

Great Lakes Investment and Trade Conference (GLITC)

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Kigali Convention Centre
18 – 20 March 2020

Concept and Draft Annotated Agenda

Theme: “Cross-border investment and trade as catalysts for development and regional integration”

The signatory member states of the ICGLR PACT and the Peace, Security and Cooperation Framework (PSC-F) will convene the Great Lakes Investment and Trade Conference (GLITC) on 18-20 March 2020 under the auspices of the Government of Rwanda. The event is jointly organized by the Office of the Special Envoy of the United Nations Secretary-General for the Great Lakes region, the Secretariat of the International Conference on the Great Lakes region (ICGLR) and the Rwanda Development Board. It follows the first Great Lakes Private Sector Investment Conference held in 2016 in Kinshasa hosted by the Government of the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC).

The mobilization of private sector investment into the region to harness the extensive natural resources endowments and other economic opportunities will offer mutual benefits to investors and the countries of the region that are on the path of economic transformation. By creating more economic opportunities and wealth for a growing number of people, increased private sector and institutional investments can add great value to the collective efforts towards sustainable peace, stability and the transformation of the Great Lakes region.

The GLITC will provide a platform for the promotion of cross-border projects, and investment opportunities in the African Great Lakes region in several sectors, such as energy, mining, agriculture, infrastructure, and services, including finance, information technology, communication, tourism, health and others.

The Conference will also provide the opportunity for useful public sector-private sector dialogue on investments and the prevailing business climate in the countries of the region as well as networking opportunities to over 700 participants from all over the world.

Moreover, the GLITC will include a high-level political segment with the participation of political and economic leaders and high-profile investors. Plenary sessions with key-note speakers, industry sector specific sessions as well as exhibition stands for Member States to showcase country-specific projects and economic opportunities will be prominent features of the conference.

It is expected that at the end of the conference, valuable information would have been exchanged, useful networking contacts established, and trade and investment deals initiated to promote responsible business that would provide livelihood opportunities and inclusion of the teeming women and youth population, thereby contributing to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals in the region.

Key benefits

Participants will benefit from opportunities to:

- (i) Access critical networking pool with Government representatives, business executives, and international development partners active in the African Great Lakes region;
- (ii) Better understand the dynamics and prospects of cross-border investment and trade in the region;
- (iii) Gain knowledge of the economic opportunities of the countries in the region and the institutional and regulatory frameworks in place to facilitate cross-border investments, especially in view of the establishment of the Africa Continental Free Trade Area (AFCTA);
- (iv) Participate in high-level dialogue on the regional investment climate, promotion of responsible business conduct and the building of public-private partnerships in the region;
- (v) Identify emerging long-term investment opportunities and avail of cross-border projects that are bankable, ready for business and conform to inclusive and responsible investment requirements;
- (vi) Identify bottlenecks that constrain the development of private sector investment and trade within the GLR and learn of joint efforts and plans by Governments and relevant stakeholders to address them;
- (vii) Match potential investors to promoters of projects in the following priority areas: Agriculture; Infrastructure; Mining; Energy; Services (ICT, Finance) and take note of the concrete commitments that could result from these interactions.

07.00 - 08.45 **Arrival at the Venue for the Opening Ceremony:** Coffee and snacks
(Kigali Convention Centre)

A Master of Ceremony to be proposed by RDB

09.00 - 09.05 **Welcome remarks:** Ms. Clare Akamanzi, CEO Rwanda Development Board (RDB)

09.05 - 09.20 **Key-note address:** Mr. Wamkele Mene, Secretary General-elect, African Continental Free Trade Agreement Secretariat, AUC

09.20- 09.30 **Address:** H.E. Chief Olusegun Obasanjo, former President of Nigeria, Patron of the GLITC

09.30- 09.40 **Opening address by the Guest of Honor (host country)**

09.45-11.10 **High level Panel: Mobilizing private investment to strengthen regional economic integration for shared prosperity, structural transformation and durable peace in the Great Lakes region**

Despite the huge economic potential of the Great Lakes region, its development has been plagued for decades by political instability, conflicts and tensions over illicit exploitation of natural resources.

The recent positive political developments are, however, changing the trajectory and the future of a region that would like now to focus more on the mobilization of private sector investment to take advantage of tremendous economic opportunities that could be catalytic in creating shared prosperity and therefore collective responsibility for ensuring structural transformation and lasting peace of the region.

