

A World in Flux

Repositioning Africa on the global stage



Distinguished delegates

Allow me to start by extending a warm welcome to Oslo to all of you for the Nordic-African Business Summit 2023! This year's Summit takes place at a critical time for Africa, and the Norway-Africa relationship. We are living through times of extraordinary, and arguably unprecedented change. From the energy transition and the green shift, and technological breakthroughs in Artificial Intelligence, to the ever more urgent climate crisis, and the emergence of a new geopolitical reality - the world is in Flux. This is also the theme for this year's Summit - **A World in Flux: Repositioning Africa on the global stage.**

With its youthful demographics, abundant natural resources, and enormous potential for growth and investment, the continent finds itself at the intersection of some of the most important trends driving this World in Flux. We believe that this represents a unique opportunity for Africa to redefine its role in world affairs, and to play an essential part in shaping the global economy for years, and decades, to come. Decisions made today will be instrumental in determining whether this opportunity is realized, and will require coordination, action, and commitment from a broad range of stakeholders. This includes everybody attending the Summit today. We all have a role to play in making this happen, and to ensure that as the world changes, so does Africa's role in world affairs. I urge you to keep this in mind as you discuss, learn, and connect and engage with partners and friends - both old and new - throughout the day.

The annual Summit is the culmination of the efforts of a broad range of partners and stakeholders that make up the global NABA community. Acknowledging every individual that contributes to the success of the Summit, which continues to go from strength to strength, would take too long for this brief welcome note. But there are a few thank yous that must be made. First and foremost, thank you to all of our Summit partners - it is due to your invaluable support that we are able to convene the NABA community for the Summit each year. Thank you for your commitment and belief in what we do. Thank you also to our wonderful team of volunteers, your contribution is essential to the success of the Summit, and this year has been no exception. To our outstanding speakers, it is a pleasure and an honor to have you with us in Oslo. Thank you for making the time to participate in this year's Summit. Last, but by no means least, thank you to each and every one of our guests that are here today - our members, friends, partners, and stakeholders. All of you make up the amazing NABA community - it is no exaggeration to say that your support, insight, and shared passion for Africa is an invaluable and indispensable asset for us. On behalf of the Norwegian-African Business Association (NABA), and our co-hosts, the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Norfund, I wish you a productive, insightful, and memorable day!



Ms. Mathilde Thue
CEO, NABA



Mr. Tellef Thorleifsson
CEO, Norfund

Dear participants,

With several years marked by political and macro-economic instability, it is evident that change is here to stay. As the reverberations of war and the lasting impact of COVID-19 are still being felt, it seems foreign direct investment flows are unfortunately retracting from most emerging markets, including many African countries.

In Norfund, however, we continue to see great possibilities in businesses across the African continent. Last year, 61% of our record-high new commitments were in Sub-Saharan Africa, and 63% of our portfolio is now allocated in this region. In our new strategy for 2023-2026, Africa remains our priority region, as we continue to invest in energy, financial institutions and enterprises that can deliver more and better jobs at scale.

For the new Norwegian Climate Investment Fund, that Norfund was given the task to manage last year, South Africa is a core country. We also continue to see great opportunities in investing in both large scale and distributed renewable energy across the continent through our existing development mandate.

As the price of food imports have soared, we are investing in companies in the food value chain that contributes to a larger share of local processing. We also see great opportunities in manufacturing - from last year's first investment in cement production to this spring's first investments in textile industry and in plastic recycling.

I truly believe that the recent disruptions and geopolitical events also present new opportunities for African governments and businesses to position the continent as both a growing market and as a new destination for global supply chains. I am thrilled to see more Nordic companies and investors showing their interest for these opportunities, not least through the participation in the Nordic-African Business Summit.

My hope is that the conference will spark new ideas and contribute to new partnerships that will further increase the business relationships between the African continent and the Nordic region.

I wish you all a useful and interesting conference!

Dear participants,

The Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs is pleased to be co-hosting the 12th Nordic-African Business Summit under the theme of 'A World in Flux'. NABA serves as a vital platform for developing business networks, engaging decision-makers, and discussing how best to address both opportunities and challenges in African markets.

I would like to thank CEO Mathilde Thue and her team for organising this Summit, and for their ongoing efforts to promote business opportunities on the African continent.

Norway and African nations share the goal of sustainable, inclusive economic growth. Africa's abundant natural resources and growing population offer major opportunities for businesses to invest, trade, and establish long-term partnerships. For decades, Norway has collaborated closely with African countries in traditional sectors such as shipping and oil and gas. Today, our focus is increasingly on sustainable resources and technology: solar, wind and hydro energy, and climate-resilient agriculture. To address the global challenges of climate change and food security, Norway will provide substantial support to efforts to establish and grow new partnerships and to drive the green transition forward.

The Norwegian Government is currently updating its Africa strategy. We have consulted African governments, academia, civil society, businesses, and other stakeholders. There is broad consensus on the need for business cooperation and investment in a range of sectors such as renewable energy, agriculture and technology, and I am very pleased that representatives from these sectors will be attending the Summit.

