

UNDER THE HIGH PATRONAGE OF
HIS EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC
MR. ABDELAZIZ BOUTEFLIKA



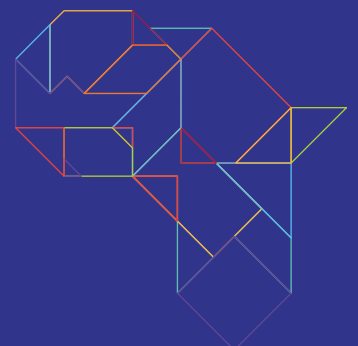
AFRICAN INVESTMENTS AND BUSINESS FORUM


ALGIERS MEETING



**Together, for
new dynamics**

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The International Conference Center of Algiers





Owing to its geographical location, Algeria has always been a gateway to Africa. Its millennium history, its heritage and culture deem to be, naturally, the basic elements of its African identity that it embraced and continue to embrace resolutely and eagerly.

Algerian policy in respect to its national environnement and towards the african continent has always been marked by a firm willingness to increase ways and means to ensure greatest collaboration and cooperation, sometimes, in spite of geographic restrictions and distance.

Algeria's commitment stems from its own fight for independence from 1954 to 1962, which linked unshakeably its common destiny with Africa.

Since that memorable fight, which had a significant impact on the liberation and decolonization of the African Continent, Algeria has never failed being present in any initiative and promising project in Africa.

Indeed, Algeria has always supported its brothers and companions, from the fight for liberation against colonialism, apartheid, racism and segregation, to the fight for the emancipation and dignity of the African peoples.

PREAMBLE

The challenge of the continent lies, hence, in the economic and social development, technological progress and human development.

The initiative to organize a great continental economic event in Algiers, from 03 to 05 December 2016, falls within this context. Its objective is to bring together governments and companies, public and private sectors, producers and consumers, designers and performers to consider the central issue of developing the African economic capacity, and contributing to the implementation of decisions and action of the African Union's plan in order to intensify and stimulate intra-African trade.

The meeting of Algiers is also intended as an expression of the motto « **work together to succeed together** », to achieve a new step towards the collective self reliance, with a view to find African solutions for Africa's problems.

It is also an opportunity for all entrepreneurs, businessmen and African operators hoping to engage in the economical revival of Africa.

In this regard, His Excellency the President of the Republic, Mr. Abdelaziz BOUTEFLIKA, agreed to sponsor this significant continental event, in order to emphasize his interest towards the rest of Africa, as well as he provides his steadfast support to this promising initiative.



The Regional Context



01. During the last decade, African countries witnessed **high rate economic performances** with double-digit growth rates, thereby opening up enormous opportunities for investments.

The continent's growth was driven by a high rate agricultural production, increased exports, dynamism of productive industries and the rise of internal consumption. It is also explained by the prudent public policies which have entailed great public expenditures, in particular with respect to investments in infrastructure and public services. The increase of internal consumption and the demand for investment has been fostered by the emergence of a middle class, rise of earnings and urbanization.

02. The strong economic fundamentals of our African continent **offer a great opportunity for public authorities** to implement economic diversification programmes, create jobs and maintain sustainable growth; all of which are compatible with the goals of reducing inequalities and fighting poverty.

03. However, the huge development potential in Africa remains underexploited. The significant investment opportunities lie, among other things, in creating value for raw material, developing infrastructure as well as the energy, information and communication technologies (ICT) and in the agri-food sectors.



An aerial photograph of a coastal city, likely Algiers, Algeria. The foreground shows a dense urban area with various buildings, including some with red-tiled roofs and others with flat roofs. A large, curved promenade or beach area runs along the coast. In the background, a large body of water (the Mediterranean Sea) is visible, with several ships in the harbor. Beyond the water, a range of mountains is visible under a blue sky with scattered clouds. The text "For an integrated and coherent African economy" is overlaid in white, bold, sans-serif font.

For an
integrated
and coherent
African economy



The Algerian context

2,382
millions of km²

2nd
african producer of
natural gas

6th
world producer of
natural gas

18th
world producer of oil

04. The economic situation of Algeria has improved significantly during the two past decades due to the restoration of major economic balances, including, a positive trade balance, a controlled inflation and a constantly evolving purchasing power (purchasing power parity GDP evolved faster than nominal GDP) over a large period.

Moreover, public expenditures have been soundly used in providing public services and infrastructures for the whole economy and for population. This has also contributed to the reduction of inequalities and poverty.

05. Throughout the current period, thanks to a strict and preventive budgetary and monetary policy, the Algerian economy has succeeded in overcoming the drop of its investment earnings due to the oil prices decreasing. Algeria has managed to maintain major macro-economic balances and to carry on its investment policy in infrastructure and in human and social development.

