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AFRICAN PRESIDENTIAL LEADERSHIP CENTER NEWSLETTER

African Presidential Roundtable 2019: “The Private Sector’s Role in National Development”

OVERVIEW

The African Presidents & CEO Breakfast was held on October 17th, 2019. The event was held at the Four Seasons Hotel, Westcliff, Johannesburg, South Africa. The principal sponsors for the Roundtable were the National Lotteries Commission SA and Private Property SA. Other partners supporting the Roundtable were SkXProtiviti and The Pula Group LLC.

The Breakfast was very successful, serving as an excellent prelude to the REIS Forum in which the APLC would participate. Former Tanzanian President Jakaya Kikwete offered some interesting and thought-provoking insights on the potential of public and private sector leaders partnering to further Africa’s development.

Among those attending the event were; Moletsi Mbeki, Deputy Chief of Mission US Embassy SA - David Young, Yvonne Chaka-Chaka – The Princess of Africa Foundation, Brian Kahn, Cas Coovadia, Siphon Dlamini - MD Universal Music Group, to name a few.

The Greenside High School Choir, based in Greenside, JHB, SA greeted guests upon their arrival and opened the program. They not only performed admirably, but were a great example of the wellspring of talent that South Africa possesses.



From left to right: Amasi Mwela - Private Property, Ambassador Charles Stith – APLC, Charlotte Mampane – National Lotteries Commission SA, His Excellency Jakaya Kikwete former president of Tanzania, Abel Dlamini – SkXProtiviti, Brian Kahn – Brian Kahn Attorneys.



Greenside High School, Johannesburg, South Africa

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OVERVIEW CONTINUED...

The second day was a forum at the Sandton Convention Center, which was co-sponsored by the APLC and Private Property.

Former Tanzanian President, HE Jakaya Kikwete attended the summit and former South African President, HE Kgalema Motlanthe made a presentation focused on “*Land Reform, Restitution, Redistribution and Security of Tenure*”.



Ambassador Stith also did a presentation on “Property Ownership and African Development”. The Ambassador also did an Op-Ed in the Mail & Guardian that provided a summary of the days’ events as well as his remarks – Mail & Guardian Online 31 October 2019.



Following are excerpts from the Mail & Guardian Op-Ed:

“Real estate isn’t a sexy subject, but it is the first step toward economic security and wealth creation.”

Housing is one of the primary drivers of the economy. It affects everything from construction, manufacturing and the purchase of goods and services to capital formation and finance. Given its central role in the economy, home ownership, property ownership and security of tenure are keys to the continued transformation of the South Africa economy.

One of the keys to creating greater homeownership opportunities is to make more mortgage money available across more income classes. Although South Africa has one of the more mature and robust mortgage markets in Africa, it is principally funded by long-term deposits held by financial institutions. The net effect is that the amount of money available for mortgage lending is determined by the amount of those deposits and is further limited by the extent to which other sectors compete for those funds.

The summit represented an excellent effort to bring all of the critical players to the table.”



HISTORY OF THE APLC

The African Presidential Roundtable is one of the signature programs of the African Presidential Leadership Center.

Since the African Presidential Roundtable was inaugurated in April 2003, each year has seen a significant growth in the size and stature of this forum. The involvement of former African heads of state, diplomats, and international dignitaries has resulted in cutting-edge conversations and policy discussions on topics of relevance to Africa's growth and development.



2013 – Johannesburg

Left to right: Ambassador Charles Stith, Former Heads of State: HE Frederick Sumaye (Tanzania), HE Joaquim Chissano (Mozambique) HE Pedro Pires (Cape Verde), HE Thabo Mbeki (South Africa), HE Raila Odinga (Kenya), HE Karl Offman (Mauritius), HE Ali Hassan Mwinyi (Tanzania), HE Nicephore Soglo (Benin), HE Amani Karume (Zanzibar)

Over the years, Roundtables have been held in such varied locations as Boston, Berlin, London, Mauritius, Dar es Salaam, and Johannesburg.

The former African heads of state who have affiliated with the African Presidential Center through the Roundtable feel it represents an opportunity to reach a significant number of key individuals and institutions that have the ability to directly impact the development of Africa.



2017 – Johannesburg

Left to right: Ambassador Charles Stith, Former Heads of State: HE Rupiah Banda (Zambia), HE Frederick Sumaye (Tanzania), HE Goodluck Jonathan (Nigeria), HE Abeid Karume (Zanzibar), HE Karl Offman (Mauritius)

The African Presidential Roundtable has facilitated a better understanding by both Africans and others of their respective views regarding civic participation, leadership development, and policy formation relative to Africa. This effort has also led to more informed policies and has the potential to influence future practices by providing a sustainable and credible forum for former democratically elected African heads of state to convene around issues that affect Africa's relations world-wide.



2018 – Johannesburg

Left to right: HE Jakaya Kikwete (Tanzania), Ambassador Charles Stith, HE Raila Odinga (Kenya), Brian Kahn - Brian Kahn Attorneys

AFRICAN PRESIDENTS AND CEO BREAKFAST - THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17th, 2019

The African Presidents and CEO breakfast took place at the iconic Four Seasons Westcliff Hotel in Johannesburg on October 17th, 2019. The theme was “*The Private Sector’s Role in National Development*”



From left to right: Deputy Chief of Mission US Embassy SA- David Young, His Excellency Jakaya Kikwete, Ambassador Stith

Participants included former African heads of state and government, Ministers, diplomats, sector leaders, business leaders, policy makers and opinion leaders and international dignitaries from across Africa and the United States.

More than 100 private and public sector leaders gathered for this invitation only open discussion about the successes and challenges of increasing the private sector’s role in national development. His Excellency Jakaya Kikwete offered insights to prompt the discussion and questions.

His Excellency remarked:

African countries, like Tanzania, were seriously handicapped at independence. We had four doctors and eighteen engineers, Today, there are thousands of each. It’s up to this generation’s public and private sector leaders to fill the gaps that they find and build capacity if our development is to continue.” He went on to say, “This is what this generation owes, no more no less. You must make the countries in which you live better than what found.”



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GROWING THE NEXT GENERATION OF AFRICAN LEADERS

Beyond its focus on public policy issues, a primary focus of APLC is to complete the leadership loop from one generation to the next. In support of that mission, in the aftermath of the African Presidents and CEO Breakfast, APLC convened a leadership master class for this year's APLC interns. The masterclass was hosted by APLC director Abel Dlamini.

Both Ambassador Stith and Director Dlamini participated in the discussion. The interns had an opportunity to share their concerns about Africa's development, and more specifically South Africa's future growth. The interns also queried Ambassador Stith and Mr. Dlamini on the challenges and strategies for developing leadership skills.



The interns offered some interesting insights based on their participation in the masterclass:

"You are who you are surrounded by. In order to be successful, you need to be surrounded by people who are smarter than you. A winning team is a team that works together." – Nothando Shange

"Ambassador Stith taught me to take my time and value the importance of teamwork. Excellence is easily achieved with five brains combined compared to one, work as a unit and last but not least, as you go up the ladder lift up those beneath you." – Njabulo Mabaso



APLC Staff and Interns (2019) with Abel Dlamini, HE Kikwete (Tanzania) and Ambassador Charles Stith

"If I believe I can achieve. Greatness is my destiny

A new world must be dreamed" - Ambassador Charles Stith

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