Business promotion is a priority for the Norwegian Foreign Service. Our African embassies and the public support system in Norway have highly competent staff who can provide assistance, and I encourage you to reach out to them. In this way, we can increase our common understanding of the business environment we are operating in. By strengthening cooperation in the areas of business, commerce, and climate action, we can navigate the challenges we are facing and pave the way for future prosperity.

I wish you every success with the Summit and look forward to our continued cooperation to deliver results in Africa.



H.E. Ms. Anniken Huitfeldt
Norwegian Minister of Foreign Affairs

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For more information about NABA, and to become a member, visit: norwegianafrican.no



Program 2023

TIME	TOPIC	ROOM
08:00 – 08:55	Registration, Coffee and Tea	
09:00 – 10:30	Summit Opening Ms. Mathilde Emilie Thue • Mr. Tellef Thorleifsson • Mr. Andreas Motzfeldt Kravik	Rococo
	Presentation: A World in Flux Mr. Lanre Akinola	
10:30 – 11:30	Plenary: Finance & Investment Mr. Hakim Khelifa • Mr. Kim Thagaard Pedersen • Mr. Andrew Brown Moderator: Mr. David Pilling	Rococo
11:30 – 12:00	Networking Break	
12:00 – 13:00	Plenary: Mine to Market – Building Sustainable Value Chains Ms. Isabel Nyoka • Mr. Stig Myrseth • Mr. Sameh Shenouda • Mr. Bady Baldé Mr. Frederic Hauge • Moderator: Mr. Lanre Akinola	Rococo
13:00 – 14:00	Networking Lunch	Speilen

TIME	TOPIC	ROOM
	Roundtables:	
14:15 – 15:15	Africa and the Fourth Industrial Revolution Mr. Karl Karlsson • Mr. Ezana Raswork • Mr. Trond Riiber Knudsen Moderator: Mr. Daniel Akinmade Emejulu	Kongen
	Climate-smart Investing Ms. Kimberley Botwright • Mr. Terje Osmundsen • Mr. Henning U. Hverven Mr. Arne Peder Blix • Mr. Per Lillebø • Moderator: Ms. Lilian Simiyu	Dronningen
	Mine to Market: Building Sustainable Value Chains Ms. Chipokota Mwanawasa • Ms. Isabel Nyoka • Mr. Sameh Shenouda Mr. Bady Baldé • Mr. Stig Myrseth • Mr. Tarje Lyngtveit • Moderator: Mr. Lanre Akinola	Julius Fritzner
15:15 – 15:30	Networking Break	
15:30 – 16:30	Driving a just Energy Transition Mr. Akinwale Omoboriwo II • Ms. Unni Merethe Skorstad Fjær Mr. Kim Thagaard Pedersen • Mr. Bror A. Berge • Moderator: Dr. Tominiyi Owolabi	Kongen
	Africa's role in a new era of Geopolitics Mr. Idar Kreutzer • Ms. Agathe L'Homme • Mr. Thor Kristoffer Nielsen Moderator: Dr. Gabriel A. Onagoruwa	Dronningen
16:00 – 17:30	Agribusiness: Focus on Aquaculture Ms. Bjørg Sandkjær • Mr. Reinaart Pretorius • Ms. Sandrine Henton • Ms. Anne Lene Dale Prof. Dominic McVey MBE • Mr. Donald Muchiri Kariuki • Moderator: Mr. Lanre Akinola	Julius Fritzner
16:40 – 17:30	Renewable Energy: Scaling up Investment Mr. Akinwale Omoboriwo II • Mr. Benjamin Mugisha • Mr. Hans Olav Kvalvaag Mr. Andrew Brown • Mr. George Cazenove • Mr. Chalker Kansteiner • Moderator: Ms. Cathy Oxy	Kongen
	Development Finance: Investing for Impact Mr. Sanjeev Gupta • Ms. Johanna Raynal • Mr. Afamefuna Umeh • Ms. Ylva Lindberg Mr. Samir Abhyankar • Moderator: Ms. Mathilde Emilie Thue	Dronningen
14:30 – 17:15	Speed Meetings with Ambassadors and Experts See page 19 for further information	Rococo
17:30	Summit Reception The social highlight of the NABA Summit, with food and drinks. This will be a good chance to continue networking in a relaxed environment. 20 min walking from Grand Hotel to Aker Brygge Marina.	MS Brisen Aker Brygge Marina, Stranden 32, 0250 Oslo

Meet our Speakers

Opening

Ms. Mathilde Emilie Thue CEO, Norwegian-African Business Association



Ms. Mathilde Emilie Thue is the CEO of the Norwegian-African Business Association (NABA). NABA seeks to promote business opportunities on the African continent, adding value to companies doing business in African markets. Before joining NABA, Ms. Thue was working with the development of renewable energy projects and has been part of the Official Norwegian Delegation to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

Mr. Tellef Thorleifsson CEO, Norfund



Mr. Tellef Thorleifsson has been CEO of Norfund since the autumn of 2018. Prior to Norfund, he was a Co-Founder and Managing Partner of Northzone. Mr. Thorleifsson was instrumental in building Northzone to become a leading international venture fund. Since its inception in 1996, it has raised more than EUR 1.5 billion through nine funds and invested in more than 130 companies. Mr. Thorleifsson is also a co-founder of the Voxtra Foundation which has been making targeted investments and grants within agribusiness in East Africa. Mr. Thorleifsson has had several directorships.

