



## Connect Africa Summit

*Investing in Africa's Future*

29-30 October 2007

Serena Hotel  
Kigali, Rwanda

### DRAFT PROGRAMME

The *Connect Africa Summit* will take place in Kigali, Rwanda, 29–30 October 2007, under the patronage of His Excellency Mr. Paul Kagame, President of the Republic of Rwanda and His Excellency, Mr. John Kufuor, President of the Republic of Ghana and Chairman of the African Union. It will be organized by the International Telecommunication Union, the African Union, the World Bank Group and the United Nations Global Alliance for ICT and Development, in partnership with the African Development Bank, the African Telecommunication Union, the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa and the Global Digital Solidarity Fund.

The overall objective of the *Connect Africa Summit* is to mobilize the human, financial and technical resources required to close Information and Communication Technology (ICT) gaps throughout Africa. The *Summit* offers a venue for leaders from the public, private and financial sectors to network face-to-face and forge new partnerships. During the *Summit*, participants will debate the key success factors vital to advance ICT investment and boost growth in Africa, including the expansion of broadband infrastructures, new "last mile" access solutions (especially for rural connectivity), establishing a business-friendly policy and regulatory environment, developing an ICT-skilled workforce, and striking the right balance between private and public investment.

Further details, including practical information for *Connect Africa Summit* participants and journalists, can be found at [www.ConnectAfricaSummit.org](http://www.ConnectAfricaSummit.org).

## MONDAY 29 OCTOBER 2007

09:00 - 09:45	<p><b>OPENING CEREMONY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• H.E. Mr. Paul Kagame, President of Rwanda</li> <li>• Mr. Sha Zukang, Under-Secretary General on Economic and Social Affairs, United Nations, Representative of the Secretary General of the United Nations</li> <li>• Dr. Hamadoun I. Touré, ITU Secretary-General</li> <li>• Dr. Craig Barrett, Chairman of Intel and GAID</li> <li>• Dr. Donald Kaberuka, President of the African Development Bank</li> <li>• Prof. Alpha Oumar Konaré, Chairperson, Commission of the African Union</li> <li>• Dr. Hartwig Schafer, Director of Operations, Africa Region, World Bank</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;">Master of Ceremony:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Hon. Eng. Albert Butare, Minister of State in Charge of Energy &amp; Communication, Rwanda</p>
09:45 - 11:00	<p><b>STATEMENTS BY HEADS OF STATE</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Master of Ceremony:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Hon. Eng. Albert Butare, Minister of State in Charge of Energy &amp; Communication, Rwanda</p>
11:00 - 11:30	<b>Coffee Break</b>
11:30 - 12:30	<p><b>Session 1: <i>Achieving WSIS Connectivity Goals and MDGs in Africa by 2015</i></b></p> <p><i>Description:</i> Recognizing the significant role of ICTs as a catalyst for realizing the UN Millennium Development Goals, leaders at the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) agreed to a set of targets, including ten connectivity goals, to be achieved by 2015. With fewer than eight years left, Africa is at serious risk of not achieving these targets unless we take urgent action. Within this framework, this opening session will introduce <i>Connect Africa Goals</i>, which reflect the unique challenges and opportunities of the region. Panellists will be asked to give their views on how these goals can be achieved.</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Mr. Stephen Cole, Al Jazeera International</p> <p><b>Overview:</b> Mr. Sami Al-Basheer Al Morshid, Director, ITU Development Bureau</p> <p><b>Panelists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• H.E. Tarek Kamel, Minister of Communications and Information Technology, Egypt and Chairman of the African Union Ministerial Conference on ICT</li> <li>• Mr. Carl-Henric Svanberg, CEO, Ericsson</li> <li>• Mr. J.M Briosa e Gala, Special African Envoy of the President of the European Commission</li> <li>• H.E. Mr. Qinjian Lou, Vice Minister, Ministry of Information Industry, China</li> <li>• Mr. Rob Conway, CEO &amp; Member of the Board, GSM Association</li> </ul>
12:30 - 14:30	<b>Lunch</b>