Session Objectives

This high-level Panel will provide a platform to the political and economic leaders of the region to share and engage with high-profile business leaders and representatives of international/regional Organizations. This interactive session will aim to highlight the tremendous regional economic opportunities and measures aimed to boost intra-regional

trade, improve the business climate and promote private investment, in the context of the operationalization of the African Continental Free Trade Area.

Moderator: A Master of Ceremony and Moderator to be proposed by RDB

Key-Note Speaker: Dr. Donald Kaberuka, former President, African Development Bank (tbc)

Panelists **Hon. Ms. Amelia Kyambadde**, Minister of Trade, Industry and Cooperatives, Republic of Uganda

H.E.Mr. Jean-Lucien Bussa, Minister in charge of Foreign Trade, Democratic Republic of Congo,

H.E.Mr. Innocent Bashungwa, Minister of Industry and Trade, United Republic of Tanzania

Hon. Ms. Angellah Kairuki, Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office, responsible for Investment, United Republic of Tanzania

Dr. Sidi Ould Tah, Director General, Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa (BADEA)

Mr. Richard Ngatia, Chair Kenya Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Chair of the ICGLR Private Sector Forum

Mr. Adesse Admassu, President and CEO, Trade and Development Bank, Mauritius

Dr. Fodé Ndiaye, United Nations Resident Coordinator, Rwanda

11.10 – 11.30 **Break and Group picture, followed by the exhibition tour**

VIP and Participants will tour the exhibition space to learn about the range of investment opportunities in the Great Lakes region. Exhibition stalls will remain open throughout the Conference.

11.30 – 12.30 Plenary Session I: Operationalization of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA): what are the opportunities and expectations for the Great Lakes region?

The AfCFTA entered into force on 30 May 2019. This historic agreement which is a landmark achievement in fostering regional integration, will lead to the creation of a single continental market. It is expected the transition phase to the AfCFTA alone could generate welfare gains of \$16.1 billion and boost intra-African trade by 33 per cent. Research has shown that countries do not benefit equally from regional trade integration. However, all African countries would be better off with AfCFTA than without. As a sub-region, the Great Lakes region has the right ingredients to be competitive, at the continental level, in many sectors. This session aims to discuss how to harness the opportunities and overcome the challenges, from the Great Lakes region perspectives. How to make it profitable for SMEs to accelerate growth and allow the countries of the region to be more competitive in global trade and value chains?

Moderator: Mr. Etienne Giros, President, European Business Council for Africa and Mediterranean (EBCAM), Paris,

Panelists:

Hon. Ms. Soraya Hakuziyaremye, Minister of Trade and Industry, Rwanda

Ms. Isabelle Durant, Deputy Secretary-General, United Nations Conference on Trade and development (UNCTAD), Geneva

Dr. Peter J. Pham, US Special Envoy for the Great Lakes region, Department of State, Washington DC, USA (tbc)

Ms. Ahunna Eziakonwa, Assistant Administrator UNDP and Regional Director for Africa, New York

Mr. Faustin Mbundu Kananura, Executive Chairman, MFK Group Rwanda

(tbc)

12.30 – 13.30 Plenary Session 2: Promoting private sector investment for cross-border projects in the Great Lakes Region

The Great Lakes countries are well endowed with natural resources and share an ecosystem that creates complex interdependencies. Yet, this huge potential is not fully exploited and has not yet translated into significant improvement of the well-being for the population. For this reason, Great Lakes countries are combining their efforts to develop joint projects to foster multi-sectorial cooperation for the benefit of border communities and to advance on a path of peace and shared prosperity. The role of the private sector is key to mobilize private investment crucial to support the implementation of cross-border projects.

This session will discuss the challenges faced by the private sector when investing in regional projects; the opportunities of creating regional frameworks to support such investments and how to best promote public-private partnerships for the sustainable management of the region's natural resources endowment towards shared prosperity.

Moderator: **Ms. Bestine Kazadi**, Special Adviser for regional integration and cooperation to the President, DRC,

Panelists:

Mr. Oscar Fernandez-Taranco, Assistant Secretary-General for Peacebuilding Support, United Nations, New York

Mr. Toufiq S. Turkey, Board Chairman, East African Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture (EACCIA, Tanzania)

Ms. Claudia Voss, Managing Director, Afrika-Verein der deutschen Virschaft (German-African Business Association), Germany

Mr. Herman Tuyaga, Permanent Executive Secretary, Economic Community of the Great Lakes countries (CEPGL), Gisenyi

Mr. Gerardus Gielen, Great Lakes Coordinator, EEAS, European Union

13.30 – 14.30 **Lunchtime**

14.30 – 15.30 **Presentation of the flagship cross-border projects**

The presentation will focus on flagship cross-border projects identified in the Great Lakes region, highlight success stories and involve stakeholders, including Government officials, project promoters, investors and development partners.