Mr. Andreas Motzfeldt Kravik State Secretary, Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs



Mr. Andreas Motzfeldt Kravik was appointed State Secretary of the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 2023. Mr. Kravik joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 2012 and has since been posted to the Permanent Mission of Norway to the UN in New York as a Minister Counsellor and held the position of Director in the Legal Department in Oslo. His experience prior to joining the Ministry of Foreign Affairs includes the Norwegian Ministry of Defence and the UN Assistance to the Khmer Rouge Trials in Cambodia. Mr. Kravik is a cand.jur. from the University of Oslo.

Presentation: A World in Flux

Mr. Lanre Akinola Head of Content, NABA



Mr. Lanre Akinola is the Head of Content at the Norwegian-African Business Association. He has extensive experience from Africa-focused journalism, having previously been the editor of This is Africa, a Financial Times publication, and African Business Magazine, as well as having worked with the Bloomberg Media Initiative Africa. Mr. Akinola is a 2014 Desmond Tutu Leadership Fellow, and he holds a BA in Politics from the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London.

Plenary: Finance & Investment

Mr. Hakim Khelifa Senior Partner, AfricInvest



Mr. Hakim Khelifa is a Senior Partner at AfricInvest with over 24 years of experience in private equity including sourcing, negotiating, structuring and executing private equity transactions in Northern and Sub-Saharan Africa. He has also structured several exits from Portfolio Companies and serves on the board of many Portfolio Companies. Prior to joining AfricInvest, Mr. Khelifa was a Senior Analyst at the auditing firm Mazars in Paris, France. Mr. Khelifa is a graduate of the engineering school Mines Paris - PSL, France, and is a Board member of the African Venture Capital Association.

Mr. Kim Thagaard Pedersen Director, A.P. Moller Capital



Mr. Kim Thagaard Pedersen is Director at A.P. Moller Capital. He has over 14 years of experience in M&A, business development and consulting and he has successfully led engagements within shipping, logistics and private equity. He has previously been Director of Investment Analysis & Risk Management, Maersk Line, and has led projects within C&I, green transport infrastructure and hydrogen. Mr. Thagaard Pedersen holds a MSc Finance & Accounting from Copenhagen Business School.

Mr. Andrew Brown President, Delphos



Mr. Andrew Brown is the President of Delphos International and has over 20 years of experience in project finance, corporate finance, impact investment and private equity in frontier markets. He has raised over US \$5 billion in development finance across several projects in emerging markets, advising on capital structures and investment feasibility, executing capital markets transactions, and currently oversees the firm's global advisory business. Mr. Brown is also a frequent speaker at international conferences, focusing on financial structuring and capital raising.

Moderator: Mr. David Pilling Africa Editor, Financial Times



Mr. David Pilling is the African editor of the Financial Times. Mr. Pilling joined the Financial Times in 1990 and has previously been the Asia Editor and Tokyo Bureau Chief for the Financial Times from 2002 to 2008. Throughout his career, he has been a foreign correspondent and has worked and reported from all over the world. He has won several journalistic prizes, including the Best Commentator prize by the Society of Publishers in Asia. Mr. Pilling holds a degree in English and Russian from Cambridge University and a diploma in Journalism from City University.

Plenary: Mine to Market – Building Sustainable Value Chains

Ms. Isabela Nyoka

Regional Mining Finance Specialist,
Ecobank Zimbabwe

Ms. Isabela Nyoka is a Regional Mining Finance Specialist at Ecobank Zimbabwe. She holds a BSc in Applied Accounting from Oxford Brookes University and is currently studying Mining Engineering with The Zimbabwe School of Mines to reinforce her technical mining skills. Prior to joining Ecobank, Ms. Nyoka worked for Standard Bank Investment Corporation, developing mining and corporate deals while working as a specialist in risk analysis. Ms. Nyoka also runs an agribusiness venture in Zimbabwe, producing raw milk for supply into local processors with an annual turnover of USD 3 million.



Mr. Stig Myrseth

Investor

Mr. Stig Myrseth is a highly accomplished equity analyst, fund manager, and prominent financial expert. Having previously served as the chief analyst for one of Norway's largest banking groups, he has consistently demonstrated strong analytical skills and understanding of financial markets. Mr. Myrseth holds a position as a member of the investment committee at Spear Capital, a private equity fund with a strong focus on Africa. Furthermore, Mr. Myrseth serves as the chairman of Aziwe Minerals, a company engaged in the exploration of battery minerals across the Southern African region.



Mr. Sameh Shenouda

Executive Director and Chief Investment
Officer, Africa Finance Corporation

Mr. Sameh Shenouda is the Executive Director and Chief Investment Officer of the Africa Finance Corporation, leading origination, execution and portfolio management. With over 27 years of experience in infrastructure investments, project development and fundraising in international capital markets, Mr. Shenouda has deep knowledge of African markets as well as the power, transport & logistics, and oil & gas sectors. Prior to joining AFC, Sameh was the Chief Executive Officer of Zarou, a developer, owner, investor and operator of infrastructure projects in Africa, the Middle East and Asia.



