Invitation

2018 Africa Link Symposium & Solidarity Awards
8TH SEPTEMBER 2018

Venue: Welle7, Workspace, Schanzenstrasse 5, 3008 Bern (Five minutes’ walk from Bern main train station)

Direction: Follow the blue arrow from the Bern main station to Schanzenstrasse 5 or look for the elevator (Lift) on the platform of your arrival, and take it to go up. On arrival at the top walk toward platform 1, there is an exit. When you go out, you will be in front of Well 7, take a lift to the 3rd floor, the venue of the event.

Car Park: It is better to park at the train station because the parking lots at Welle 7 are very few

Time: 09:30 – 17:30

PLEASE BE PUNCTUAL!

Africa Link Annual Symposium is born to response to the many daunting challenges that continue to dog Africa’s development footsteps. The maiden edition will discuss MIGRATION, CORRUPTION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

The Topics

Migration – Migration: The Global Compact on Migration and its implication / expectations / implementation in African Countries

Migration – Herders and farmers conflicts, the Emerging Challenges of Regional Migration that threatens investment, food security and agricultural sustainability in Africa.

Corruption – Why it is not necessary in Africa” – Botswana’s Case

“Entrepreneurship – The solution for Africa’s economy, or an additional obstacle for those who fail?”
**GUEST SPEAKERS**

H. E. Christoph Aparr Onyanga  
Uganda Permanent Representative to the UNOG and Switzerland

H. E. Athaliah Molokomme  
Botswana Permanent Representative to the UNOG and Switzerland

H. E. Osman Abufatima A. Mohammed  
Sudan Permanent Representative to the UNOG and Switzerland

Mr. Abdel R. Diop  
Associate Migration Officer IOM in Geneva Global Compact for Migration team

Dr. Yima Sen  
Lecturer at Baze University, Abuja, Nigeria

Mr. Bert Evers  
Founder, CEO Evers Xcellence

**Programme**

09:00  
Registration and welcome coffee

09:50  
OPENING:  
Introduction of moderator George Ola Davis by Samuel Polley

10:00  
WELCOME ADDRESS  
Johnson Oduwaye  President Africa Link  
The objective and goal of Africa Link Annual Symposium

10:10  
OPENING ADDRESS  
Peter Aeberhard  
Coordinator Swiss Civil Society Platform on Migration and Development (mdplatform)  
A brief about mdplatform and its activities

10:20  
KEYNOTE ADDRESS 1  
His Excellency Mr. Christoph Aparr Onyanga  
The Ambassador of Uganda to Switzerland and United Nations Offices in Geneva  
Topic: The Global Compact on Migration and its expectations in African Countries

10:35  
KEYNOTE ADDRESS 2  
Mr. Abdel Rahmane Diop  
Associate Migration Officer IOM Geneva, Global Compact for Migration Team  
Topic: The Global Compact for Migration its implication and implementation in African countries

11:55  
Coffee Break

11:15  
KEYNOTE ADDRESS 3  
His Excellency Osman Abufatima A. Mohammed  
The Ambassador of Sudan to Switzerland and the United Nations Offices in Geneva  
Topic: Migration – Durable solution to the emerging challenges of regional migration and its effects on food security, land and water resources from a global perspective.
11:30  **GUEST SPEAKER**  
Dr. Yima Sen  
Lecturer at Baze University, Abuja, Nigeria  
Topic: Migration – Herders and farmers conflicts, the emerging challenges of regional migration that threatens investment, food security and agricultural sustainability in Africa.

11:45  **KEYNOTE ADDRESS 4**  
Her Excellency Mrs. Athaliah Molokomme  
The Ambassador of Botswana to Switzerland and the United Nations Offices in Geneva  
Topic: Corruption – Why corruption is not necessary in Africa – Botswana’s case.

12:00  Lunch

13:00  **GUEST SPEAKER**  
Mr. Bert Evers  
Founder, CEO Evers Xcellence  
Theme: “Entrepreneurship – The solution for Africa’s economy, or an additional obstacle for those who fail?”

13:15  Panel Discussion

14:15  Coffee break

14:30  Awards presentation

16:30  Closing Remark

17:00 – 18:00  Network with coffee and refreshment

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### 2018 AFRICA LINK SOLIDARITY AWARD WINNERS

- **H.E. Léonard H. Bindzi**  
  Envoy of Excellence

- **Ms. Claudinah Ramosepele**  
  Envoy of Excellence

- **H. E. Osvaldo dos Santos Varela**  
  Envoy of Excellence

- **Ms. Sophia Bekele**  
  Champion of Development

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