

PROGRAM

DIASPORA BUSINESS AND INVESTORS FORUM

SATURDAY, 22ND OF OCTOBER 2016, 14HRS, BERN, SWITZERLAND

ZSO Bantiger Zivilschutzzentrum, Steinbruchweg 7, 3072 Ostermundigen/Bern

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Theme: Why you should invest in Nigeria NOW

At the occasion of the celebration of the 56th anniversary of Nigeria independence, Nigeria Business Forum in Switzerland organizes a Diaspora Business and Investors Forum with a special trade and investment exchange between Nigerians in Diaspora, Swiss and Nigerian business men and government officials. This forum is a patriotic response to the call of the Nigerian Federal Government on the Diaspora to boost the current drive to diversify the Nigerian economy. The forum will be chaired by the Chargé d’Affaires of the Nigeria Embassy in Bern, Mr. W. B. Balogun. H.E. Dr Goodluck Jonathan, President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 2010-2015 as Special Guest of Honour. Also invited are representatives of the Nigerian Investment Promotion Commission NIPC, members of the Swiss and Nigerian private and public sectors as well as Nigerians in Diaspora in Europe.

Other state governments and organizations are also billed to attend the forum to seize the opportunity of the federal government presence and international investors at the forum to woo prospective investors to their states. This forum will explore the business opportunities in Nigeria especially in the area of agriculture, solid minerals, education and health sectors, infrastructure development, science and technology, oil and gas among others. With a population of 184 million people and vast human and natural resources, Nigeria remains Africa’s largest market and a desired investment destination.

This forum is suited for Business people seeking new opportunities or who want to extend their business network to new horizon. The event will present a trade exchange between the diaspora, Swiss and Nigerian business outfits.

The forum is divided into three parts, namely:

- presentations from the public and private sectors on Nigeria’s Investment opportunities and incentives, Nigeria-Swiss Trade bilateral relations, followed by a panel discussion on Nigeria business environment,
- a diaspora open forum to discuss matters affecting Nigerians in Diaspora policy engagement with motherland, the state of the nation
- Gala and Awards Night, dinner with socio-cultural evening, music and dance

English is the official language of the forum

DRAFT PROGRAMME

PART I

- 13h30 Arrival of participants
- 14h00 Welcome speech by the President of Nigeria Business Forum in Switzerland,
Dozie Celeste Ugochukwu
- 14h10 Opening speech by the Chairman, Chargé d’Affaires, Nigerian Embassy to Switzerland
Mr. W. B. Balogun
- 14h20 Opening remark by Chief Guest of Honour, **H.E. Dr Goodluck Jonathan**, President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 2010-2015
- 14h45 Keynote address by **Dr Hilary Nwokeabia**, UNCTAD Geneva on Nigeria economic outlook
- 15h00 Presentation of the Investment opportunities and incentives in Nigeria by NIPC
- 15h30 Panel discussion on Nigerian investment climate
- a Nigerian government official
 - a Nigerian Business person from Nigeria
 - a Nigerian in Diaspora
 - Swiss business person doing business in Nigeria
- 16h00 Questions and answers
- 16h45 Break

PART II

- 17h00 Diaspora Open Forum on the state of the nation, Diaspora matters, government policy on Diaspora engagement. Showcase of the talents and resources of Nigerians in Diaspora in Switzerland and Europe.

PART III

- 18h30 Dinner with special Nigerian dishes and drinks
- 19h30 Award Night, goodwill messages from other communities’ friends
- 20h30 Exhibition of Nigerian culture with colourful traditional dresses, music, dance

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REGISTRATION IS OPEN

LOGISTICS INFORMATION

About Switzerland

As indicated, the forum will take place in Bern, the Swiss capital. The choice of Switzerland is unique and symbolic. Switzerland prides herself as the oldest democracy in Europe, with strong fiscal federalism and direct democracy. This has promoted the most peaceful, stable and progressive democracy and economy in the center of Europe reputed for her precise engineering industries. It is the home of the agro giant Nestlé, Swatch and strong financial institutions. The reigning peace and stability has made Switzerland a home to more than 23 United Nations and other international agencies including UNHCHR, UNHCR, UNCTAD, WTO, WHO, ILO, WMO, WIPO, UPU, FIFA, OIC, among others. The only non-English speaking higher institution (ETZ Zurich) among the top ten Universities in the world is located in Switzerland. Switzerland has a population of 8 million. 25% (2 million) are migrants. African migrants constitute 4.3% of the total Swiss population. There are three main languages: German, French and Italian. A small minority also speak Romansh. It is easily accessible by air, rail and land from every part of Europe and from Nigeria and other countries.

HOW TO ARRIVE IN BERN

Bern is accessible from all airports in Switzerland including Bern-Belp, Basel, Zurich and Geneva.

From Bern-Belp Airport, German speaking canton

There are Airport shuttle buses from the airport to Belp Train Station, then take a train directly to the Bern Main Train Station. The trains are every hour at every '12 '17 '42 costs CHF 6.40 for 2nd class coach

For more info please visit <http://www.flughafenbern.ch/en/arriving-parking/anfahrt-oev>

From Basel Airport, German speaking canton

Line 50: EuroAirport - Bahnhof SBB (Basel railway station)

BVB (Basel Bus company), Phone: +41 (0)61 685 14 14

Timetable: http://www.bvb.ch/fahrplaene/ah_02050A_n16_B_00220.pdf

Or visit also www.bvb.ch/en/timetable-network/haltestellenfahrplan?50

Duration of ride: approx. 20 minutes. There are buses every 6 minutes

From Basel Main Train Station to Bern, there are direct trains at every '31, '59. One way 2nd class ticket costs CHF 40.-

For more info please visit <http://fahrplan.sbb.ch/bin/query.exe/en?OK#focus>

From Zurich Airport: German speaking canton

There are trains right from the airport direct to Bern at every '18, '40

One way 2nd class ticket costs CHF 55.-. Duration 1h21

For more information please visit:

<http://fahrplan.sbb.ch/bin/query.exe/en?seqnr=2&ident=fb.0966524.1474796204&REQ0HafasScrollDir=1>

From Geneva Airport: French Speaking canton

There are trains right from the airport direct to Bern at every '03, '33

One way 2nd class ticket costs CHF 56.-. Duration 1h53. For more information please visit:

<http://fahrplan.sbb.ch/bin/query.exe/en?seqnr=1&ident=l2.02655524.1474797032&REQ0HafasScrollDir=1>

REGISTRATION

European and Diaspora Investors

European and Diaspora investors are welcome to the forum without charge. However, they take care of their food and hotel accommodation while in Bern. There are no free pick-up services.

International participants

There is a fee of Euro 1'000.- per participant (standard). The participant bears the bank charges. If visa is not granted, NBF-SWISS reimburses Euro 900 (including Bank charges.-) back to the participant. An invitation letter is sent only upon advice of payment of the registration fee and receipt of the scanned copy of the international passport sent to contact@nbf-swiss.org. Participants with virgin passports may have visa issues except when they represent a government! There is no reimbursement for candidates that receive their visa but did not attend the forum. The fee covers the following services:

- Participation fee
- Letter of invitation
- Pick-up from Bern Main Train station to the hotel
- Pick-up from Hotel to the venue of the forum
- Food and hotel accommodation for 2 days (21.-23 October 2016 = 2 nights)

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THE VENUE

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Bus N° 10 (Ostermundigen) till Wegmühlegässli

The Map of the venue

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