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<p>14:30 - 16.30</p>	<p><b>Session 2: ICT Broadband Infrastructure - Gaps and Solutions</b></p> <p><i>Description:</i> High-speed "broadband" networks have become core infrastructure of the modern economy and an enabler of innovation across many sectors. While Africa is the fastest growing mobile market in the world, major gaps in broadband infrastructure continue to limit potential investment, economic growth, employment and development in the region. This session will begin with a review of the current "state of play" of African broadband infrastructure – with a focus on connectivity between capitals and major cities, as well as the gaps and potential solutions. Panelists will be asked to give their views on ways to boost investment in Africa's ICT broadband infrastructure, including priorities for policy and regulatory reform and innovative financing and public-private partnership models.</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> H.E. Mr. Ham-Muskasa Mulira, Minister, Minister of Information and Communications Technology, Uganda</p> <p><b>Overview:</b> Dr. Yury Grin, Deputy-Director, ITU Development Bureau and Mr. Mark Williams, Senior Economist, World Bank</p> <p><b>Panelists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• H.E. Mr. Albert Butare, Minister of Energy and Communications, Rwanda</li> <li>• Mr Sanjiv Ahuja, Chairman of Orange UK</li> <li>• Mr. Renee Ververgaert Vice President, Huawei Technologies</li> <li>• Dr. Donald Kaberuka, President of the African Development Bank</li> <li>• Ms. Funke Opeke, CEO, Main Street Technologies</li> <li>• Mr. Mark de Simone, CEO EMEA, Cisco systems Inc</li> <li>• Mr. Issa Coulibaly, President, West African Development Bank</li> <li>• Dr. Mohsen Khalil, Director of Global Information and Communication Technologies, World Bank Group</li> </ul>
<p>16:30 - 17.00</p>	<p><b>Coffee Break</b></p>
<p>17.00 - 18:30</p>	<p><b>Session 3: Extending Rural ICT Access</b></p> <p><i>Description:</i> Africa's boom in mobile communications in recent years has demonstrated the existence of genuine continent-wide demand for access to ICTs. Still, many communities, especially those in rural and remote areas, remain unconnected. This session considers multiple approaches to extend rural ICT access, including more effective use of Universal Service Funds, policy, regulatory and tax incentives for operators to share infrastructures and extend their networks into underserved areas as well as emerging wireless solutions. In addition, for communities where connectivity exists but where affordability remains a challenge, the session considers innovative approaches to connect the unconnected, including shared local access models such as the Village Phone model and community tele-centres.</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> H.E. Dr. Ivy Matsepe-Casaburri, Minister of Communications , South Africa</p> <p><b>Overview:</b> Mr. Emamgholi Behdad, Chief, Projects and Initiatives Department, ITU Development Bureau/Mr. Akossi Akossi, Secretary-General, African Telecommunication Union</p> <p><b>Panelists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• H.E. Mr. Joachim Tankoano, Minister of Posts and ICT, Burkina Faso</li> <li>• Mr. Michael Joseph, CEO Safaricom</li> <li>• Mr. Peter Bladin, Director, Grameen Foundation Technology Centre</li> <li>• Mr. Pertti Johansson, President of Middle East, Europe and Africa, Qualcomm</li> <li>• Mr. Jones Killimbe, CEO, RASCOM</li> <li>• Mr. Yousef Al Sayed, CEO, Thuraya Satellite Telecommunications Corporation,</li> <li>• Mr. Lauri Kivinen, Head of Corporate Affairs, Member of the Executive Board, Nokia Siemens Networks</li> </ul>

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9:30 - 11:00	<p><b>Session 4: <i>Capacity Building and Deploying Applications for E-Services</i></b></p> <p><i>Description:</i> Across the continent, there is increased awareness that making current economic growth sustainable will need greater investment in human resource development and building management capacity and good business practices. A key determinant of future economic success in Africa is the extent to which today's young people are trained to work with computers and IT networks as well as create new ICT products and services. One method to expand ICT literacy and usage is for governments and the private sector and other stakeholders to set a proactive agenda for capacity-building as well as deploying applications and e-services for citizens – including e-government, e-health and e-learning. This session ask panelists to highlight African success stories in capacity-building and e-services deployment.</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Mr. Walter Fust, Director-General, Swiss Agency for Development &amp; Cooperation</p> <p><b>Overview:</b> Ms Lala Ben Barka, Deputy Executive Secretary, UN Economic Commission for Africa</p> <p><b>Panelists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• H.E. Mr. El Hadj Gley, Minister, Ministry of Communication Technologies, Tunisia</li> <li>• H.E. Ms Mariam Diallo Diarra, Minister of Communication and Information Technologies, Mali</li> <li>• Dr. Craig Barrett, Chairman of Intel and GAID</li> <li>• Mr. Michael Rawding, Vice President, Unlimited Potential Group, Products &amp; Solutions, Microsoft</li> <li>• Mr. Maximilian Metzger Secretary General, CERN</li> <li>• Prof. Sreenivasan, Director General, ICTP Trieste, Italy</li> <li>• Prof. Clement Dzionu, Chairperson, GAID Africa Network</li> <li>• Dr. Pradeep K. Khosla, Dean, College of Engineering, Carnegie Mellon University</li> </ul>
11.00 - 11.30	<b>Coffee Break</b>
11:30 - 13:00	<p><b>Session 5: <i>Creating an Enabling Environment for Investment</i></b></p> <p><i>Description:</i> A key challenge for Africa today is how to integrate more closely into the global economy and to attract additional direct investment. This requires a business-friendly attractive policy and regulatory environment that fosters innovation, competition and investment. What are the policy principles that donors and governments can follow to encourage a competitive and innovative ICT market place? This session highlights success stories in countries from the region where forward-looking government policies have triggered strong business investment and economic growth.</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> H.E Dr. Benjamin Aggrey Ntim, Minister of Communications, Ghana</p> <p><b>Overview:</b> Mr. Brahim Sanou, Head, ITU Africa Regional Office</p> <p><b>Panelists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• H.E. Mme Sophie Gladima Siby, Minister of Telecommunications, Posts and ICT, Senegal</li> <li>• H.E Mr D.S. Mathur, Secretary DOT, Ministry of Communications</li> <li>• Mr. Sami Al Basheer Al Morshid, Director Telecommunication Development Bureau, ITU</li> <li>• Mr. Ekwow Spio-Garbrah, CEO Commonwealth Telecommunications Organization</li> <li>• Mr. Reza Jafari, Chairman and Managing Director, NeuStar International</li> <li>• Mr. Jay Naidoo, Chairman, Development Bank of Southern Africa</li> <li>• Ms. Valerie d'Costa, Programme Manager, InfoDev</li> </ul>
13.00 - 14:30	<b>Lunch</b>
14:30 - 16:00	<b>Bilateral Meetings</b>

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16.00 - 17.00

**Session 6: *A Commitment to Connect Africa***

*Description:* Fulfilling an African-led vision of rich connectivity both within the continent and to the rest of the world requires commitments and a coordinated approach involving leaders from the public, private and financial sectors. This final session, *A Commitment to Connect Africa*, will review the discussions and agreed goals of the Summit and review the commitments made by government, business leaders, donors and partners.

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