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Date: 22nd March 2017

Venue: The Law Society, London

Timings: 12:00 – 21:30

The BCA's flagship event, **The Annual Debate** returns in March for its third edition. It has established itself as an important platform for everyone interested in and committed to African business.

The BCA is uniquely placed to host this forum with 60+ years of Africa market experience, business intelligence and an extensive public and private sector network.

Our theme for 2017 is **Africa: The Next Chapter**

As Africa enters a new phase in its development, African governments are facing decisions on how to create an attractive environment for economic growth. Commodity prices, currency fluctuations and political instability have challenged these perceptions and cast doubt in the minds of investors. The Annual Debate will focus on how Africa can respond to the challenges posed by global macroeconomic trends.

We will debate these key themes:

- Africa: a continent for the 21st Century?
- Finance and Investment: New realities post 'Africa Rising'
- Africa's tech revolution: Separating fact from fiction

Who will be there?

Our high-profile audience attracts industry leaders and practitioners from across relevant sectors: 200+ investors and senior decision makers from government agencies; financial and professional services; to those active in the energy, education, technology, real estate, logistics and construction sectors.

Confirmed speakers to date:

- **Arnold Ekpe**, Honorary President, BCA
- **Dr. Okechukwu Enelamah**, Minister of Industry, Trade and Investment, Nigeria
- **Fred Swaniker**, Founder, African Leadership University
- **Professor Thandika Mkandawire**, Professor of African Development, LSE
- **Albert Zeufack**, Chief Economist for Africa, World Bank
- **Mr Sihle Zikalala**, MPL, MEC for Economic Development, Tourism & Environmental Affairs
- **Dr. Yemi Kale**, Statistician General, National Bureau of Statistics, Nigeria (NBS)
- **Orli Arav**, Director of Investments, Soros Economic Development Fund
- **Julio Garrido-Mirapeix**, Head, IDAS Africa, KPMG
- **Joshua Oigara**, Group CEO, Kenya Commercial Bank
- **Babatunde Temitope Soyoye**, Managing Partner, Helios Investment Partners LLP
- **Jonathan Rosenthal**, Africa Editor, The Economist
- **Christopher Baker-Brian**, Co-founder & Chief Technology Officer, BBOX
- **Manji Cheto**, Senior Vice President, Teneo Intelligence
- **Ethel Cofie**, Co-founder, Women in Tech Africa; CEO and Founder, Edel Technology

Agenda

12:00 Registration & Networking Lunch

13:00 **Welcome:**
Lanre Akinola, Editor, African Business (Chair)
Arnold Ekpe, Honorary President, BCA

13:15 **Keynote Address:**
Africa for the 21st Century
Fred Swaniker, Founder, African Leadership University

13:45 **Debate:**
Africa: A continent for the 21st century?

- Urbanisation: Economic boon or demographic powderkeg?
- Brexit and Trump: What impact for Africa?
- Governance: Stuck in a start-stop cycle?
- The Youth: Much talked about, seldom taken seriously?

Moderated by:
Patrick Smith, Director of Africa Confidential and Editor of the Africa Report
Dr. Okechukwu Enelamah, Minister of Industry, Trade and Investment, Nigeria
Professor Thandika Mkandawire, Professor of African Development, LSE
Albert Zeufack, Chief Economist for Africa, World Bank
Mr Sihle Zikalala, MPL, MEC for Economic Development, Tourism & Environmental Affairs

14:45 Networking Coffee

15:15 **Keynote Address:**
Africa's economic outlook 2017
Dr. Yemi Kale, Statistician General, National Bureau of Statistics, Nigeria (NBS)

15:35 **Debate:**
Finance & Investment: New realities post 'Africa Rising'

- Blended finance: Can it reduce risks, maximise development impact and unlock additional funding?
- Where is capital for growth coming from?
- Private equity: Has the sector already peaked? Where are the deals?
- Impact investing: Who is doing it? Doing good, but doing well?
- What role is currency fluctuation, liquidity and capital repatriation having on investors?

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16:20 Networking Coffee

16:35 **On Stage Interview:
Ecobank's Digital Strategy**
Ade Ayeyemi, Group CEO, Ecobank (invited)

16:50 **Debate:**
Africa's tech revolution: Separating fact from fiction

- What is the impact of tech innovation on sectors like energy, entertainment and healthcare?
- Tech hubs: Are governments enabling innovative ecosystems?
- Fintech: Is Blockchain technology poised to fill Africa's financial services gap?

Moderated by:
Manji Cheto, Senior Vice President, TENEO Intelligence
Ebi Atawodi, General Manager – West Africa, Uber (invited)
Chris Baker-Brian, Co-founder and CTO, BBOXX
Ethel Cofie, Co-founder, Women in Tech Africa, CEO and Founder, Edel Technology

17:50 Summary of the day

18:00 Drinks Reception

19:15 Gala Dinner

21:30 Carriages