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| Concept

The ItalAfrica Strategic Symposium is an international conference organized by the CeSI - Center for International Affairs, Africa e Affari and E4Impact with the support of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation with the aim of fostering the debate between Italy and Africa on the main common issues and priorities. Within the framework of “People, Planet Prosperity” promoted by the Italian Presidency of the G20, ItalAfrica gathers different Italian and African stakeholders from public institutions, the private sector, academia and civil society to reflect on the main challenges and opportunities for cooperation between Italy and the African continent, with a special focus on the Sahel region, Western Africa and the Horn of Africa. In particular, the discussion will revolve around four main areas:

Area 1: African identities and cultural diplomacy

This section aims to improve and renovate the Italian perception of Africa, exploring the multifaceted African identities and, above all, paying attention to how Africans see their own future and how they conceive the relation with Italy. This is indeed a key step to deepen the mutual understanding and lay the foundations for a sound and effective cultural cooperation.

Area 2: Capacity building and technology empowerment

Considering that some areas of the African continent are still affected by fragility and conflicts, it is crucial - in addition to addressing the root causes of violence - to jointly identify the most effective ways to support African countries in their effort to enhance border control and pursue the fight against illegal trafficking, organized crime, and terrorism. The

discussion will thus unpack the most important dossiers on which this cooperation can be built and the role that technology empowerment can play in this regard.

Area 3: Energy transition and renewable resources-driven economic growth

This section aims to explore the role that renewable energies can play in the African growth trajectory and discuss how climate policies can be mainstreamed into Africa's development agenda, capitalizing on the co-benefits and eradicating poverty and food insecurity. In particular, this section will focus on how the EU, Italy and other international partners can uphold the transformative process of African economies by providing the required financial support.

Area 4: Business synergies in emerging sectors of the African economy

The perspectives of growth for the African continent represent a huge opportunity to develop mutual beneficial partnerships in key sectors, such as digitalization, urban development, circular economy, and health. Against this backdrop, the discussion will thus focus on the synergies that can be built between Europe/Italy and Africa, exploring those sectors in which public-private partnerships can be developed effectively.

| Event programme

Day 1 -25th October 2022

9.30-10.00

Welcoming coffee

10.00-10.15

Opening Remarks

Andrea Margelletti – President, CeSI

10.15-10.30

Keynote Speech

Ettore Francesco Sequi – Secretary General, Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation

10.30-12.00

Opening Debate

The opening debate unpacks the main challenges and opportunities that are shaping the future of the African continent, ranging from technology empowerment to climate change and green growth, from security stabilization to trade integration. The debate is an opportunity to present the ‘big picture’ in which the Conference is framed, with a special focus on the cooperation between African and Italian institutions and the private sector.

- Giuseppe Mistretta – Central Director for sub-Saharan Africa, Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation
- Ruggero Aricò – Vice-President, Confindustria Assafrica & Mediterraneo
- HE Nosipho Nausca Jean Ngcaba – Ambassador of South Africa to Italy (TBC)
- Marco Piredda – Head of International Affairs & Business Support, ENI
- Dante Campioni – Managing Director and CEO, AlexBank (*from remote*)

Moderator: Stefano Polli – Deputy Director ANSA

12.00-14.00

Networking Lunch

14.00-15.00

African identities and cultural diplomacy – Special Dialogue

This special dialogue aims to identify the channels of cooperation that can result in wiser perspectives and understandings of mutual interests and highly fruitful intercultural dialogue between Italy and Africa.

- Adama Sanneh – Co-Founder, CEO, Moleskine Foundation
- Francesca Declich – President, Italian Association for African Studies

Moderator: Massimo Zaurrini – Director, Africa e Affari

15.00-15.30

Coffee break

15.30-17.00

African identities and cultural diplomacy – Round table

This round table is an opportunity for reflection on cultural diplomacy and cooperation, with the objective of better understanding and tailoring Italian present and future projection towards the African continent.

