa’s diaspora are of strategic value to our sustained development and have been declared by the African Union as the 6th continental region. For decades they’ve been playing a critical role in all areas of society investing in business, health, education and social development. How can Africa best utilize youth (expertise and financial resources) in diaspora to contribute in fast tracking Africa’s economic development?</p> <p>Opening remarks:</p> <p>Aliaume Damala Badara Akon Thiam (Akon), Impact investor & Akon lighting Africa</p> <p>Conversation leaders:</p> <p>Sidi Tiémoko Touré, Ministre de la Promotion de la Jeunesse, d'Emploi des Jeunes et du Service Civique - Côte d'Ivoire</p> <p>Marie Chantal Uwitonze, President, Africa Diaspora Network-Europe, Belgium</p> <p>Alain Dolium, COO, Connectik, United Kingdom</p> <p>Mike Mwenedata, Founder, Rwanda bean, USA</p>

	<p>Guillaume Habarugira, Founder, YouthWorks, Austria</p> <p><i>Moderated by</i> Regis Isheja, Host-TransMeet, Rwanda</p>
11:45 – 12:30	<p>Plenary: Youth Konverse with Patrice Motsepe</p> <p><i>Moderated by</i> Eugene Anangwe, TV Anchor, RBA</p>
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch Break
14:00 - 14.30	<p>Plenary: Youth Konverse with Jack Ma</p> <p><i>Moderated by</i> Julie Gichuru, TV Anchor, Kenya</p>
14:30 - 15:00	Short break
15:00 – 16:30 Closing Session Auditorium	Plenary: Meet the Leaders – Expanding Opportunities for Youth

	<p>YouthConnekt Africa is about nurturing and empowering Africa’s youth through job creation (<i>Employment and Entrepreneurship</i>), skills development and political engagement to effectively reduce the growing unemployment rate among this demographic. This session aims to address how governments can put ensure an enabling environment for youth empowerment so they can effectively contribute Africa’s development. Areas of focus include employment/entrepreneurship challenges and opportunities for youth. What are the challenges leaders are tackling today? What are they doing (national/AU)? Best examples of policies or initiatives to emulate and scale to the continent? How exactly can youth participate, beyond rhetoric?</p> <p>Welcome Remarks Hon. Jean Philbert Nsengimana, Ministry of Youth & ICT, Rwanda</p> <p>Introductory Remarks Abdoulaye Mar Dieye, Assistant Administrator & Director, Regional Bureau for Africa, UNDP</p> <p>Keynote Speech H.E. Paul Kagame, President of the Republic of Rwanda</p> <p>Conversation Leaders</p>
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	<p>H.E. Paul Kagame, President of the Republic of Rwanda Dr. Mukhisa Kituyi, Secretary General, UNCTAD Jack Ma, UNCTAD Special Advisor, Founder & CEO of the Alibaba Group</p> <p>Moderated by Julie Gichuru, TV Anchor, Kenya</p>
16:30 – 17:00	Press conference
17:00 – 18:00	Send off Cocktail