

The OECD Berlin Centre and SAFRI have the pleasure of inviting you to the joint African Union Commission-OECD Development Centre presentation of the

### ***Africa's Development Dynamics 2022: Regional Value Chains for a Sustainable Recovery***

20 June 2022 | 9.00 - 10.30 (Berlin time)

#### **Expert Meeting – onsite at DIHK Headquarters.**

The discussion will be livestreamed to a broader audience via Teams

We cordially invite you to participate in an expert meeting discussion in the framework of the presentation of the ***Africa's Development Dynamics 2022*** report on 20 June in the DIHK Headquarters.

The aim of the event is to shed light on the thematic aspects of the report from various economic and social policy perspectives. In your capacity as an expert in your field, you would undoubtedly make valuable contribution to the discussion.

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## **AGENDA**

*Moderated by Nicola Brandt, OECD*

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| <b>9.00 – 9.05</b>   | <b><i>Welcome remarks</i></b><br><b>Dr. Ilja Nothnagel</b> , Member of the Executive Board, Association of German Chambers of Commerce and Industry (DIHK)*   |
| <b>9.05 – 9.15</b>   | <b><i>Keynote statement</i></b><br><b>Jochen Flasbarth</b> , State Secretary, Germany's Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)   |
| <b>9.15 – 9.45</b>   | <b><i>Presentation of Africa's Development Dynamics 2022</i></b><br><b>Albert M. Muchanga</b> , Commissioner, Department of Economic Development, Trade, Tourism, Industry and Minerals, African Union Commission*<br><br><b>Ragnheiður Elín Árnadóttir</b> , Director, OECD Development Centre |
| <b>9.45 – 10.25</b>  | <b><i>High-Level Expert Discussion</i></b>  |
| <b>10.25 – 10.30</b> | <b><i>Concluding remarks</i></b><br><b>Nicola Brandt</b> , Head of OECD Berlin Centre   |
| <b>10.30 – 11.00</b> | <b>Informal discussions with appetizers</b>   |

## About Africa's Development Dynamics 2022 report

The *Africa's Development Dynamics 2022* report explores the ways in which developing regional value chains can help African countries recover from the socio-economic shocks of the COVID-19 pandemic and accelerate productive transformation. It highlights policy areas where private and public actors' support for regional value chains is needed, as they operationalise the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA). African firms can harness digital innovations to reduce production costs, and governments can design policies for skills development, public procurement and foreign investment to strengthen industrial linkages. Two continental chapters examine African initiatives and global trends, while five regional chapters tailor policy recommendations to sectoral value chains.

The report feeds the policy debate amongst governments, citizens, entrepreneurs and researchers and is the fruit of the partnership between the African Union Commission and the OECD Development Centre.

## Fostering Partnerships with African countries are at the heart of the German government's objectives

As neighbouring continents, Africa and Europe are key partners and the cooperation between African nations and Germany is a priority for the newly elected German government and the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ). Hence, the BMZ is preparing a new Africa Strategy that will define priorities and provide guidance for BMZ Africa policy in the current legislative period. For the development of this new strategy, the BMZ will be engaging in a broad-based consultation process with German, European and African experts and practitioners from various fields. An important stakeholder group is the private sector, which the BMZ would like to involve and give the opportunity to contribute to this consultation process during this event on the *Africa's Development Dynamics 2022* report.

## Further information

The meeting will be held in English.