Mr. Bady Baldé

Deputy Executive Director, EITI

Mr. Bady Baldé is the Deputy Executive Director of EITI, providing strategic oversight of implementation in all EITI member countries. He guides EITI's policy work, including transparency in commodity trading, state-owned enterprises, artisanal and small-scale mining and Public Financial Management. Before joining EITI, Mr. Baldé worked at the Central Bank of Guinea and the German Development Corporation (GIZ), and as a consultant for the World Bank. Mr. Baldé holds a master's degree in Public Administration in International Development from the Harvard University Kennedy School of Government.



Mr. Frederic Hauge

Founder and General Manager, Bellona

Mr. Frederic Hauge founded Bellona in 1986 at the age of twenty. Through academic work, legal action, and non-violent activism, Bellona has changed the opinion and set the agenda on environmental issues in Norway for almost three decades. Mr. Hauge is one of the founding partners of the Sahara Forest Project, and he has taken a leading international role in exploring the possibilities of combining biomass and carbon capture and storage, through the creation of JointTaskForce. Thanks to his extensive work for the environment, he was named "Hero of The Environment" by Time Magazine in 2007.



Moderator: Mr. Lanre Akinola

Head of Content, NABA

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Roundtables

Africa and the Fourth Industrial Revolution

Mr. Karl Karlsson

General Partner, Sway Ventures

Mr. Karl Karlsson is a General Partner at Sway Ventures, a US-based Venture Capital firm investing in early to mid-stage technology companies. Mr. Karlsson serves on the firm's investment committee and leads its EMEA investments. Before joining Sway, he was a Venture Partner at Insight Venture Partners. He builds skillsets for tech companies with strategic and operational tools to optimize growth and success. During his career, he has founded eight companies, achieved a NASDAQ IPO for his first tech start-up, created thousands of jobs, and contributed to the creation of several billionaires.



Mr. Ezana Raswork

Founder and Managing Director,
Africa 118 Inc

Mr. Ezana Raswork is a recognized technology entrepreneur with a proven history of digital innovation and capturing market leadership positions in challenging global markets. As Founder and CEO, he has led Africa 118 to become a leading digital marketing services provider, supporting over 400,000 SMEs in Africa. Mr. Raswork has a strong track record leading the digital transformation efforts of both industry incumbents in Canada as well as disruptors. He is a respected leader skilled at leading diverse, multi-functional teams to grow and achieve success in competitive international markets.



Mr. Trond Riiber Knudsen

Founder and CEO, TRK Group AS

Mr. Trond Riiber Knudsen is the Founder and CEO of TRK Group AS, an Oslo-based investment and advisory firm focused on active ownership and advisory within disruptive technologies, digital service transformation and new African growth markets. Prior to this, he was a Senior Partner and member of the Leadership group at McKinsey & Company, with responsibility for McKinsey's marketing and sales practice. In addition, Mr. Riiber Knudsen has led the development of McKinsey's training and leadership programs and led McKinsey's committee for the evaluation of external partner candidates.



Moderator: Mr. Daniel Akinmade Emejulu

AI Scholar, Massachusetts Institute of
Technology (MIT)

Mr. Daniel Akinmade Emejulu recently served as the Program Manager of UN Affairs at Microsoft, contributing to the company's policy engagement with the UN and International Organizations in Geneva. He formerly also held the position of lead author for the Microsoft UN SDG annual report. Prior to Microsoft, he occupied roles at The Global Fund, UNEP and the WEF. His expert publications and interviews on technology and sustainability have appeared in several prominent outlets. A qualified lawyer in Nigeria, Mr. Emejulu holds an LL.M from Duke University and an LL.B from SOAS, University of London.



Ms. Kimberley Botwright

Head of Sustainable Trade,
World Economic Forum

Ms. Kimberley Botwright is the Head of Sustainable Trade at the World Economic Forum, where she focuses on supply chain sustainability, the linkages between climate change, trade and investment, and reverse supply chains for the circular economy. Previously, she has worked at the International Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development (ICTSD,) and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD).



Mr. Terje Osmundsen

CEO, Empower New Energy

Mr. Terje Osmundsen is the CEO of Empower New Energy, providing leadership and direction for the successful completion of investments in solar energy. Prior to joining Empower New Energy, he was Head of Business Development at Scatec Solar, developing a distinctive track record from pioneering and scaling solar energy in emerging markets. His leadership experience includes large international groups like Kvaerner, Telenor, Saga Petroleum and Alcatel. Mr. Osmundsen also has a background in politics and government, including working as the Chief Political Adviser to the Prime Minister.



Mr. Henning U. Hverven

COO, NextFuel AB

Mr. Henning U. Hverven is the Chief Operating Officer of NextFuel AB, with a particular focus on international operations. NextFuel AB offers innovative and highly scalable industrial technology for converting fast-growing grasses and other types of inexpensive and abundant biomass into a clean copy of coal. Mr. Hverven has extensive technical knowledge, leadership experience, and logistics experience from the energy sector, having held senior positions at ConocoPhillips and Exxon. He holds an MSc in Executive Management from Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT).