Moderator: **Mrs. Sandrine Sorieul**, Director General, French Council for Investors in Africa (CIAN), Paris

Presenters: **Mrs. Catherine Collin**, Head of Representation, East Africa Office, European Investment Bank (EIB), Nairobi

Mr. Tomas Sales, Special Adviser private sector, UNDP, Pretoria

Mr. Michael Sudarkasa, CEO, Africa Business Group, South Africa

Mr. Pierre Roy-Contancin, Secretary-General, Group Vivendi Africa (GVA), Paris

Mrs. Virginia Villararribas, Country Director and Representative, World Food Programme, Burundi

15.30 - 16.30 **Plenary Session 3 “Improving the Business climate through effective regulatory reforms in the Great Lakes region”**

Many Great Lakes countries are among the fastest growing economies in Africa. Increasing investment inflows have been the main drivers of these countries’ sustained growth. While the private sector is indeed the main driver of development, Governments still have the role to establish the conducive climate in which businesses can operate optimally. Countries of the Great Lakes region have dedicated significant efforts to improve the investment climate to attract foreign direct investment.

This session will aim to identify the major constraints in the respective sectors and seek out ways to: address constraints that hamper investments in the Great Lakes region; harness

the opportunities to streamline business regulations and simplify regulatory requirements for businesses.

Moderator: Pr. Alphonse Ntumba Luaba, former Executive Secretary, ICGLR

Panelists: Ms. Sandra Uwera, CEO, COMESA Business Council, Zambia

Mr. Jean-Christophe Carret, Director of Operations, World Bank for DRC and Burundi

Mr. Anthony Nkinzo, Director General ANAPI (Investment Promotion Agency), DRC

Ms. Ginette Karirekinyana, Vice-Chairperson Federal Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Burundi

Ms. Francesca di Mauro, Head of Unit, EuropeAid, European Commission, Brussels

16.30 – 16.45 Tea/coffee break

16.45 – 18.00 Thematic Breakout Sessions

Thematic Session 1 Infrastructure: “Development corridors”: Where do we stand in the Great Lakes region?

“Development corridors” are the new generation of integrated transport and transit corridors, increasingly used as a vehicle to boost intra-regional trade, economic growth and structural transformation in Africa. They have the potential to amplify the mobility of persons and goods, develop connectivity between urban centers, connect landlocked countries to international gateways such as ports in neighboring countries, boost the agriculture, increase exports and improve regional economic integration.

This session aims to explore the state of existing corridors in the Great lakes and how to harness the opportunities to promote a “development corridors” approach in a region with an important number of landlocked countries and to contribute to durable peace and shared prosperity.

Moderator: Ms. Rosa Malango, United Nations Resident Coordinator, Uganda

Panelists:

Mr. Dieudonné Kasembo, Vice-président, Fédération des Entreprises du Congo (FEC), Kinshasa

Mr. Frank Mutsaert, CEO, Trademark East Africa, Nairobi

Mr. Beenunula Eyenunula Nunumisa, Chairman /CEO, SDC Capital Partners Ltd (HK & Uganda)

Mr. Emmanuel Rutagengwa, Executive Secretariat, Central Corridor Transit Transport Facilitation Agency, Dar Es Salam, Tanzania

H.E. Amb. Nicola Bellomo, Head of Delegation European Union, Kigali

Thematic Session 2: Energy: Investing in renewable energy in the Great Lakes region

Despite the rich endowments of energy resources, the Great Lakes region is seriously deficient in energy supply. The cost of energy is prohibitive and remains one of the main obstacles to the region's industrialization aspirations. Given the important existing potential, diversification of electricity sources through renewable energy solutions – such as solar, wind, geothermal and hydro power – is seen now as a durable alternative to reach the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) of universal access to energy by 2030. Indeed, several Great Lakes countries are already reaping benefits from investment in renewables. However, some bottlenecks remain and include lack of finance, lack of interest from investors and the desire by some to take on mega projects that could easily fail to attract private investors. This session will discuss how to harness the opportunities to generate significant amounts of clean energy, diversify the energy sources to meet the Great Lakes region fast-growing energy needs through optimal use of the region's abundant renewable energy resources.

