CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANISATIONS FORUM

CIVIL SOCIETY AT THE HEART OF THE HIGH 5s

PROGRAMME

The Civil Society Organisations Forum aims to promote closer cooperation and engagement between the African Development Bank (AfDB) and civil society organisations (CSOs). The purpose of this year's Forum is to open a high-level dialogue between CSOs and the Bank's senior management on the Bank's strategic focus in three of the Bank's five priority areas: energy, agriculture and jobs for youth.

DAY 1 – THURSDAY, MAY 26, 2016

08:30 **REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS**

Participants are invited to register for the meeting

09:00 – 10:00 **WELCOME ADDRESS & KEYNOTE STATEMENTS (PLENARY)**

- **H. E. Mary ROBINSON**, President of the Mary Robinson Foundation
- **Mr. Mamadou TOURE**, CEO and Founder, Africa 2.0
- **Dr. Akinwumi Ayodeji ADESINA**, President, African Development Bank Group

10:00 – 10:30 **PRESENTATION OF THE BREAKOUT SESSIONS (PLENARY)**

In order to allow for a more in-depth dialogue the CSO Forum will breakout in three sessions each focusing on one of the three priority areas of the High 5s: energy, agriculture and jobs for youth.

11:00 – 13:00 **BREAKOUT SESSIONS PART 1**

The purpose of this session is to share information and lay the basis for the break-out group discussions in the afternoon. In each break-out group, the responsible AfDB Director will summarise the key features of the AfDB's strategy. This will be followed by a presentation by the panelist from civil society giving their perspective on the strategy and CSO engagement in its implementation. The final presentation will give background on global trends for civil society and their implications. There will be a brief opportunity for questions after each presentation and for more discussion at the conclusion of all presentations.

BREAKOUT SESSION: ENERGY (ROOM MUNALI)

MODERATOR:

- **Neil COLE**, Executive Secretary of the Collaborative Africa Budget Reform Initiative

DISCUSSANTS:

- **Alex RUGAMBA,** Director, African Development Bank
- **Sheila OPARAOCHA,** International Network on Gender and Sustainable Energy
- **Tjaarda STORM VAN LEEUWEN**, Partnership for Transparency Fund

BREAKOUT SESSION: AGRICULTURE (ROOM LUAPULA)

MODERATOR:

- **Mamadou GOITA**, African Civil Society Organisations' Coalition on AfDB

DISCUSSANTS:

- **Chiji OJUKWU CHINEDUM,** Director, African Development Bank
- **Elizabeth MPOFU**, International Secretary, La Via Campesina
- **Barbara KAFKA**, Partnership for Transparency Fund

BREAKOUT SESSION: JOBS FOR YOUTH (ROOM NYIKA)

MODERATOR**:**

- **Karidia SANON**, Sustainable Development Departement, Ouagadougou University

DISCUSSANTS**:**

- **Sunita PITAMBER,** Director, African Development Bank
- **Mr. Sobel NGOM,** Social Change Factory
- **Noel KULEMEKA,** Manager, African Development Bank

13:00 – 15:00 LUNCH BREAK

15:00 – 17:00 **BREAKOUT SESSIONS PART 2**

In this second part of the breakout sessions, participants will pursue and deepen discussions by focusing on key actions the Bank and CSOs can take to strengthen their engagement in each of the three priority areas: Energy, Agriculture and Jobs for Youth. In doing so, they will be guided by the Issues Paper on energy, agriculture and jobs for youth. More specifically, participants are invited to answer following questions:

- What specific areas of the three strategies are the most important and relevant to CSOs in each of the three strategies: energy, agriculture, jobs for youth?
- How can CSOs best engage with AfDB in each of these three areas? E.g. through regional consultations, implementing projects etc.
- What further actions are needed to pursue dialogue and firm up roadmaps?

Each breakout session will prepare a slide summarising key questions that need to be addressed

BREAKOUT SESSION: ENERGY (ROOM MUNALI)
Participants will resume work started in the first part of breakout sessions

BREAKOUT SESSION: AGRICULTURE (ROOM LUAPALA)
Participants will resume work started in the first part of breakout sessions

BREAKOUT SESSION: JOBS FOR YOUTH (ROOM NYIKA)
Participants will resume work started in the first part of breakout sessions

DAY 2 – FRIDAY, MAY 27, 2016

09:00 – 10:30 **PLENARY SESSION 2: REPORTING ON BREAKOUT SESSIONS**

In this second plenary session, the moderators/rapporteurs for each of the breakout sessions will report back to the plenary on the previous day's deliberations. In doing so, they will identify opportunities and challenges in strengthening CSO engagement in each of the three priority areas.

RAPPORTEURS (to be identified in each breakout session)

- Breakout session **Energy**
- Breakout session **Agriculture**
- Breakout session **Jobs for Youth**

10:30 – 11:00 COFFEE BREAK

11:00 – 12:30 **PLENARY SESSION 3: MODERATED PANEL DISCUSSION WITH CSOs**

The facilitator will moderate a panel discussion on the challenges in engaging CSOs in implementing AfDB's High 5 strategy and will take questions from the floor.

The discussion will start with a STATEMENT from CSO organisations

PANELLISTS**:**

- Rapporteur breakout session **Energy**
- Rapporteur breakout session **Agriculture**
- Rapporteur breakout session **Jobs for Youth**

12:30 – 13:00 **CLOSING REMARKS**

- **Maria MULINDI**, AfDB's Advisor to the President on engagement with CSOs

13:00-15:00 **COCKTAIL** (Room CMR02, Ground Floor - Old Wing Building)