Mr. Arne Peder Blix

CEO, ICA-Finance AS

Mr. Arne Peder Blix is the CEO of ICA-Finance AS (Immediate Climate Action Finance), an Oslo-based investment company providing financing and project management of emission reduction activities for the energy sector in emerging markets. Thus far, the total impact delivered by ICA-Finance equals 9.9 million tons of CO2e removed and approximately 72 million euros of carbon credit finance generated. Mr. Blix holds a BSc in Naval Operations and Political Science from the Royal Norwegian Naval Academy and an MBA from the Norwegian School of Economics.



Mr. Per Lillebø

Chairman, Cambi

Mr. Per Lillebø is the Chairman of Cambi. In 1992, Mr. Lillebø and his partners acquired Cambi, a small research and development company focused on utilising steam explosion technology. This ultimately became the company's core competence as Cambi developed world-leading technologies within the wastewater sludge treatment industry. Mr. Lillebø has been instrumental in developing Cambi into a top-tier company within the international wastewater industry and has developed a broad international network over the years.



Moderator: Ms. Lilian Simiyu

Investment Manager, Scalable Enterprises – Agribusiness & Manufacturing, Norfund

Ms. Lilian Simiyu is an Investment Manager at Norfund, with more than 15 years of experience in banking, private equity and development finance. Prior to joining Norfund, she served as an investment officer at Business Partners International Kenya and as a business financial analyst at Standard Chartered Bank. Ms. Simiyu holds a Master of Business Administration from the University of Nairobi and a Bachelor of Commerce from the Catholic University of Eastern Africa.



Ms. Chipokota Mwanawasa

Special Assistant for Public Policy
to the President of Zambia

Ms. Chipokota Mwanawasa is the Policy Advisor to the President of Zambia. She previously served as Legal Officer at Konkola Copper Mines, one of Africa's largest integrated copper mines, and has founded and led successful agriculture and meat retail ventures focusing on livestock production and improving nutrition in underprivileged communities. Ms. Mwanawasa holds a Master of Public Policy from the London School of Economics and Political Science, an LLM in Commercial Law from the University of Cape Town and a joint LLB in English and French Law from the University of Kent.



Mr. Tarje Lyngtveit

Senior Mining and R&D Consultant,
Lyngtveit Mining and Consulting

Mr. Tarje Lyngtveit is a seasoned geochemist and mining consultant at Lyngtveit Mining & Consulting. Mr. Lyngtveit's expertise spans from exploration, resource modelling and mine design to mineral processing and R&D. He currently collaborates with The Coring Company as a mining R&D consultant, focusing on bias controls for innovative exploration tools. He previously worked as a resource geologist and later as a research engineer at Rana Gruber, Norway's largest iron ore mining company. He has worked at their subsidiary Greenland Ruby, operating ruby mining sites in Greenland.



Ms. Isabela Nyoka

Regional Mining Finance Specialist, Ecobank Zimbabwe

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Head of Content, NABA

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Driving a just Energy Transition

Mr. Akinwole Omoboriowo II

Chairman and CEO,
Genesis Energy Group

Mr. Akinwole Omoboriowo II is the Chairman and CEO of Genesis Energy Group and the Chairman of GEL Utility. He is a strategic and innovative thinker with broad expertise from various enterprises he has successfully built in the oil & gas and power sectors in Africa over the past 20 years. Mr. Omoboriowo II holds a BSc in Economics from the University of Jos-Nigeria and a postgraduate diploma in Strategy & Innovation from the Oxford University Said Business School. He serves on the Advisory Board of the Global Thinkers Forum UK and previously served on the Advisory Board of SHELL Foundation UK.



Ms. Unni Merethe Skorstad Fjær

VP and Country Manager for Tanzania,
Equinor

Ms. Unni Merethe Skorstad Fjær is Equinor's Vice President and Country Manager for Tanzania, currently focusing on negotiating a commercial, fiscal and legal framework that enables partners to develop the large gas discoveries offshore the southern coasts of the country. Ms. Fjær has over 30 years of experience in Equinor, previously holding positions as acting Country Manager for Canada and Location Manager in Hammerfest, Norway, responsible for the company's LNG production. Ms. Fjær holds an MSc in Mechanical Engineering from the Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU).



Mr. Kim Thagaard Pedersen

Director, A.P. Moller Capital

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Mr. Bror A. Berge

Country Chair for Middle East and
Africa, DNV

Mr. Bror A. Berge is the Country Chair for the Middle East and Africa at DNV. He joined DNV as an Associated Director and has since held the positions of Head of Marine, Head of Department, Noble Denton marine services and Regional Manager, Noble Denton marine services. Mr. Berge holds a BSc in Naval Architecture and Ocean Engineering from the University of Glasgow, as well as leadership programs from the International Institute for Management Development (IMD) and INSEAD.



Moderator: Dr. Tominiyi Owolabi

Managing Partner,
Olaniwun Ajayi LP

Dr. Tominiyi Owolabi is the Managing Partner at Olaniwun Ajayi LP, a leading full-service commercial law firm with offices in Lagos, London and Douala. He has over 25 years of expertise providing counsel on some of the largest, most complex and market-defining energy transactions in Nigeria. Notably, he led the landmark privatization of Nigeria's national oil company, the NNPC, following the Nigerian Petroleum Industry Act 2021. Dr. Owolabi is widely recognized for his expertise in the energy sector and is one of the foremost lawyers and prominent figures in the Nigerian oil and gas industry.



