

CCG Webinar series

Sino-Africa dialogue on challenges and cooperation in pandemic times

in collaboration with the Embassy of Ghana (Celebrating 60th anniversary of Sino-Ghana relationship) and Development Reimagined

When: 4pm-6:00pm Beijing time, Tuesday Aug. 11

Where: Teleconference via Zoom; Zoom ID: 625 7528 5565

Live via Baidu/Facebook/Twitter/Youtube

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The COVID-19 pandemic continues to ravage communities and economies around the world, having infected more than 19 million people and killed over 700 thousand lives. Africa is one of the hardest hit regions with number of cases expected to further rise. China has been Africa's largest trading partner since 2009, as the continent struggles to fight the twin battle of epidemic control and economic recovery, what prospects are there for Sino-Africa cooperation that will help rekindle the bilateral trade and investment and restore people-to-people ties disrupted by the pandemic in the foreseeable future?

On Aug. 11, the Center for China and Globalization (CCG), the Embassy of Ghana to China and Development Reimagined will be honored to host an online conversation with African ambassadors, selected interlocutors from Africa and African study scholars. The dialogue will be facilitated by Dr. Henry WANG Huiyao, president of CCG and counselor to the state council, and Hannah Ryder, CEO of Development Reimagined.

Topics for discussion:

- Amid the challenge of COVID-19, to what extent and in which aspects is the pandemic impacting trade and economics of the African countries?
- How will China and Africa work together to upgrade the trade and economic relationships?
- In which industries will China and Africa level up business cooperation?
- As the most ambitious free trade project ever, how will the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) create new opportunities for Sino-Africa trade?
- In post-pandemic times, how can African countries level further opportunities in the Belt and Road Initiative?

Agenda:

16:00-16:05 Welcome and Introduction

Hannah Ryder, CEO of Development Reimagined

Wang Huiyao, Founder and President of Center for China and Globalization (CCG)

16:05-16:15 Special Address

Amb. Lin Songtian, President of the Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries; China's former Ambassador to South Africa

16:15-16:25 Special Address

Dr. Carlos Lopes, former Undersecretary General of the UN; former Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa

16:25-17:05 Special Guests Panel (in alphabetic order)

Prof. Liu Haifang, Director of the Center for African Studies, Peking University

Ms. Paddy Siyanga Knudsen, Development Economist

Mr. Yofi Grant, CEO of Ghana Investment Promotion Centre

Ms. Justina Obaoye-Ajala, Principal of Kentyna Solicitors and Global Education Ambassador of African Youth Diaspora organization (AYDO)

Mr. Tirera Sourakhata, CEO of Crestone Trading; Head of African business community in Yiwu

Ms. Constance Swaniker, Founder of the Design and Technology Institute

17:05-18:00 Ambassadors dialogue (in alphabetic order)

Dr. Babatunde A. Ahonsi, UN Resident Coordinator AD Interim in China

H.E. Edward Boateng, Ambassador of Ghana to China

H.E. Teshome Toga Chanaka, Ambassador of Ethiopia to China

H.E. Isabel Domingos, Ambassador of São Tomé and Príncipe to China

H.E. Mbelwa Kairuki, Ambassador of Tanzania to China

H.E. Sarah Serem, Ambassador of Kenya to China

18:00-18:10 Wrap up

Mr. Rahamtalla M. Osman, African Union Representative to China