Moderator: Ms. Mary Njue, CEO, Epicenter Africa, Nairobi

Panelists: **Dr. Lianming Sun**, Director of the Office in Addis Ababa, Global Energy Interconnection Development and Cooperation Organization (GEIDCO)

Mr. Ephrem Balole, CEO, Virunga Energie, DRC, Goma, DRC

Ms. Inhee Chung, Country Representative, Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI), Rwanda Office

Mr. Jonathan Shaw, CEO, NURU (previously known as the Kivu Green Energy, DRC

Mr. Denis Banlier, Deputy CEO, Orange and Chair, Congolese Association for Decentralized and Renewable Energy Resources (ACERD), Kinshasa

Thematic Session 3 Agriculture: “Investing in Agricultural Value Chains in the Great Lakes region”

The Great Lakes region has a great potential in agriculture, with almost half of Africa’s arable land, waters and huge markets. Agriculture represents a significant part of the economy of the region and can effectively help fight food insecurity, eradicate poverty, boost intra-regional trade, develop value chains, create decent jobs and be the driver for industrialization, economic diversification and structural transformation. Yet, many Great Lakes countries are still net food importers. Other major risks in the region include agriculture’s vulnerability to climate change, the issue of land rights and heavy reliance on primary commodity exports. For agriculture to be a main driver of sustainable economic growth in the region, there is a need to drive an agricultural revolution. It will require, amongst others, to increase significantly private sector investment in agri-food value chains, foster entrepreneurship and boost intra-regional trade. This session will discuss pragmatic approaches to the sustainable development of the agro-industry sector and to harness the opportunities for cross-border agricultural value chains in the region.

Moderator: **Ms. Olive Kigongo**, Chair, Uganda Chamber of Commerce, Kampala

Panelists: **Pr. Ahmed El Tigani Abdelrahim**, CEO, Al Rawabi Dairy, Dubai

Ms. Marie Müque Kigoma, Co-founder of Fruito, Bujumbura

Mr. Bill Kayonga, CEO of National Agricultural Export Development Board, Rwanda

Ms. Nicole Kalonji, CEO Kanlo, DRC

Ms. Allio Chloe, DEVCO, European Commission, Brussels

Thematic Session 4 Youth Entrepreneurship: Investing in youth in the Great Lakes region

420 million youth represents Africa's greatest resource. Almost seventy-five per cent of the population in the Great Lakes Region is aged under thirty-five. Young people are a vast source of innovation, ideas and solutions. Yet many are not in employment, education or training. To fulfil the vision and aspirations of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, African Union Agenda 2063 and shared prosperity in the Region, we need young people to champion and place their economic empowerment to the front of our development strategies, through focuses on training, employment and empowerment, especially for girls.

This session will not only showcase success stories and highlight challenges but also explore ways in which leaders and partners can use to support youth entrepreneurs and empower them as positive change agents to work towards sustainable development.

Moderator: Mr. Ramah Nyang, Business Anchor, CGTN, Nairobi

Panelists: Ms. Aya Chebbi, Special Envoy on Youth, African Union Commission, Addis Ababa

Ms. Christelle Kwizera, CEO, Water Access Rwanda, Top 20 of Africa Netpreneur Prize Initiative (tbc)

Ms. Shamim Nabuuma Kaliisa, Founder of Chil Ai Lab Uganda, Top 20 of Africa Netpreneur Prize Initiative

Mr. Jeremy Riro, Managing Partner, Fie-Consult, Nairobi

Mr. Ivan Kazadi Kankonde, Adviser, National Oversight Mechanism, Kinshasa

18.00 -19.00 Networking

19.00 – 21.00 Cocktail

Day 2: 19 March 2020

08.00 – 09.00 Arrival

09.00 – 10.20 Plenary Session IV: Promoting Women Entrepreneurs in the Great Lakes region

Research shows that women-owned businesses in Africa tend to be smaller in size and grow more slowly than those run by men. Yet, women entrepreneurs are equally efficient and growth-oriented as men-owned businesses. Despite this discrepancy, many more women entrepreneurs are succeeding. However, due to specific challenges female entrepreneurs face, the Great Lakes region has a long way to go to reach equality of opportunity. Expanding the opportunities for women entrepreneurs through policies that foster gender equality would have a tremendous impact on economic growth in the region.