Africa's role in a new era of Geopolitics

Mr. Idar Kreutzer

Director, Confederation of
Norwegian Enterprise (NHO)

Mr. Idar Kreutzer is a director at the Confederation of Norwegian Enterprise (NHO). He oversees processes related to international affairs, digitalization and sustainable development. Mr. Kreutzer was the CEO of Finance Norway from 2012 to 2023 and CEO of Storebrand from 2000 to 2012. In June of 2018, he submitted the Roadmap for Green Competitiveness on behalf of the Norwegian financial sector. Mr. Kreutzer is a member of the Climate and Environment Minister's Climate Council and has been a member of the World Business Council for Sustainable Development and has Co-Chaired their Vision 2050.



Ms. Agathe L'Homme

Senior Analyst - Country and
Banking Risk, DNB

Ms. Agathe L'Homme is an experienced country risk professional with more than a decade working in that field. She is currently using her analytical skills at DNB Corporate Banking, providing country and sovereign risk assessments to help determine the bank's credit risk appetite amidst renewed geopolitical headwinds. She previously worked as the lead of the geopolitical risk practice at KPMG Norway and as country risk analyst for the Economist Intelligence Unit. She also worked several years in East Asia for the French government.



Mr. Thor Kristoffer Nielsen

Senior Adviser, Agenda Risk

Mr. Kristoffer Nielsen has 15 years of experience as a geopolitical analyst, delivering strategic advice and supporting political and military leadership in crisis management nationally and internationally, including national security matters on the Norwegian continental shelf. He has previously held the position of Intelligence Liaison, supporting Norwegian Special Forces, including activity in Africa. Mr. Nielsen holds a master's degree in Global Security from the UK Defence Academy and is currently finalizing a Master in Preparedness and Emergency Management at Nord University.



Moderator: Dr. Gabriel A. Onagoruwa

Partner, Olaniwun Ajayi LP

Dr. Gabriel A. Onagoruwa chairs the Project Development and Finance Practice at Olaniwun Ajayi. He is a highly experienced transactional lawyer who specializes in energy and infrastructure projects in Africa. His practice focuses on advising development finance institutions, national and international oil companies, commercial banks, multilateral lending agencies, sponsors and developers in relation to large-scale project financings, structured finance, investments and acquisitions across the energy, power, renewables, oil & gas including LNG, petrochemical, mining and real estate sectors.



Ms. Bjørg Sandkjær

State Secretary, Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Ms. Bjørg Sandkjær is the State Secretary for International Development in the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Ms. Sandkjær has a broad background in international development, particularly in the fields of global health, human rights and aid effectiveness. Previously, Ms. Sandkjær served as the deputy leader of the Standing Committee on Health and Welfare of the Oslo City Council. Ms. Sandkjær has 20 years of experience working in the areas of global health and human rights and has held positions at Norad, Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance and the UN Economic Commission for Africa.



Mr. Reinaart Pretorius

Senior Project Manager, Confederation of Norwegian Enterprise (NHO)

Mr. Reinaart Pretorius is currently Senior Project Manager at the Confederation of Norwegian Enterprise (NHO). He is an experienced professional with a demonstrated history in private sector development and international business, specifically in Africa and Asia. As previous Director in both The Royal Norwegian Society for Development (Norges Vel) and KPMG, he ensured sustainable business development and bilateral cooperation within the agriculture, aquaculture and renewable energy sectors. Mr. Pretorius is driven by helping companies succeed in international markets.



Ms. Sandrine Henton

Managing Director, EG Capital

Ms. Sandrine Henton is the managing director at EG Capital, based in Nairobi, Kenya. EG Capital invests in high-growth businesses within the food, climate, health and education sectors in East Africa and Zambia. Ms. Henton has over 15 years of professional experience in strategy consulting and finance, including private equity for businesses in emerging markets. She holds an MSc in International Business from Maastricht University and was part of the inaugural class of the Oxford Impact Investing Programme at Said Business School.



Ms. Anne Lene Dale

Regional Director South, Aqua Kompetanse

Ms. Anne Lene Dale is the Regional Director at Aqua Kompetanse, coordinating cooperation on biosecurity and fish health between companies in western and central Norway. Ms. Dale is a former diplomat with broad experience, having previously served in Syria and at Norway's delegation to NATO, as well as holding the position of Communications Director in the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. From 2016 to 2019, she served as Norway's Ambassador to Mozambique. Ms. Dale holds an MSc in Political Science from the University of Oslo.



Prof. Dominic McVey MBE

Entrepreneur and Business Leader

Prof. Dominic McVey is an award-winning business leader, entrepreneur and philanthropist. Prof. McVey has a portfolio of multi-national business interests, spanning manufacturing, technology, cosmetics and management consultancy. He is an outspoken and committed advocate for increasing equitable trade with developing countries and promoting sustainable foreign direct investment into African countries. In 2022, Prof. McVey received an MBE in the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Honours, in recognition of his services to private sector development in Africa.



