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MAURITIUS, 20-22 MARCH 2017

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INAUGURAL SESSION OF THE AFRICAN ECONOMIC PLATFORM

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Sunday, 19 MARCH 2017, Port Louis

Arrival and Registration

Monday, 20 MARCH 2017, Port Louis

- 08:00 **Breakfast**
- 09:30 **AEP Opening Session**
- Welcome by the Government of Mauritius
 - Remarks by Business Representative
 - Opening remarks by Chairperson of the African Union
- 10:00 **OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPH**
- 10:30 **Setting the scene: Keynote address by the Chairperson of the AU Commission**
- 10:45 *Tea/Coffee*
- 11:15 Plenary Panel 1
- MADE IN AFRICA, THROUGH REGIONAL VALUE CHAINS**
- 13:00 *Lunch*
- 15:00 Plenary Panel 2
- CONTINENTAL FREE TRADE AREA: EXPANDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR INTRA AFRICAN TRADE AND INVESTMENTS**
- 17:00 **NETWORKING SESSIONS**



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18:30 Official Welcome dinner

TUESDAY, 21 MARCH 2017

07:30 Sponsored Sectoral Breakfast meetings

09:15 Plenary Panel 3

**COMPETITIVENESS OF THE AFRICAN PRIVATE SECTOR.
BUILDING PAN AFRICAN ENTERPRISES**

11:15 *Tea/Coffee*

Plenary Panel 4

**11:30 AFRICAN SKILL REVOLUTION. EMPOWERING YOUTH FOR
EMPLOYMENT, INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP**

13:00 LUNCH

15:00 NETWORKING SESSIONS

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17:00 CLOSING CEREMONY

- **Presentation of Platform Conclusions**
- **Launch of the African Passport for Business**
- **Vote of Thanks – Representative of the Academia**
- **Closing remarks – AU Chairperson**

18:00 AEP Joint Press conference

18:30 NETWORKING DINNER



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Wednesday, 22 MARCH 2017

08:30 AU Foundation GOLF DAY

15:00 Departure