- Norman Sempijja – Associate Professor, Mohammed VI Polytechnic University (*from remote*)
- Sandra Federici – Director, Africa e Mediterraneo
- Martin Nkafu – Professor, Pontificia Università Lateranense
- Mehret Tewolde – Vice-President, Associazione le Reseau

Moderator: Giuseppe Dentice – Analyst, CeSI

Following

Networking Aperitif

Day 2 -26th October 2022

9.30 – 10.00

Welcoming coffee

10.00 – 11.00

Capacity building and technology empowerment – Special Dialogue

This special dialogue aims to draw the attention of international and Italian policymakers to the importance of strengthening mutual beneficial partnerships revolving around capacity building and technology empowerment.

- Mario Molteni – CEO, E4Impact
- Massimiliano Colasuonno Taricone – CEO, Trasacco Group

Moderator: Francesca Manenti – Director, CeSI

11.00 – 12.30

Capacity building and technology empowerment – Round Table

This round table discusses Italy, the EU and other global powers' strategic interests on the continent, as well as the contribution that they can provide in terms of capacity building and technology empowerment.

- Col. t.SEP Marco Pucciatti – Capo Ufficio Polizia Militare e di Stabilità del Comando Generale, Arma dei Carabinieri
- Counselor of Embassy of Morocco to Italy (TBC)
- Alleta Mampepe Kxori Mankayi - Defence attachè of the Embassy of South Africa to Italy
- Giovanni Faleg – EUISS, Senior Analyst (*from remote*)

Moderator: Lorena Stella Martini – Researcher, European Council on Foreign Relations

12.30 – 14.00

Networking lunch

14.00 – 15.00

Energy transition and renewable resources-driven economic growth – Special Dialogue

This special dialogue aims to unpack the main challenges and opportunities to foster energy transition, improve access to energy and capitalize on the co-benefits of the low-carbon development path in Africa.

- Representative from Enel Foundation, Managing Director (*from remote*)
- HE Youssef Balla - Ambassador of the Embassy of Morocco to Italy

Moderator: Fabio Squillante – Director, Agenzia Nova

15.00 – 15.30

Coffee break

15.30 – 17.00

Energy transition and renewable resources-driven economic growth – Round Table

This round table aims to discuss how to create favorable conditions for scaling up investments in clean energy technologies, and thus uphold sustainable transformation of African economies.

- Tomas Nhabetse – Professor, Universidade Save (*from remote*)
- Luca Traini – Energy Access Programme Manager, RES4Africa
- Fabio Tambone – Director of External International Affairs, Autorità di Regolazione per Energia Reti e Ambiente (*from remote*)
- Commercial attaché of the South Africa Embassy to Italy

Moderator: Gianfranco Belgrano – Editorial Director, Africa e Affari

Following

Networking Aperitif

Day 3 -27th October 2022

9.30 – 10.00

Welcoming coffee

10.00 – 11.00

Business synergies in emerging sectors of the African economy – Special Dialogue

This special dialogue unpacks the fundamental role played by the private sector and presents the opportunities to develop mutual beneficial public-private partnerships in order to capitalize on African economic dynamism.

- Representative of Cassa Depositi e Prestiti
- Mmathari Jacobeth Mashao - Plenipotentiary Minister of the South Africa Embassy to Italy

Moderator: Marco Di Liddo – Head of the Analysis Unit, CeSI

11.00 – 12.30

Business synergies in emerging sectors of the African economy – Round Table

The round table offers a new and fresh perspective on the future of emerging African economies, with a special focus on the benefits arising from the African Continental Free Trade Area.

- Filippo Prosperi - Business Development Manager, Gruppo De Lorenzo
- Admassu Tadesse - President and Chief Executive, TDB, the Eastern and Southern Africa Trade and Development Bank (*from remote*)
- Boinapally Venugopal Rao – CEO, Dott Services Limited (*from remote*)
- Carlo Palleschi – Analyst, CeSI

Moderator: Fabio Petroni - Director Programmi , E4Impact

12:30-13:00 Closing Remarks

Fabrizio Lobasso - Central Deputy Director for sub-Saharan Africa, Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation

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