Mr. Donald Muchiri Kariuki

Investment Manager, Norfund

Mr. Donald Muchiri Kariuki is an Investment Manager at Norfund, with more than eight years' of experience in private equity. Mr. Kariuki focuses on sourcing and structuring investments within agribusiness and manufacturing, and works closely with Norfund's portfolio companies to support senior management in achieving strategic, operational and impact objectives. Prior to joining Norfund, he has worked at Centum Investment Company and the IMF. Mr. Kariuki holds a master's degree in Finance from BI Norwegian Business School and a BSc in Financial Economics from Strathmore University.



Moderator: Mr. Lanre Akinola

Head of Content, NABA

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Mr. Andrew Brown

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Mr. George Cazenove

Director of Communications and Government Affairs, Globaleq

Mr. George Cazenove is the Director of Communications and Government Affairs at Globaleq. Mr. Cazenove acts as the company spokesperson and actively builds relationships with key stakeholders in Africa to help facilitate Globaleq's growth and development. Prior to joining Globaleq, he was the Head of Corporate Affairs at Tullow Oil plc, a FTSE250-listed oil & gas company focused on Africa. Mr. Cazenove has extensive experience in the energy sector in Africa having worked on major development projects in several countries across the continent.



Mr. Benjamin Mugisha

Chief Underwriting Officer, African Trade & Investment Development Insurance (ATIDI)

Mr. Benjamin Mugisha is the Chief Underwriting Officer at African Trade & Investment Development Insurance (ATIDI). Mr. Mugisha has been involved in underwriting transactions across several sectors such as energy, mining, telecommunications, manufacturing, and infrastructure for a wide range of clients including banks, investors, and contractors. Previously, he was responsible for ATIDI's field offices in Burundi, Rwanda and Uganda. Prior to joining ATIDI, Mr. Mugisha had a decade long career at the East African Development Bank, working on various development projects across the region.



Mr. Hans Olav Kvalvaag

CEO, Release by Scatec

Mr. Hans Olav Kvalvaag is the CEO of Release by Scatec, a company providing solar and battery solutions based on standardized, modular and movable equipment offering flexible, clean and reliable power to private and public companies currently relying on diesel and fuel. Mr. Kvalvaag joined Scatec Solar in 2015 and has held positions of VP for Project Development and SVP for New Ventures. He is a lawyer by training, and has worked in the renewable and power sector internationally with McKinsey, the law firm Selmer, and Norsk Hydro prior to joining Scatec.



Mr. Chalker Kansteiner

CEO and Founder, GridX Africa

Mr. Chalker Kansteiner is the CEO and Founder of GridX Africa. He has extensive power and infrastructure development experience spanning from mega-infrastructure oil & gas projects to commercial and industrial solar battery projects. Mr. Kansteiner's background bridges the gap between global capital market investment appetite into African energy and operating on the ground to develop bankable power projects to financial close. Prior to GridX Africa, he worked as a Senior Analyst at the Black Rhino Group, Blackstone's large-scale African energy project developer.



Moderator: Ms. Cathy Oxby

Co-Founder and Chief Commercial Officer, Africa GreenCo

Ms. Cathy Oxby is the Co-Founder and Chief Commercial Officer of Africa GreenCo. Ms. Oxby has more than 14 years of professional experience in the infrastructure and renewable energy sectors, both as an adviser and an equity investor. After working at Allen & Overy LLP and at HSBC Infrastructure Fund, she established her own consultancy to help developers, investors and project companies deliver well structured and efficiently run investments by assisting them through all stages of project development, implementation and operation and also acted as a consultant to the World Bank.



Mr. Sanjeev Gupta

Executive Director for Financial Services, Africa Finance Corporation



Mr. Sanjeev Gupta is an Executive Director for Financial Services at Africa Finance Corporation, responsible for Treasury, Trade Finance, Syndication, Country Relations and Advisory. Mr. Gupta has over 30 years' experience in Investment Management, Private Equity and Corporate Finance. Prior to joining AFC, he was the Managing Partner of Emerging Markets Mergers and Acquisitions Center of Excellence at Ernst & Young. He has also been the Chief Executive Officer of Sanlam Investment Management Emerging Markets operations and a Founder & Managing Partner of Emerging Opportunity Consulting.

Ms. Johanna Raynal

Chief Sustainability Officer, Swedfund



Ms. Johanna Raynal is the Chief Impact and Sustainability Officer at Swedfund. She heads the organization's ESG & Impact operations focusing on two of three pillars in its business model: Impact on Society and Sustainability including themes such as gender equality, climate change and environment, human rights, decent work, and anti-corruption. Ms. Raynal and her team ensure the assessment and measurement of impact of Swedfund's portfolio as well as environmental, social and corporate governance issues (ESG) in the entire investment process across different industries.

Mr. Afamefuna Umeh

Head of Fixed Income SSA, StoneX Financial Nigeria Ltd



Mr. Afamefuna Umeh is the Head of Fixed Income, Sub-Saharan Africa for StoneX Financial Nigeria Limited, a subsidiary of StoneX Financial Group. Mr. Umeh is an experienced Cross-Asset Sales specialist with a demonstrated history of working in the financial services industry. He is skilled in trading, and cross-asset sales with a focus on African coverage, market growth and development, structured finance, research, derivatives, and financial analysis. Mr. Umeh is a strong finance professional with an MBA focused on Business and Management from the London Metropolitan Business School.

