



EVENT PROGRAMME

 **GABORONE, BOTSWANA**

 **6TH - 9TH DECEMBER**

Day One: 6th December 2023

Delegates Arrival and Registration

Day Two: 7th December 2023

TIME	SESSION
OPENING CEREMONY	
8:00am - 9:00am	Arrivals and registrations
9:00am - 9:15am	National Anthem Botswana Cultural Ensemble
9:15am - 9:25 am	Welcome Remarks
9:25am - 9:30am	Our African Dreams Documentary
9:30am - 9:40am	Keynote address
9:40am - 10:55am	The Journey to 2063: Presidential Perspectives The African Union developed Agenda 2063 to rally and unite in action all Africans around the common vision of a peaceful, integrated and prosperous Africa. This panel discusses Heads of State assessment at the national, regional and continental levels of the progress made nearly 10 years later.
10:55am - 11:05am	Heads of State Photo Opportunity
11:05am - 11:25am	Heads of State Exhibitions Tour
11:25am - 11:45am: Tea Break	
11:45am - 1:00pm	Faces of an Integrated African Market: From AfCFTA Pan-African Multi-nationals, and a Monetary Union It is estimated that a fully integrated African market will increase Africa's income by \$450 billion by 2035; increase intra-African exports by more than 81%; enable the African economy to reach the \$29 trillion mark by 2050. The African Union proposed the creation of an economic and monetary union for the countries of the bloc, administered by the African Central Bank. The union would create a new unified currency, sometimes referred to as the AFRO or AFRIQ. How much progress has been made on the African and common market and monetary union, and what are the challenges and enablers that will get us there?
1:00pm - 2:00pm: Lunch Break	
2:00pm - 3:15pm	Progress on Freedom of Movement One of the Agenda 2063 goals is free movement of people and capital. By 2016, just one African country offered open arrival visa or no visa access to citizens of ALL African countries. Today, five do, and 42 countries offer visa-free travel to the nationals of at least 5 other African countries. What are some of the impediments to travel around the continent as well as opportunities and policies that can be put in place to achieve ease of travel?
3:15pm - 4:50pm	Investment in the Agricultural Economy: Successes and Hurdles About a decade ago, optimistic forecasts said Africa's farmers and agribusinesses could create a trillion-dollar food market by 2030 if they could gain access to more capital, electricity, better technology and irrigated land to grow high-value foods, and if African governments could work more closely with agribusinesses. Seven years to 2030, as a result of policy actions, climate change, global crises, and population growth, Africa has become the most food-import-dependent region in the world – but it still has most of the world's arable land, and a fortune that can be made on the farms. How do we make Intra-Africa Agricultural Trade work and what are the available value addition opportunities in African agriculture?

Breakout 1**Climate challenge, and making intra-Africa agricultural trade**

The prospects for agriculture and food security in Africa are not rosy. Experts warn that under current climate projections, Africa will only be fulfilling 13% of its food needs by 2050, causing African countries to lose up to 16% gross GDP as a result of malnutrition alone. What can be done, and is being done, to address the climate crisis impact on agriculture, and prevent a worst-case outcome?

Breakout 2**Funding; the value addition opportunity in African agriculture**

What are the pathways for increased research and development; processing; managing post-harvest losses; harnessing fisheries and livestock; and investment in logistics?

4:50pm - 5:00pm: MC Wrap-up

7:00pm - 9:00pm: Gala Dinner

Day Three: 8th December 2023

TIME	SESSION
9:00am - 10:15am	State of Technology, Science, Research and Innovation Africa is the mother of fintech and mobile money. Africa's GDP is estimated at roughly US\$3.1 trillion today, with digital (e-commerce, fintech, automation/artificial intelligence, to name a few of the leaders) contributing about \$200 billion. In 2016 there were 314 innovation hubs in Africa supporting technology-based start-ups. Today they are nearly 700 – including a couple of cutting edge and digital fabrication libraries (fab labs) at universities. What are the opportunities for regional and continental innovation?
10:15am - 10:45am: Tea Break	
10:45am-12:00pm	When African youth get behind the wheel For decades, development reports have called out African countries for their unsustainable demographic growth. This growth tends to be viewed as a strain on almost all developmental capabilities. Today, more than 60% of Africa's population is under the age of 25. By 2030, young Africans are expected to constitute 42% of global youth. How does the future of Africa look like in the eyes of young people?
12:00pm - 1:00pm: Lunch Break	
1:00pm - 2:15pm	The Big Culture Debate Agenda 2063 envisioned “An Africa with a strong cultural identity, common heritage, shared values and ethics”. It called for an African cultural renaissance which, among other things, tapped into Africa's rich heritage and culture to ensure that the creative arts are major contributors to Africa's growth and transformation; and restoring and preserving Africa's cultural heritage, including its languages. What are the challenges and opportunities in the arts and sports space? How can Africa achieve its envisioned cultural identity?
2:20pm - 3:35 pm	Healthcare in Africa in the post-Covid era Africa defied the early Covid-19 doomsday predictions, with 200,000 deaths – a smidgen of the tens of millions that had been projected. It was dubbed “the great mystery of the pandemic”. The economic impact, however, has been heavy. And the disruption of critical health services scuttled years of progress fighting other deadly diseases, such as human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), tuberculosis (TB), and malaria, which continue to be the leading causes of death on the continent. Africa was also hit hard by vaccine inequality. Moving forward, how does Africa respond to pandemics while identifying opportunities around regional cooperation and open borders in dealing with the challenges?
3:40pm - 4:50pm	A scorecard: Reflecting on Africa's last 20 years and looking ahead to the next 20 The last 20 years have seen many highs, and lows, for Africa. What are Africa's successes and failures, possibilities and dangers that lie ahead and what is the way forward as we envision Africa as a “global powerhouse of the future”?
Closing Ceremony	
	NMG CEO Closing Remarks

Day Four: 9th December 2023

- Botswana Tourism Excursions
- Delegates Departure