06. Being the largest country in Africa (**2.382 million km²**), Algeria is endowed with recognized strenghts: natural gas (**2nd in Africa and 6th in the world**) and oil (**18th in the world**); an important agricultural potential (**20% of the whole surface of the country is arable land**) and large and various industrial assets.

20%

of the surface is
arable land

Gold, Iron

Uranium, lead, zinc
and other significant
reserves

1400 km

of coastline on the
Mediterranean

Algeria possesses a wealth of industrial land as well as dedicated industrial and activity zones made available to foreign and local investors.

07. Also, the national territory possesses important reserves in mining resources such as: **iron, lead, phosphate, zinc, uranium, gold, tungsten, kaolin and marble.** These resources constitute an important reserve of raw material for industrial development, making it a real driver for economic development of the country. Algeria also possesses a tourism sector which offers attractive prospects for development. The country also represents a very dynamic market for a wide array of industrial products.

08. Algeria maintains a policy of its **economy's** diversification and its territorial development. Its objective is to push for greater African integration through improving infrastructure, bolstering its capacities for innovation and improving its attractiveness.



The Algerian context

In this context, important public investments were made, ten years ago, in infrastructure, especially in the sectors of transport (road, railroad, air and maritime), and electricity :

- The Algerian road network is **112 000 km** cover length (East-West and Trans-Saharan Highways);
- The railway network will be extended to total **12 500 km** in the future compared with the current **4000 km**, while **2000 km** are underway.
- **A project of construction of an important transshipment** harbour connected to the highway axes. **11** cargo ports, **02** oil ports, **41** fishing ports and one (01) marina are already built.
- Algeria also possesses 32 airports opened to civilian traffic. Algiers will have a new international air terminal by 2018 with a capacity of **10 million passengers/year**.
- The national society of gas and electricity, SONELGAZ, plans to invest up to **30 billion \$** to produce **1200 additional MW** of electricity by **2020**.
- In addition to the 94 water dams with a capacity of 9 billion m³, **11** desalination plants are on built and 3 are being finalized, with a capacity of **100 000 (m³/day) each**.

09. Additional major infrastructure projects, whether under construction or planned, offer new opportunities for Algerian enterprises as well as for those across the whole African continent. These major projects will contribute considerably to the regional integration movement in Africa. The trans-Saharan road, called « **Road of African Unity** », in particular, should significantly contribute to such integration.

This key road infrastructure – over **9000 km** – aims to promote African economic integration through a real corridor between western Africa and ports on the Mediterranean via the Algerian road network. The realization of the **North-South** section going from **Algiers to Lagos** – covering **4500 km** – is well advanced: Algeria plans to complete, by 2017, the whole section which extends from Tamanrasset to the Malian border (**320 km**).

The realization and the interconnection of IT networks throughout Africa is also a key objective. A clear example is the optic fiber project **ABUJA-ZINDER-ALGIERS** which constitutes a real backbone able to share information and boost IT capacity.

10. As regards the **private sector**, it constitutes an essential asset for the diversification of the Algerian economy. Owing to its dynamism, it is already helping with the economic's and social spheres's reorientation and development as well as with the administrative and partnership environment's improvement.

Private enterprises contribute to the development of a national project which necessitates the involvement of equity holders as well as those who possess new and innovative ideas and technologies.

The fast growing vibrant private sector is the main job supplier (**60% of total employment**). It is the source of **85% of the added value** generated outside the oil and gas sectors. The private sector will play a clear and decisive role over this period of economic transformation.

11. Algerian companies are ready to establish relationships, with companies from across the African continent founded not only on business exchanges but also on the construction of real partnerships. **African companies enjoy countless opportunities to build** solid and sustainable relationships in Africa, in the numerous and diversified activity fields resulting essentially from the huge social needs which our continent has to meet.



An aerial photograph of a vast, arid desert landscape. A winding road cuts through the lower portion of the frame, with a small red vehicle visible on it. The terrain is characterized by rolling hills and deep, eroded gullies, all in shades of brown and tan. The sky is a hazy, light brown color, blending into the horizon.

Together for
economic,
social
and human
development



Forum opportunity

Until 10%
of intra-African
exchanges

12. In order to build a robust economy able to contribute resolutely to the emergence of the continent, African enterprises need, first and foremost, to be present and expand on the huge African market. Although, at present, the intra-African exchanges represent only **10%** of the continent's global trade with the rest of the world, while the intra regional trade represents **70%** in Europe, **50%** in Asia and **22%** in Latin America.