Ms. Ylva Lindberg

EVP Strategy & Communication, Norfund



Ms. Ylva Lindberg is the EVP of Strategy & Communication at Norfund. Prior to this, she was the Founding Partner of SIGLA, a boutique consultancy on sustainability and business. Ms. Lindberg has worked with sustainable and impact investments for almost 20 years and has experience in asset management and consumer goods. She is a Senior Associate of the University of Cambridge Institute for Sustainability Leadership, a board member of Lærdal Medical and a member of the Responsible Investment Advisory Council of BMO Global Asset Management.

Mr. Samir Abhyankar

Managing Director, Head of Direct Private Equity, British International Investment



Mr. Samir Abhyankar is a Managing Director and Head of Manufacturing, Agribusiness and Forestry at British International Investment, responsible for direct equity and fund investments across Africa and South Asia. Prior to joining BII, he was a Partner at TPG Growth, working across sectors covering the group's investment activities in Africa. He has also previously worked at Satya Capital, Citi Venture Capital International, the World Bank and Marakon Associates. Mr. Abhyankar holds an MBA from INSEAD and an MA from the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies.

Moderator: Ms. Mathilde Emilie Thue

CEO, Norwegian-African Business Association

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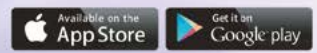
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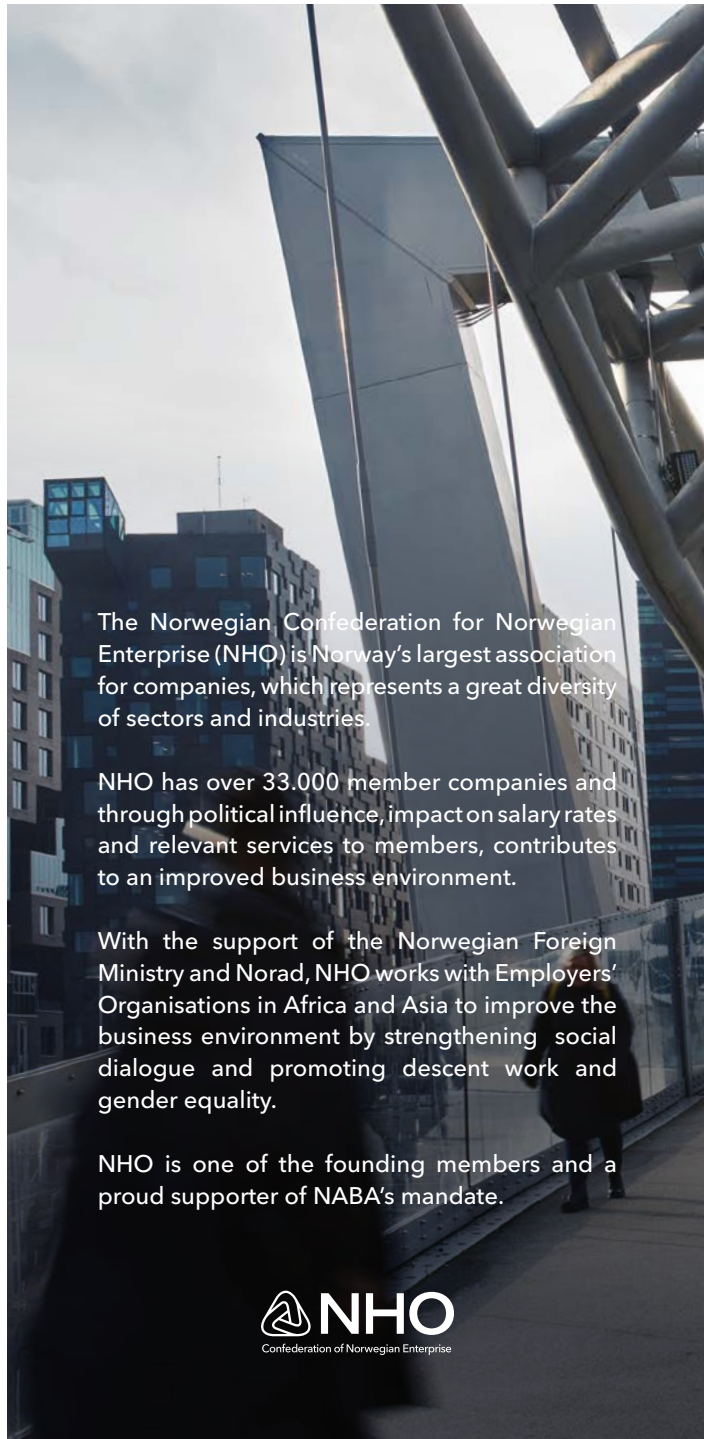
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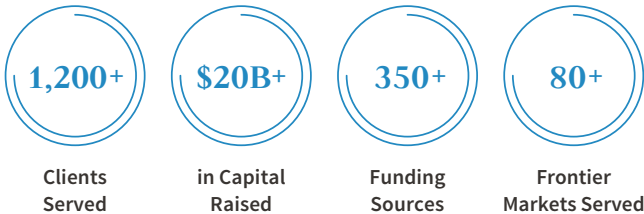
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