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OF AFRICA

SATURDAY 8TH JULY
5PM EAT / 2PM GMT

AU HEADQUARTERS, ADDIS ABABA
Live on **zoom**

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Distinguished Hosts

	
H. E. Azali Assoumani Chairperson of the African Union	H. E. Sahle-Work Zewde President of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia
	
H.E. Dr. Monique Nsanzabaganwa Deputy Chairperson, African Union Commission	H.E. Albert Muchanga, Commissioner for Economic Development, Trade, Tourism, Industry and Minerals

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BOMA OF AFRICA 2023 FORUM.

What: Boma of Africa 2023 Forum, which is part of the commemorative activities of African Integration Day will bring together the Heads of State and Government, African Union Commission and its Organs, CEOs and business leaders, Heads of regional bodies, and world leaders to sign the AU 4D Pact to Accelerate Agenda 2063 Flagships.

When: 8th July, 2023 | 5PM EAT / 2PM GMT

Where: The event will take place virtually. Register here-
www.africaboma.com/2023/register

Who: The opening session will be addressed by:

- H.E. Azali Assoumani, President of the Union of the Comoros and Chairperson of the African Union
- H.E. Nana Akufo-Addo, President of the Republic of Ghana and the African Union Champion on Financial Institutions
- H.E Cyril Ramaphosa President of the Republic of South Africa

- H.E. Sahle-Work Zewde, President of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia
- H.E. Olusegun Obasanjo, former President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, and African Union High Representative for the Horn of Africa region
- H.E. Dr. Monique Nsanzabaganwa, Deputy Chairperson, African Union Commission
- H.E. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director-General of the World Health Organization.

Other speakers during the Boma of Africa include, among others;

- Ms. Nardos Bekele-Thomas, CEO, AUDA-NEPAD
- Amb. Albert Muchanga, AU Commissioner for Economic Development, Trade, Tourism, Industry & Mining
- Mr. Wamkele Mene, Secretary General, AfCFTA Secretariat
- Dr. Jean Kaseya, Director General, Africa CDC
- Mr. Mamadou Biteye, Executive Secretary, ACBF
- Tidjane Thiam, AU Special Envoy & Executive Chair, Freedom Acquisition Corporation
- Mr. Adefunke Adeyemi, Secretary General, AFCAC

Background information.

The main objective of the Boma is to assemble Africa's decision makers across politics, business, technology and the technocracy to commit to major actions to accelerate Africa's attainment of the Agenda 2063 goals of unity and continental prosperity, thereby positioning Africa as a credible global force for good in the 21st Century.

The 4D Pact: With technical support from AfroChampions, the AUC will support the inaugural sponsors of the 4D Pact – the Africa Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (Africa CDC), the African Civil Aviation Commission (AFCAC), the AfCFTA Secretariat, the African Union Development Agency – New Partnership for African Development (AUDA-NEPAD), and the Africa Capacity Building Foundation (ACBF) – to mobilise development finance institutions (DFIs), multilateral development agencies, AU Member States, corporations, and other important continental and global stakeholders to ramp up the pace of African integration through Agenda 2063 flagships and related instruments.

Key flagships to be accelerated by the 4D Pact include the Africa Continental Free Trade Agreement (AfCFTA), the Protocol on Free Movement of People (PFMP), the Single African Air Transport Market (SAATM), the Partnerships for African Vaccine Manufacturing (PAVM) and others

Through the resourcing and promotion mechanisms of the 4D Initiative (www.4DCorridor.org), platforms and accelerators like BioNovac, the AfCFTA Hub, ProPer, the African Public Health Wallet (PanaBIOS-Trusted Health), and the Green

Economy Transforma, will be scaled up into an marketplace-ecosystem of innovation through which resources and support can be channeled by DFIs,

Social Venture Funds and development agencies. Beneficiaries of the initiative will include startups, SMEs, university spinoffs and commercialization offices, and national investment promotion and small business support agencies.

The discussions will focus on revolutionizing new sectors like biotech, gene editing, genomics, and artificial intelligence. The goal is to channel investments that can have a game-changing impact on health, trade, local manufacturing, and job creation. The new 4D Pact among key African Union institutions will mobilize tens of millions of dollars to foster collaboration and propel scientists, startups, and innovators to new heights. At the core of the vision is an innovation-driven marketplace that will encourage cross-border collaboration to shape a greener continent and create climate smart jobs. The 4D Initiative builds on the Trillion Dollar Fund announced in 2020.

The Sankore Lecture: “Unlocking the World Market for Africa’s Future”: Touching on the themes of global competitiveness, capital mobility, and value chains integration, Mr. Thiam will weave a new and powerful narrative of how the continent’s strategic enablers can connect and interlock to position Africa in the pole position to benefit from global shifts and transitions, from the ecological to the demographic.

Learn more about the event and the agenda programme [here](#).

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