This session will seek out ways to overcome these challenges and build a more equitable economic ecosystem between genders. It will also discuss whether there are targeted policies Great Lakes countries can use to promote high-growth women entrepreneurs.

Moderator: **Dr. Amany Asfour** World President, Federation of Business and Professional Women, Cairo

Key-Note Speaker: **H.E. Ms. Catherine Samba Panza**, former acting President, Central African Republic, Bangui

Panelists:

- **Mme Patricia Nzolantima**, Country Director for DRC, Center for Women Economic Empowerment, Kinshasa
- Ms. Eugenie Mushimiyimana**, Vice Chairperson of PSF, Rwanda (tbc)
- Ms. Lydia W. Gachoya**, Vice-President, Regional Women Forum, ICGLR, Nairobi
- Ms. Paravina Makah Lakha**, General Manager Operations, ACCORD, South Africa
- Dr. Tshepelayi Kabata**, Technical advisor, Office of the Director General, BADEA, Khartoum

10.20 – 10.40 Tea Break

10.40 – 12.00 Thematic Breakout Sessions

Thematic Session 5

Mining: “*Developing local content and regional value chains in minerals*”

The Great Lakes region has one of the greatest concentrations of precious minerals and metals on earth. Most of these minerals are used in the manufacture of a range of high-tech devices, such as mobile phones, batteries, laptops and spacecraft, with demands increasing exponentially. So far, the abundance of mineral resources has not yet been transformed into inclusive socio-economic well-being. The exploitation and trade of minerals in the region are challenged by effective governance. Consequently, the wealth and economic opportunities deriving from natural resources are very unequally distributed and often finance non-state armed groups which further destabilize the region. In response to this, diverse regional and international efforts to break the link between the illicit trade of natural resources and conflict in the Great Lakes region have been proposed, with limited results so far. However, optimal management of extractive resources can help develop local content, create many more jobs and diversify economies in the region through linkages to the broader economy. The session will explore the opportunities to develop regional value chains in minerals, create demand for services and goods that will support economic growth and shared prosperity.

Moderator: **Mr. Adalbert Hakizimana**, Executive Director, Chamber of Arts and Crafts, Federal Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CFCIB), Burundi

Panelists: **Mr. Francis Gatare**, CEO of the *Rwanda* Mines, Petroleum & Gas Board (tbc)

Ms. Yvette Mwanza, President of the North Kivu Chamber of Businesses and Traders, DRC

Mr. Charles Kahuthu, CEO East Africa Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture, Kenya

Mr. Gerardus Gielen, Great Lakes Coordinator, EEAS, European Union

Thematic Session 6

Promotion of a favorable Science, Technology and Innovations (STI) ecosystem in the Great Lakes region”

The last two decades have witnessed important STI progress in the Great Lakes region. This includes agricultural technological innovations; “green” mobility technologies (e.g. electric and solar powered vehicles) and innovations in mobile money transfers such as M-pesa. STI is increasingly becoming a key enabler of jobs and wealth creation, sustainable development towards socio-economic transformation of countries of the region. This aligns well with the AU Agenda 2063 Science, Technology, Innovation Strategy for Africa (STISA-2024) that seeks to *“accelerate Africa’s transition to an Innovation-led, Knowledge-based Economy...to promote creativity and innovation technologies to locally process the continent’s abundant natural resources, and to create more wealth and jobs for the youth on the continent....This will create new opportunities for value-added employment by adapting and commercializing the outputs of national and regional innovation across Africa* (STISA-2024, AU Commission, page 23).

However, much more needs to be done for STI to become a game-changer and more effectively address the region’s sustainable development challenges. This is critical in the 21st Century Global Knowledge Economy where innovation is the watchword. Thus, STI will be a game-changer in strategic areas such as innovation, value addition and manufacturing especially in the agricultural value chain; and in industrialization through application of Science, Technology (including ICTs), Engineering and Innovations (STEI). Renewable energy research & development (R&D) and innovation in the region, too, need application of STI.

This session, therefore, will discuss the costs and benefits of an enabling STI ecosystem towards greater investment, business development and private sector growth for jobs, wealth creation and socio-economic transformation of Africa’s Great Lakes region.

