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# AFRICA SUSTAINABLE CEO BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE

19 January 2015 | 12:00 – 15:00

Grand African Ballroom, Intercontinental Hotel, Lagos, Nigeria

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## Overview

Jointly hosted by the UN Global Compact, the Nigerian Economic Summit Group and Global Compact Local Network Nigeria, the Africa Sustainable CEO Business Roundtable will bring together Africa's chief executives, leaders in business, Government and civil society to discuss how collective action efforts will proceed in driving the new development agenda for Africa. The Roundtable aims to highlight the ways in which business can collectively contribute to post-2015 development in key areas, such as good governance, youth employment and empowerment, infrastructure development, and peace and security.

More businesses across the continent are answering the call to action and committing to engaging in transparent processes, supporting corporate governance structures and encouraging good behavior – not just in their own companies but in the industry as a whole. It has become clear that the private sector will play a crucial role in directing the growth trajectory of Africa in both quantity and quality.

During the three-hour high-level luncheon event, Africa's corporate leaders will come together to discuss the importance of good leadership and collective action in promoting the continent's development agenda. The

event will showcase lessons from business leaders on how collective action has been supportive of inclusive and sustainable growth as well as highlight the way forward for the African business community – working in partnership with the UN, civil society and Governments – to set Africa's development path for the future.

The UN Global Compact has designed a [strategy for business engagement](#) in sustainable development in Africa. Launched in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, in June 2014, the strategy highlights the areas in which the private sector can play a key role in driving change together with Governments and leveraging the Global Compact through the critical areas of good governance, youth empowerment and employment, infrastructure development, inter-regional cooperation and multistakeholder dialogue. Discussions at the Roundtable will focus on the implementation of the strategy, calling on the African private sector to become drivers of change on the continent.

## Featured Speakers and Attendees



**Robert Collymore**,  
Chief Executive  
Officer, Safaricom  
Limited



**Albert Essien**, Chief  
Executive Officer,  
Ecobank Transnational  
Incorporated



**Michael Ikpoki**, Chief  
Executive Officer,  
MTN Nigeria  
Communications Ltd.



**Ayotola Jagun**, Chief  
Compliance Officer  
and Company  
Secretary, Oando Plc



**Dr. Georg Kell**,  
Executive Director,  
UN Global Compact



**Olajobi Makinwa**,  
Regional  
Representative –  
Africa; Head, Anti-  
Corruption and  
Transparency, UN  
Global Compact



**Elias Masilela**, Board  
Member, UN Global  
Compact



**Segun Ogunsanya**,  
Chief Executive  
Officer and Managing  
Director, Bharti Airtel  
Nigeria Limited



**Dr. Oba Otudeko**,  
**CFR**, Chairman,  
Honeywell Group and  
FBN Holdings Plc



**Onyeché Tifase**, Chief  
Executive Officer,  
Siemens Nigeria



**Herbert Wigwe**,  
Chief Executive  
Officer, Access Bank  
Plc



## Agenda

**Master of Ceremonies:** Ms. Ayotola Jagun, Chief Compliance Officer and Company Secretary, Oando Plc.

12:00 – 12:30	<i>Lunch is served</i>
12:30 – 12:50	<b>Opening and Welcoming Remarks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Mr. Foluso Phillips, Chairman, Nigerian Economic Summit Group</li><li>▪ Dr. Georg Kell, Executive Director, UN Global Compact</li></ul>
12:50 – 13:05	<b>Keynote: A Conversation with Robert Collymore, Chief Executive Officer, Safaricom Ltd.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Mr. Robert Collymore, CEO, Safaricom Ltd. &amp; Board Member, UN Global Compact</li><li>▪ Dr. Georg Kell, Executive Director, UN Global Compact</li></ul> <p><b>Government Keynote Speaker:</b> Mr. Ben Akabueze, Commissioner for Economic Planning and Budget, Lagos State</p>
13:05 – 14:05	<b>The Future of African Business: Collective Action for Inclusive Business Development in Africa</b> <p>Participants will present a set of proposals and commitments from speakers on key issues of African development. Following the interventions, participants are invited to offer responses from the floor.</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Ms. Ayotola Jagun, Chief Compliance Officer and Company Secretary, Oando Plc.</p> <p><b>Financing Youth Entrepreneurs and SMEs in Africa: Challenges &amp; Opportunities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Mr. Herbert Wigwe, CEO, Access Bank Plc</li></ul> <p><b>Collective action Against Corruption in Africa</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Mrs. Onyeche Tifase, CEO, Siemens Nigeria</li></ul> <p><b>Infrastructural Development - A Critical Enabler for Business in Africa</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Mr. Michael Ikpoki, CEO, MTN Nigeria Communications Ltd.</li></ul> <p><b>Africa Investing in Africa: Creating Linkages through Interregional Cooperation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Dr. Oba Otudeko, CFR, Chairman, Honeywell Group and FBN Holdings Plc</li></ul>
14:05 – 14:40	<b>The Way Forward: Global Compact Africa Sustainable Business Initiative</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Mr. Elias Masilela, Board Member, UN Global Compact</li><li>▪ Mr. Pierre Sane, President, Imagine Africa</li></ul>



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14:40 – 14:55

**Closing Remarks**

- Mr. Foluso Phillips, Chairman, Nigerian Economic Summit Group
- Ms. Olajobi Makinwa, Regional Representative – Africa and Head, Anti-Corruption & Transparency, UN Global Compact

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15:00

*High-level luncheon concludes*