



Harnessing the Power of Africa's Swing States

The Catalytic Role of Nigeria, Kenya and South Africa

Co-hosted by the Brentthurst Foundation and the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung
16-19 August 2015
Villa La Collina, Cadenabbia, Lake Como, Italy

PROGRAMME

SUNDAY 16 August 2015

Arrival in Milan in the morning/afternoon; transfers to Cadenabbia, Lake Como

18h30 Villa la Collina - Welcoming Reception

19h00 Opening Address: The Fortunes of African States

Martin Meredith, introduced by Terence McNamee

Dinner is served following the Opening Address

MONDAY 17 August 2015

08:00 onwards: Breakfast

09h00: **Introductory Remarks**

Terence McNamee

09h10 **Official Welcome by KAS**

Holger Dix

09h15: **Session One – Taking Stock in 2015: The Big Picture(s)**

Macro-trends in Nigeria, Kenya and South Africa

New Directions or Old Patterns?

Meeting the challenge of regional leadership

Key tests on the horizon...

Chair: Terence McNamee

Panellists: Simon Freemantle, Peter Lewis, Ruth Kagia

10h00 Discussion

10h30 Tea

11h00: **Session Two – Coping with Volatility**

Assessing state responses to insecurity – from service-delivery protests to Islamist terrorism

The role of non-state actors

***Moving to less or more factious politics?
Nation-building – two steps forward, one step back?***

Chair: Salim Amin

Panellists: Adetunji Omotola, Martin Agwai, Martin Kimani, Hajra Omarjee

11h50 Discussion

12h30: Lunch

13h30 Session Three – Driving economic growth, spreading prosperity: Business, innovation and policy

Role of business in national and regional development

Coping with commodity boom and bust

Investing and trading across borders

Tackling the scourge of corruption

Private sector/State relations

Chair: Frank Aigbogun

Panellists: Gachao Kiuna, Wanja Gikonyo, Lai Yahaya, Dozie Okpalaobieri, Trudi Makhaya,

14h20 Discussion

15h15 Tea and Break

15h30 Session Four -- Co-operation and competition: Relations between Africa's Swing States

People to people links

Business and Trade ties

Political and Security Cooperation

Scope for 'special relationships' ?

How do issues of state sovereignty and economic nationalism hinder broader development in Africa?

Chair: Peter Lewis

Panellists: Lyal White, Dianna Games, Moky Makura, Pandelani Mathoma, Ola Olaniawo

16h20 Discussion

17h00 – 18h45 Free time

18h45 Villa la Collina - Reception

19h00 Featured Address by HE Ambassador Nomatamba Tambo, South Africa's Ambassador to Italy

Introduced by Terence McNamee

Dinner is served following the Ambassador's address

TUESDAY 18 August 2015

08h00 onwards Breakfast

09h00 **Session Five - Continental / International Perspectives**

Chair: Ruth Kagia

Panellists: Lazarous Kapambwe, Tandeka Nkiwane, Adewale Iyanda, Hildegard Behrendt-Kigozi,

Who is leading the pan-African Agenda, if there still is one?

How effective are swing states in regional fora (ECOWAS, EAC, SADC)?

Is the AU headed towards UN-style dominance by major powers?

Are Swing States' policies indicating an increasingly 'inward-looking' approach to international problems, to the detriment of an active foreign policy?

09h50 Discussion

10h30 Tea

11h00 **Final Plenary - An Agenda for harnessing the power of Swing States**

Chair: Martin Kimani

Panellists: Lai Yahaya, Martin Meredith, Gachao Kiuna, Pandelani Mathoma

How can Nigeria, South Africa and Kenya become more effective regional leaders, especially in security and economic integration structures?

How can Africa's swing states contribute to greater Africa-wide coordination on continental and global peace, justice, security and environmental issues?

How do relations between swing states and major external powers (eg EU, China, US) impact development in Africa?

How can Africa's swing states harness their potential diplomatic and economic power to make the 'international system' fairer, more representative and more accountable?

11h40 Discussion

12h30 Lunch

14h00 Afternoon excursion/boat trip/Bellagio

19h00 Dinner in Cadenabbia

WEDNESDAY 19 August 2015

Departure from Cadenabbia

Instructions for Speakers, Panellists and Chairs

The aim of the roundtable is to encourage a dynamic exchange of ideas and views among all participants on the issues being discussed. One of the unique qualities of this high-level roundtable is the diverse background of the participants, which we hope will encourage you to think anew about your own perspectives and generate concrete ideas and options to address the key challenges facing the continent and particularly its 'swing states'. The expectation is that, regardless of which panel you may be nested in, you have important insights to offer across all sessions. Therefore, with the exception of the Featured Speakers on the evening of the 16th and 17th, we kindly ask all panellists to keep their remarks as concise as possible to allow for ample discussion and q/a.

Panellists: Please try to keep your remarks to roughly 10 minutes.

There is no need to prepare formal remarks. You may wish to speak on one or more of the italicized themes/questions. It is expected that you will speak on your country of expertise, though in the course of your comments you may of course range more broadly.

Chairs: As the full biographies will be available to participants, please do not introduce panellists with anything other than their name and affiliation, and ensure panellists keep to time (panellists cannot exceed 12mins under any circumstances!). Once the panellists have spoken, please open the floor for questions; depending on the number of questions you may wish to collect three questions before asking the relevant panellist(s) to respond. Near the end of the session, you may wish to reflect very briefly on what, in your view, were the key points to be drawn from the panellists' remarks and discussion before offering each panellist a final word.

Final Plenary: Panellists in the final plenary are asked to keep their remarks very concise, approximately five minutes. You may wish to reflect on one or more of the session questions, or alternatively convey your key impressions/takeaways from the Roundtable, with a view to formulating a future agenda for Africa's swing states. Chair of the Final Plenary is asked to ensure that all participants have an opportunity for a final comment before the formal end of the Roundtable.

*Please note that no participant's remarks at the Roundtable (whether a panellist's, chair's or discussant's) may be attributed in any subsequent publication or media unless he/she gives explicit permission to the person seeking to attribute his/her words to them.