Moderator: Mr. George Piwang-Jalobo, Chairman, Amor Investments Co Ltd, Uganda

Panelists: Ms. Juliana Rotich, Technologist, Strategic Advisor and Entrepreneur, Kenya

Dr. Karamo Sonko, Chairman of Taf Africa Global Ltd., Banjul, The Gambia, and Dubai, UAE

Ms. Beatrice K. Mwasi, Business development Consultant & Trainer

Ms. Bilha Ndirangu, CEO, Africa’s talking, Kenya

Thematic Session 7 Finance: “Improving access to finance for Entrepreneurs in the Great Lakes region”

Access to finance is a main obstacle for African Entrepreneurs and SMEs. Alternative financing sources, such as the bonds or stock markets, are hardly relevant to MSMEs and still underdeveloped in most economies of the region. However, financial sector reforms have led to improvements in many countries of the region. Digital technologies, new financing partners and innovative financing instruments are making it easier for businesses to access finance. This session will explore those innovative financing models and instruments in support of Entrepreneurs and SMEs of the Great Lakes region to close the financial gap: private equity, public equity, angel investing, impact financing, climate finance.... etc.

Moderator: **Mrs. Nnenna Nwabufo**, Deputy Director General in East Africa, African Development Bank, Nairobi

Panelists: **Mr. Adesse Admassu**, President and CEO, Trade and Development Bank

Ms. Catherine Collin, Head of Representation, East and Central Africa, European Investment Bank (tbc)

Mr. Yasser El Gammal, Country Manager, World Bank, Rwanda

Mr. Benjamin-Tedla Hecker, Innovative Financing Unit, DEVCO, European Commission, Brussels

Ms. Divine Ntamuvunyi, Head of Digital Banking, Interbank, Bujumbura

Thematic Session 8 Health: “Promoting private sector investment in the health sector in the Great Lakes region”

Many Great Lakes countries have made impressive strides in strengthening health systems and expanding coverage. However, most of them are far off track for reaching by 2030 the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 3 “ensure *healthy* lives and promote wellbeing for all at all ages”. Serious efforts still have to be done to improve both public and private health care options in particularly for the poor, the equity and efficiency of the health financing systems through enhanced domestic resource mobilization. The private sector already delivers a good part of all health-related goods and services in the region. Yet, research has

shown that greater investment in private health companies could have major health and economic benefits for low-income Africans.

This session will explore opportunities to better harness the private sector to help enhance the quality and quantity of health care and achieve the Sustainable Development Goal of universal health coverage.

Moderator: **Mr. Kiprono Kittony**, CEO, Capital Realtime Limited, Nairobi

Panelists: **Dr. Garry Conille**, United Nations Resident Coordinator, Burundi

Ms. Nicole Sulu Tshiyoyo, Entrepreneur, Founder Makutano, Congolese leading business network, DRC

Pr. Ruth W. Nduati, External Advisory Board Member, Department of Global Health, University of Washington

Dr. Isaac Thompson Amos, Managing Director/Chief Executive Thompson & Grace Pharmaceuticals Limited, Lagos

12.00 - 13.00 Lunch

13.00 –15.00 Secretariat work and side events

15.00 – 15.45 Report back Plenary Session

Reports from the various breakout sessions will be presented and discussed.

Rapporteur: **Mr. Stephen Ruzibiza**, CEO Private Sector Forum, Rwanda

15.45 – 16.30 Closing Plenary-Statements

Ms. Clare Akamanzi, CEO, RDB

Ms. Vera Songwe, Executive Secretary, UNECA (tbc)

Dr. Sidi Ould Tah, Director General, Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa (BADEA)

Amb. Basile Ikouebe, Special Representative, African Union Liaison Office in Burundi,

Amb. Zachary Muburi Muita, Executive Secretary, International Conference on the Great Lakes Region (ICGLR)

Amb. Huang Xia, Special Envoy of the Secretary General for the Great Lakes region, United Nations

16.30 – 17.30 Press Conference

18.00 Dinner

Day 3: 20 March 2020: Networking, Matchmaking and *Field visits*

The 3rd day of the Conference is fully dedicated for side events, networking and matchmaking activities as well as field visits.

Networking and matchmaking activities are valuable and integral parts of the GLITC, which aims to facilitate interactions and connections between participants. The GLITC matchmaking tool will provide a digital platform for participants to initiate new business relationships or build on existing ones.

Opportunities will be also given to participants to have field visits, under the leadership of Rwanda Convention Bureau (RCB). Sites to visit will be determined shortly.