

Italian launch of AFRICA'S DEVELOPMENT DYNAMICS 2021

Digital Transformation for Quality Jobs

11.00, 17 June, 2021 | Zoom

About the Event

Can digitalization create high quality jobs? Can it open further business opportunities between Europe and Africa? And can it make African economies more resilient to the global recession triggered by the COVID-19 pandemic?

Based on the 2021 edition of the OECD **Africa's Development Dynamics: digital Transformation for Quality Jobs**, we will discuss these issues with policymakers and industrial leaders from Africa and Italy:

- Which policies can trigger large-scale job creation through digital transformation?
- What opportunities does Africa's digitalization open for the European businesses?
- How to ensure funding for economic recovery and transformation despite concerns over Africa' debt sustainability?
- What is the best way to cooperate with the business sector and governments to succeed in this transformation?

Program of the event

11.00: Welcoming Remarks

Ms. Veronica Squinzi, Vice President of Assolombarda for Internationalization and European affairs
Prof. Mario Molteni, CEO of E4Impact Foundation

11.10: Opening Remarks: Italy's Strategic Partnership with Africa

H.E. Marina Sereni, Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Italy

11.20: Africa's Development Dynamics. Digital Transformation for Quality Jobs

Mr Mario Pezzini, Director of the OECD Development Centre and Special Advisor to the OECD Secretary-General on Development

11.40: Panel Discussion. Digital Transformation, Local Development and the Role of Private sector

H.E. Mrs. Eudora Hilda Quartey Koranteng, Ambassador Extraordinaire of the Republic of Ghana to Italy

Mr. James Mworio, Founder of Empire (Kenyan company operating in B2B digital payments)

H.E. Fabrizio Lobasso, Deputy Director for Sub-Saharan Africa (MAECI)

Mr. Frank Cinque, General Manager of E4Impact Foundation

Ms. Tana Anglana, Migration and Development Senior Specialist, vicar member of the Italian National Council for Cooperation and Development and National Summit of Diaspora Programme

Mr. Bitange Ndemo, OECD author, Former Permanent Secretary of Kenya's Ministry of Information and Communication

Mr. Giovanni Ottati, Chairman of Vu-Chain S.r.l.

Mr. Michael Onyango, former Minister for Digitalisation at Kisumu County Government in Kenya

12.25 Closing remarks

Mr Mario Pezzini, Director, OECD Development Centre and Special Advisor to the OECD Secretary-General on Development

MODERATOR: *Massimo Zaurrini*, Director, Africa e Affari