



“Africa We Want and the United Nations We Need”

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DRAFT PROGRAM as of Feb. 28

Day I: 4 March

08:00-09:30: Registration/ Tea

09:30-09:35: All Guests Seated

09:35-09:40: Arrival of the Special Guest of Honour

OPENING SEGMENT

09:40-12:00: The Africa We Want and the UN We Need

Open to wider audience than just Africa Summit of the Future (SOTF) Dialogue Participants

- Session Moderator: Amb. Sani Bala, Executive Director, Savannah Centre for Diplomacy, Democracy & Development
- (10 mins) **Opening Remarks, including overview of the dialogue**
 - **H.E. Prof. Ibrahim Gambari**, Founding Chairman, Savannah Centre for Diplomacy, Democracy & Development and former Foreign Minister of Nigeria, UN Under-Secretary-General for Political Affairs, and Co-Chair of the Commission on Global Security, Justice & Governance



- Goodwill Messages (45 mins)
 - **H.E. Moussa Faki Mahamat**, Chairperson of the AU Commission (*maybe presented by H.E. Ms. Aissatou Hayatou, Head of the NEPAD Coordination Office, African Union Commission*)
 - **H.E. Yusuf Tuggar**, Hon. Minister of Foreign Affairs, Nigeria
 - **Alh. Aliko Dangote**, Rep. of the Private Sector
 - Leonardo Santos Simao UN Secretary General’s Representative (UN Coordinating Office in Dakar)
 - **Abdullahi Aliyu Usman**, President of Joint National Association of Persons with Disabilities, Nigeria; Representative of People with Disabilities in Africa
 - **Ms. Idayat Hassan**; Director, Centre for Democracy and Development, Representative of the CSOs/NGOs (African Sub-region)
 - Representative of EU in Nigeria
 - Representative of African Traditional Rulers
 - **Ms. Chido Mpemba, the African Youth Ambassador**; Representative of the African Youth Organizations

- (5 mins) Overview of the Summit of the Future and its chief outcome document, the Pact for the Future: Dr. Richard Ponzio, Senior Fellow and Director, Global Governance, Justice & Security Program, Stimson Center and Co-Director, Global Governance Innovation Network.

- (20 mins) **Keynote Address: “The Africa we Want and the UN we Need: Africa’s Perspective on the Summit of the Future”**
 - **H.E. Donald Kaberuka**, former President of the African Development Bank and Finance Minister of Rwanda, and Member of the Secretary-General’s High-Level Advisory Board on Effective Multilateralism

- (5 mins) Poem or Video Clips Highlighting the major concerns of Africa;

- (15 mins) **Opening of the Dialogue**
 - **H.E. Bola Ahmed Tinubu, GCFR**; President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria

- (10 mins) **Vote of thanks: H.E Senator George Akume**, Secretary to the Government of the Federation, Nigeria.

11:25-12:00 Group Photograph /Press Interviews/Departure

12:30-13:30 Lunch Break



13:30-15:30 Breakthrough Groups: Session 1: *Building consensus around shared understanding of particular global/regional problem-sets and analyzing and critiquing the strengths and weaknesses of current global/regional governance responses to such particular global/regional problem-sets divided into six groups or themes:*

- **(1) Peace, Security & Defence**
- **(2) Sustainable Development and Democratic Governance**
- **(3) Human Rights and Humanitarian Action**
- **(4) Climate Governance**
- **(5) Rules-Based World Order and the Place of Africa in Global Governance**
(with gender, youth and technology as cross-cutting issues in all breakthrough groups)

15:30-15:45 Coffee/Tea Break (and Group Photo at 15:45 of Africa SOTF Dialogue participants)

15:45-17:30 Spotlight Panel 1 on “Mobilizing Sustainable Finance for the Africa We Want and UN We Need, including through South Africa’s G20 Presidency in 2025”

Moderator: Prof. Jibril Ibrahim - *Member, Nigerian Working Group on Peacebuilding and Governance*

Panelists:

- Florence Syevuo - *Executive-Director, SDGs Kenya Forum and Co-Chair, Coalition for the UN We Need*
- Cleophas Angwenyi - *Head of Office & AU Representative - Oxfam AU Liaison Office Ethiopia*
- H.E. Ann Linde - *Former Foreign Minister of Sweden and Foundation for European Progressive Studies Special Advisor for International Affairs*
- Mikatekiso Kubayi - *Think Tank 20 (T20) Task Force Co-Coordinator, Researcher at the Institute for Global Dialogue in South Africa, and Research Fellow at the Institute for Pan African Thought and Conversation*
- Dr. Tim Murithi - *Head of the Peacebuilding Interventions Program, Institute for Justice and Reconciliation, South Africa*

18:45-20:30 Welcome Dinner/Reception



Day II: 5 March

08:30-09:00 Registration

09:00-10:30 Spotlight Panel 2 on “Intergenerational Dialogue on ECOWAS and Peacebuilding in West Africa”

Moderator: (Prof. Istifanus Zabadi/ Sir Bola Abimbola)

Panelists:

- Prof. Jibril Ibrahim - *Member, Nigerian Working Group on Peacebuilding and Governance*
- Ms. Julie Sanda - *Director General, Plateau State Peacebuilding Agency*
- Mr. Shamsudeen Yusuf - *Head of Component, Conflict Prevention and Elections, GIZ-EPSAO Project*
- Dr. Joseph Ochogwu - *Director General, Institute of Peace and Conflict Resolution*
- Afolabi Adekaiyaoja - *Research Analyst and Next Generation Policy Practitioner, Centre for Democracy and Development*
- Onyinye Onwuka - *Agricultural Director, Office of the VP of The Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) Commission, Abuja*