70%
of intra-European
exchanges

13. Since the continent offers some of the highest returns on investments and possibilities to attract investments, the African economies have the potential to be part of the international value chains within the framework of **win-win** partnerships.

50%
of intra-Asian
exchanges

14. Africa contains huge potential and **we** must develop it ourselves. For this purpose, the most effective way is certainly to develop partnerships between African companies in order to fructify African capitals in African countries.

22%
of intra-South
American exchanges

15. Developing trade exchanges between African economies needs to be upheld through exports development and national products promotion.

16. Moreover, it is necessary today to have long-term plans by establishing development foundations for investment and the promotion of partnerships **between African companies** that should pool their talents to reduce progressively the dependence of our continent in terms of **technologies and know-how.**

17. In this context, the Forum will seek to provide **appropriate solutions** by allowing Algerian companies interact with other African companies in matters of know-how, technology and sharing experience.

18. It is important to know that the business environment in Algeria and its investment code constitutes a set of incentive mechanisms that aims mainly to integrate the Algerian economy in its regional and continental climate in order to ensure its growth, through its economy diversification and the development of partnerships with African countries.

19. The Algerian market represents indeed a considerable potential for African economies growth. This potential therefore should be exploited by means of economic openness that works to establish one of the largest and most attractive incentive promoting mechanisms on the continent. National priority is to implement incentive policies through facilitation and simplification measures at organizational, institutional and regulatory levels, but also through very attractive fiscal and parafiscal advantages.





A scope for collective opportunities



Forum's format and objectives

Build
win-win partnerships

Dialogue
between African
public decision-
makers and
economic operators

Plateforme
to discuss, in a direct
manner, investment
opportunities

Specific
B2B and **B2G**

20. The present Forum, will focus mainly on how African economic actors can build and set **win-win sustainable partnerships**. The Forum will be a good opportunity to meet principal actors of regional and global economy and finance, to highlight challenges and opportunities in various key sectors and to provide a **platform for dialogue between African public decision-makers** and economic operators. The Forum will also emphasize the national and regional projects seeking financial and technical partners.

21. This Forum will provide an appropriate platform where stakeholders may directly discuss investment and business opportunities. It will take place over 3 days, and ultimately aims at **generating a wide range of new investment and business opportunities**, unveiling new projects likely to find strategic partners and promoting the appropriate fundings establishment.

22. This wide Pan-African meeting will help to enrich the debate on the social and economic development of Africa through plenary conferences, workshops and high-level round tables as well as specific **B2B** and **B2G** that will be organized according to the participants wishes with the assistance of interpreters, if necessary. This meeting will also provide access to institutional partners and events sponsors, national and international institutions projects and promoters, to financial professionals, consulting firms and service suppliers, etc.

In addition to thematic discussions, an investment and export exhibition will be held in parallel in order to demonstrate African companies potential and abilities to integrate the African and wider global economy.

The objectives of the workshops:

- Identifying the **huge potentials** of the African continent, as well as way to **strengthen links** between the African economic sectors in order to increase business opportunities ;
- **Identifying impediments** related to doing business and exchanging views on how to improve business environment.
- **Reinforcing cooperation and consultation among African companies.**

23. This public-private platform will bring together African business leaders from different sectors to share their vision on long-term commitments in Africa and to create the right conditions for achieving win-win partnerships.



Work together
to succeed
Together





Participation

A rich panel
of Representatives
of African
governmental
authorities

Strong
presence
of African banks

Important
Media
covering all segments
of the meetings

24. The **Institutional participation** includes representatives and authorities from various African governments; Regional Economic Communities (REC); International and regional economic and financial institutions such as, the World Bank Group, the African Development Bank, the ABEDA (Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa), the Islamic Development Bank Group, the West African Development Bank, among others; as well as Non-Governmental Organizations involved in the development projects in Africa.

25. Business community will be represented by employer organizations and business leadership associations, African companies' leaders, commercial Banks, investment funds and sovereign wealth funds, chambers of commerce and industry/business consultancies and think-thanks dedicated to the business world, legal experts/consultants/analysts/economists.

26. Media : The event will be covered by national media and the main international media.

Useful information



ORGANIZATION :

The Forum is organized by the inter-sectorial Organizing committee headed by the Minister of State, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation.

The Organizing Committee (OC) is composed of representatives of Prime Ministry, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Ministry of Industry and Mines, Ministry of Commerce and business leaders Forum (FCE).



DATE AND VENUE :

The event will be held from 03 to 05 December 2016 at the International Conference Centre (CIC), Staoueli (Algiers).



LANGUAGES :

Full documentation will be available in Arabic, French, English and Portuguese. Simultaneous interpretation services will be available in the four mentioned languages during all sessions.



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