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AEC2021 OVERVIEW

As the world grapples with the effects of the economic downturn occasioned by the COVID-19 pandemic, the need for strategic re-opening of economic activities has become imminent.

While Africa was spared the worst of the pandemic health-wise, the ripple effects of the pandemic have taken a heavy blow to our economy.

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) estimates that Africa will need \$1.2 trillion over the next three years to recover from the pandemic. Furthermore, if proactive measures are not taken to salvage the situation, the IMF predicts that an additional 43 million Africans might be pushed into poverty.

In our bid to achieve and sustain post-pandemic recovery, economic fragility remains a pressing concern for Africa. Africa hosts 30% of the world's mineral reserves, possesses 60 percent of the world's arable land, 13 percent of the global population, and is the most youthful continent with about 60 percent of its population under the age of 25 as well as abundant energy potentials. Despite this wealth in natural capital endowments, African economies remain among the least developed countries in the world. Our size of economies amongst the lowest compared to other regions. Therefore, to achieve sustainable recovery beyond pandemics, Africa must adopt strategic and

innovative alternatives to insulate itself against external shocks in the future.

Thus, in pursuance of this goal, the African Economic Congress will be hosting the AEC2021 with the theme, "Accelerate Africa: Building Back Better." The 3rd edition of the African Economic Congress is a response to a growing call for action to accelerate Africa's capacity to recover from and forge a path towards building a stronger, inclusive, and developmental-driven continent.


The AEC2021 will also provide a platform for Africans to share strategies for sustainable recovery and explore a collaborative approach towards building a prosperous and resilient Africa. Discourse during the congress will examine the cracks in Africa's previous growth strategies and ways in which resources can be utilized to accelerate progress towards both the Global 2030 Agenda and the African Union's Agenda 2063 for inclusivity, health, sustainable economic development, resilience, and peace.

The three-day televised and virtual event will feature high-level plenary sessions and keynote addresses. Speakers will include leading personalities in health, technology, business, finance, and other public and private sectors across Africa.

Together, we will convene to map Africa's magnificent rebound.



Day 1

(1st November 2021)

Opening Montage	10:00 -10:01 am		
Spoken Word	10:01 - 10:03 am		
Convener's Opening	10:04 - 10:09 am		
Opening Address	10:10 - 10:20 am		
Acknowledgement	10:20 - 10:25 am		
Keynote Address 1	10:25 - 10:35 am		
Morning Session		Evening Session	
AfCFTA Session (Panel Session) <i>Africa Beyond Borders</i> 10:35 - 11:15am	Security Session (Panel Session) <i>A Peaceful and Secure Africa: Achieving the missing links</i> 11:15 - 11:55 am	Finance Session (Panel Session) <i>Integrating the 4th Industrial Revolution in Africa's Financial Systems</i> 4:35 - 5:25 pm	Energy Session (Panel Session) <i>Building Blocks for Sustainable Energy Recovery in Africa</i> 5:30 - 6:20 pm

Day 2

(2nd November 2021)

Opening Montage	10:00 - 10:01 am		
African Dance Presentation	10:01 - 10:07 am		
Morning Session		Evening Session	
Keynote Address 2 10:10 - 10:25 am	Keynote Address 3 10:25 - 10:45 am	Health Session (Panel Session) <i>Disease Surveillance System and Notification as First Responders</i> 10:45 - 11:35 am	Technology Session (Panel Session) <i>Building Technology Infrastructure in Africa</i> 4:35 - 5:25 pm
Evening Session			
Entertainment Session (Panel Session) <i>The Power of the African Art</i> 5:30 - 6:20 pm			

Day 3

(3rd November 2021)

Opening Montage	10:00 - 10:01 am		
Sponsors' Appreciation	10:02 - 10:05 am		
Morning Session		Evening Session	
Keynote Address 4 10:05 - 10:15 am	Agriculture Session (Panel Session) <i>Harnessing food technology to overcome hunger in Africa</i> 10:15 - 11:05 am	Women Session (Panel Session) <i>Ambition to Action: Amplifying Africa's Female Economy</i> 11:05 - 11:55 am	Youth Session (Panel Session) <i>Enabling the African Youths</i> 4:35 - 5:25 pm
Closing Remark			

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Businesses active in the development of life-changing innovations that have the potential for long-term effects on industry and society

INSTITUTIONAL MEMBERS AND PARTNERS

The biggest and most prominent global companies represented by their research and growth, policy, technology and innovation chief managers and chief executives

PUBLIC POLICY MAKERS

Heads of government and international organizations, and Ministers of Trade, investment, environment, health, science and technology, who are committed to improving competitiveness in today's challenging economic climate.

YOUNG GLOBAL LEADERS

A multi-stakeholder youth leadership group offering future insights into future generations' goals and aspirations.

GLOBAL SHAPERS

Individuals aged 20 -30 chosen for their immense potential for more leadership positions

CIVIL SOCIETY AND EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

Members from respected and creative NGOs and leading educational institutions

SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURS

Members of the most creative business strategies and social impact driving collaboration models. Young scientists and exceptional young researchers from around the world who have produced ground-breaking work in various scientific fields.

CULTURAL LEADERS

Artists from all over the world who are questioning technological stereotypes, sharing dreams of the future and creating bridges in global issues discourse. Media Leaders, Publishers, Editors-In-Chief, top economic writers, analysts and columnists,



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PART?**



HOW DO I REGISTER?

Registration is on our website (www.aecongress.org)

HOW LONG WILL REGISTRATION BE OPEN?

Registration will be open until the 25th of October, 2021.



WILL I RECEIVE MORE INFORMATION ONCE MY APPLICATION IS CONFIRMED TO BE ACCEPTED?

A message containing organizational material will be sent to the email address you provided. A day before the event kicks off, each registered participant will receive a unique link to the online broadcast.

IS MY REGISTRATION TRANSFERABLE?

No.