10:30-10:45 Coffee/Tea Break

10:45-12:30 Breakthrough Groups: Session 2: *Debate and elaborate on a select [ideally no more than two] number of relevant reform proposals (building on ideas currently on the Summit of the Future agenda) in response to particular global/regional problem-sets (and related gaps in global/regional governance) – whether of an institutional, legal, policy, normative, or operational nature*

- Six Groups: i) Peace, Security & Defence; (ii) Sustainable Development and Democratic Governance; (iii) Human Rights and Humanitarian Action; (iv) Climate Governance; and (v) Rules-Based World Order and the Place of Africa in Global Governance (with gender, youth and technology as cross-cutting issues in all breakthrough groups).

12:30-13:30 Lunch Break

13:30-15:00 Breakthrough Groups Session 3: *Refine select [ideally no more than two] number of relevant reform proposals (including ideas beyond the current Summit of the Future agenda) in response to particular global/regional problem-sets (and related gaps in global/regional governance) – whether of an institutional, legal, policy, normative, or operational nature and identify key next steps*



- Six Groups: i) Peace, Security & Defence; (ii) Sustainable Development and Democratic Governance; (iii) Human Rights and Humanitarian Action; (iv) Climate Governance; and (v) Rules-Based World Order and the Place of Africa in Global Governance (with gender, youth and technology as cross-cutting issues in all breakthrough groups).

15:00-16:30 Spotlight Panel 3 on “From this Abuja Dialogue to the Nairobi UN Civil Society Conference in May to the Summit of the Future in September”

Moderator: Amb. Abdullahi Omaki - Pioneer Executive Director, Savannah Centre for Diplomacy, Democracy & Development and Founder, Abdullahi Omaki Community Peace Initiatives Network (AOCPIN)

Panelists:

- Professor Alice Odingo - *University of Nairobi (Global Environment Specialist) and Vice-President, Academic Council on the UN System*
- Dr. Abbey Ogunwale - *Vice President for Strategic Growth, One Earth Future*
- Milton Nyamadzawo - *Director for Africa, Institute for Economics and Peace*
- Anja Olin-Pape - *Head of Strategy, Global Challenges Foundation*
- Nudhara Yusuf - *Co-Chair, UN Civil Society Conference on the Summit of the Future (9-10 May 2024 in Nairobi) and Executive Coordinator, Global Governance Innovation Network*

16:30-16:45 Coffee/Tea Break

16:45-18:00 Concluding Session

- Opening remarks by **H.E. Professor Tijjani Bande (GCON; OFR)** Former President of the General Assembly and Permanent Representative of Nigeria to the United Nations (*note: unless he prefers to speak in the opening plenary*)
- Final report-back from five breakthrough groups
- High-Level Discussant Responses
 - H.E. Prof. Ibrahim Gambari - *Founding Chairperson, Savannah Centre*
 - H.E. Dr. Donald Kaberuka - *Former President of the African Development Bank*
 - H.E. Ann Linde - *Former Foreign Minister of Sweden*
 - H.E. Aissatou Hayatou - *Head of the NEPAD Coordination Office, African Union Commission*
 - H.E. Tijjani Bande - *Former President of the UN General Assembly*
- Closing remarks from H.E. **Prof. Ibrahim Gambari**, Founding Chairperson, Savannah Centre



18:00 Vote of Thanks by [Ambassador Brownson Dede](#), Acting Chairman, Savannah Centre, followed by a Reception

Day III: March 6

9:00-13:00 Strategy Session on the possible formation of a new African Research Network on Regional & Global Governance Innovation ([ARN-RGGI](#))

Welcome and Presentation of the **African Research Network on Regional & Global Governance Innovation** initial concept note: *Amb. Sani Bala, Executive Director, Savannah Centre for Diplomacy, Democracy & Development*

Discussion of the concept note

Gatherings of three African Research Network working groups:

Policy Research Work Stream co-facilitated by Professor Alice Odingo - *University of Nairobi (Global Environment Specialist) and Vice-President, Academic Council on the UN System* and Dr. Abbey Ogunwale - *Vice President for Strategic Growth, One Earth Future*

Policy Dialogues Work Stream co-facilitated by Milton Nyamadzawo - *Director for Africa, Institute for Economics and Peace* and Florence Syevuo - *Executive-Director, SDGs Kenya Forum and Co-Chair, Coalition for the UN We Need*

Community of Practice & Advocacy Work Stream co- by Cleophas Angwenyi - *Head of Office & AU Representative - Oxfam AU Liaison Office Ethiopia* and Afolabi Adekaiyaoja - *Research Analyst - Centre for Democracy and Development West Africa*

Report backs from the three working groups and concluding discussion.

Reflections, possible 2nd planning meeting of the ARN-RGGI on the sidelines of the [UN Civil Society Conference on the Summit of the Future](#) (9-10 May 2024 in Nairobi), and final Vote of Thanks: *Amb. Sani Bala, Executive Director, Savannah Centre for Diplomacy, Democracy & Development*

13:00-17:00 Lunch and time for bilateral partnership meetings and/or internal partners' meetings

Room bookings to be made available