Building bridges towards greater shared prosperity.

THE AFRICA-ISRAEL SUMMIT IN LOME, TOGO, OCTOBER 23-27 2017
Strengthening economic and diplomatic ties between Africa and Israel

Africa is undergoing an extraordinary resurgence. It is evident that the future of mankind will unfold on the continent. A quick glance at the economic growth and the demographic boom of African nations verify such affirmations.

Israel has become an economic powerhouse and a global leader in innovation and technology.

Therefore, a bolstered partnership between Africa and Israel would carry limitless potential and invaluable benefits.

This cooperation will notably revolve around the sectors of trade, security, agriculture and development.

Now is the time for developed nations to take full part in the renaissance of Africa and boost their cooperation with the continent.

The Africa-Israel Summit will be the key that will unlock the extraordinary potential of this community of destiny.

Israel’s exports to Africa stood at 1 billion dollars in 2015. “The potential exists to double this economic activity,” according to the chairman of the Africa-Israel Chamber of Commerce.

50% of Mashav’s (Israel’s Agency for International Development Cooperation) activities are carried out in Africa.
“Israel is coming back to Africa, and Africa is coming back to Israel.”

Benjamin Netanyahu, Israeli Prime Minister
The Israeli government has approved a package of 50 million NIS in 2016 to stimulate economic ties with Africa.

Today out of 48 Sub-Saharan African countries, Israel has diplomatic relations with 40.
Africa
The emerging global market

According to the African Development Bank (AfDB), the population of Africa is slated to double by 2050 and is projected to host the planet’s youngest population alongside an ever growing middle class. In addition, 56% of the African population will reside in urban centers by 2050 while its labor force is expected to exceed that of China’s.

Annual economic growth across Africa has averaged 4.5% since 2000 and is forecasted to continue growing at a pace of 7% per year for the next 20 years. These projections outpace all the other regions of the globe.

Furthermore, household consumption is slated to grow at a pace of 3.8% a year until 2025 and to reach a volume of 2.1 trillion USD while business spending is expected to grow from 2.6 trillion USD in 2015 to 3.5 trillion USD in 2025.

This economic dynamism is further buttressed Africa’s expanding diplomatic and geopolitical clout in the global community.

Simply put, the continent has a genuine opportunity to become a global power on the international stage.

5.7%
In 2015, African economies grew by 5.7% compared to the global rate of 3.8%.

7%
The average GDP growth in Africa for the next 20 years
Israel
The Start-Up nation

Israel enjoys a robust and diversified economy that notably boasts a cutting edge hi-tech and scientific innovation sector. Israel has more companies quoted on the NASDAQ than any country outside the USA save for China.

Israel is a powerhouse of research, medicine and Information Technology (IT).

Israel is a global leader in water technology and particularly in terms of desalination, water recycling and drip irrigation and also boasts an outstanding agritech sector.

Such expertise could enable Africa to make great strides towards water and food security and to greatly strengthen its agricultural sector.

Furthermore, the nation remains the leading expert in the fields of national defense, cyber security and counter-terrorism and demonstrates a validated track record of providing such expertise to its allies throughout the globe. In light of the growing terror networks plaguing the continent, such expertise could prove critical to guaranteeing its safety and stability and preserve its economic dynamism.

$3.32B
The amount at which Israeli startup companies were sold in the first six months of 2016

50%
Israeli drip systems account for 50% of the world’s low-pressure irrigation systems
If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together.”

African proverb
Today 70% of the African population is under 25. By 2040, it will be home to one in five of the planet's young people, and the size of its labor force will top China's.

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Africa has generated 21 million new stable jobs in the last five years.
The Africa-Israel Summit will take place in Lomé (Togo), from the 23rd to the 27th of October 2017. The Summit will gather the leading business, economic and security figures from Africa and Israel in order to foster new opportunities for collaboration and partnerships.

A beacon of political and economic stability, Togo is a genuine hub in West Africa and thus constitutes the ideal location to hold the summit. Moreover, Lomé has a brand new international airport, several world-class hotels and the entire infrastructure requisite to successfully hold an international conference.

Furthermore, Togo is a loyal and historic friend of the State of Israel. The alliance was pioneered by former President Eyadema in the 1960’s and carried on by his successor, President Faure Gnassingbe. The President has visited Israel three times since 2012 and Lomé consistently sides with Jerusalem in international organizations.

The Summit will include plenary sessions, panels and roundtables around topics such as counter-terrorism, co-development, trade and agriculture among others.

In addition, African and Israeli government officials will be given a platform to showcase their nations and allow for a direct channel of communication between states, businessmen and investors. The organizers will also set up booths for businessmen to meet in a more discreet fashion and discuss the possibilities for cooperation and joint ventures.

The Summit will also host an array of “Side Events“ that will give an opportunity to companies to showcase themselves.

Combining the political, business and security spheres renders the Summit a well-rounded event, while the wide range of venues allows maximizing the opportunities for dialogue and future endeavors.

In short, the Summit will be designed to grant a genuine and sustainable enhancement of African-Israeli cooperation.
As a platform for networking between businessmen and high level governmental representatives, the Summit will also be a stage for African and Israeli companies to exhibit their products, services and know-how.

EVENTS

Expert panel discussions dealing with current security, business and development issues - led by African and Israeli leaders in the various fields.

Round-table discussions between experts dealing with distinct and specific matters.

Networking opportunities, both in smaller groups as well as larger teams.

Trade Show displaying Israeli and African businesses.

KEY PARTICIPANTS

Heads of State
Senior Officials from African governments
Senior Officials from the Israeli government
African and Israeli business leaders
Security Experts
Opinion Leaders
Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO’s)

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