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WELCOME TO THE
2020 AFRICA-FRANCE SUMMIT

The 28th Africa-France Summit in Bordeaux, 4-6 June 2020, will be an unmissable event for politics, the economy and culture.

The French President, Emmanuel Macron, will welcome leaders from all over Africa, along with their ministerial delegations and regional decision-makers, as well as private businesses, financial institutions, members of the diaspora and civil society organisations from France and Africa.

African countries, like France, are facing unprecedented population growth in cities. The unique challenges presented by their different climates, landscapes and cultures will require tailor-made solutions.

Access to all essential services such as energy, transport, food, housing, healthcare, education, work and project financing should suit the specific features of the local environment and the people who live there.

Through my regular interaction with communities, governments and companies in Africa and France alike, I have become convinced that the challenges of urbanisation require a significant level of commitment if they are to foster long-term partnerships and combine educating young people with meeting the needs of the economy.

Every political decision that is made should be based on reliable industrial, technical and technological solutions that can be applied widely, and each innovation should address chosen areas for development.

I am sure that institutional, economic, industrial, scientific and citizen-led collaboration will accelerate our ability to come up with ways to improve the quality of life in our villages, towns, cities and regions.

The next two decades will be crucial for us to plan a sustainable future for urban areas. The challenge of guaranteeing a healthy, successful and safe way of life for citizens remains a priority.

At the heart of the Summit is La Cité des Solutions, a trade fair open to the project leaders, companies, civil society and institutions that will change the face of our urban centres. All of these stakeholders will be able to adopt tangible solutions in their cities and regions, offering new opportunities to future generations. Original ideas for progress, conceived in Africa, will find a field for experimentation and development.

My goal is for everyone to work towards creating cities and regions that offer people a variety of inspiring opportunities.

We must take collective action so that our cities, currently seen as a challenge, will from now on be seen as a solution.

Stéphanie Rivoal
Ambassador,
Secretary General of the 2020 Africa-France Summit
By hosting the 28th Africa-France Summit on the theme of sustainable cities in 2020, Bordeaux is taking on a dual role, setting an example both as a French region with a uniquely innovative and forward-facing relationship with Africa, and as a sustainable city.

The historical, economic, academic, cultural and personal ties linking Bordeaux and the surrounding area to the different regions of Africa go far beyond the dark history of centuries past and represent our collective involvement in initiatives and actions for a better future.

Now and in the future, Africa and its cities in particular face the challenges of urbanisation and ensuring their inhabitants survive and thrive. Some of the “African issues” that have now become ours, to address here and now, include the environment and ecological crisis, urban sprawl, mobility, food security, education for young people, women’s rights and good governance.

In recent years, almost every region of France has been mobilising its people and resources to develop multiple areas of collaboration with Africa.

These different initiatives are made possible through the state’s competitive exams and financial institutions, including the French development agency AFD, and our multilateral partners, such as the International Association of Francophone Mayors (AIMF), the European Union and the World Bank Group.

A city of internationally recognised appeal, Bordeaux aims to consolidate its forward-thinking achievements in sustainable development and collaboration with cities in Africa and act as a bridge, bringing other regions of France into the fold and revitalising Franco-African regional partnerships.

A number of important parties involved in our region’s relationship with Africa have already mobilised to contribute to the success of this solutions-focused Summit, which aims to both be inclusive and obtain tangible results.

These parties include — but are by no means limited to — the municipalities of Greater Bordeaux, the Gironde departmental council, the Nouvelle-Aquitaine region, the local education authority and inspectorate, the Port of Bordeaux, the Chambers of Commerce and Industry of Bordeaux and Gironde, the Bordeaux-Africa business network (CBSOA), the International Chamber of Commerce of Nouvelle-Aquitaine, the Bordeaux Wine Council (CIVB), the Matmut Atlantique Stadium, the Bordeaux Technowest science and technology park, the universities of Bordeaux, Bordeaux Montaigne and Sciences Po, the Les Afriques dans le Monde joint research unit, the Football Club des Girondins de Bordeaux, the Rocher de Palmer concert venue, French Tech Bordeaux, the SO Coopération regional network for international cooperation and solidarity, the French association of elected officials committed to Africa-France relations, and various leading figures and associations from the African diaspora.

We need to work from regional level upwards to find solutions to the challenges we share. By doing so, we will establish a Franco-African alliance that provides meaning to this purposeful, forward-looking summit, organised to promote long-term growth for young people in both France and Africa, and helps to build a fairer world.

Pierre De Gaétan Njikam
Third Deputy Mayor of Bordeaux, City Councillor,
Co-president of the National Steering Committee for the 2020 Africa-France Summit
**CONTEXT AND THEMES**

As announced by the French President, Emmanuel Macron, in Ouagadougou in 2017, the Africa-France Summit will take place in Paris and Bordeaux, 4-6 June 2020. The central theme of the Summit is the sustainable city.

Open to stakeholders from cities in Africa and France, the Summit will focus on engagement, action and tangible solutions that involve African companies and local officials, as well as civil society. The event represents an unprecedented opportunity for these different participants to present their ideas, projects and initiatives.

*La Cité des Solutions* will be the highlight of the Summit. It will aim to spark discussions about industrial, technological, digital and citizen-led solutions for the sustainable cities of the future in Africa and France, and make long-term urban projects a reality through ethical and realistic plans for financing.

**AN EVENT FOR POLITICS, THE ECONOMY, SPORTS AND CULTURE**

- A summit based on real commitments: a plenary assembly where heads of state and government, companies and donors will work towards developing sustainable cities in Africa
- A trade fair offering solutions: a business-focused space that will highlight projects and initiatives for sustainable cities and regions
- A city united: an international football match, an urban music concert and other events will take place in Bordeaux
Africa is undergoing a wave of urbanisation that is unprecedented in its intensity and momentum. The continent’s urban population currently numbers 472 million people, but will double over the next 25 years to reach 1 billion in 2040. From 2025, an additional 187 million people will live in Africa’s cities.

Although population growth has slowed down in France, in 2050 the country will be home to 74 million people, 8.2 million more than in 2013. The country’s urban landscape is currently marked by a resurgence of the population in cities accompanied by strong growth in surrounding suburbs, while other areas, such as towns and former industrial centres, are seeing their populations dwindle.

Urbanisation is key to the structural transformation of a country’s economy. However, accelerated urbanisation sometimes leads to the emergence of shanty towns or underprivileged areas as cities struggle to integrate the poorest sections of the population. Moreover, high-density urban areas create pollution and the high cost of living in city centres drives down diversity.

But urbanisation is a global trend; cities are the best places for accessing healthcare, education, infrastructure, transport, water, sanitation, waste management and information. We must rethink our models for urban areas and make a success of the transition to the sustainable city so that we can provide high-quality places for millions of people to live.

The Summit will be an opportunity for us to tackle issues faced by cities in Africa and France, beyond their specific contexts.

It will focus on engagement, action and tangible solutions so that we can rise to the challenges faced by these cities now and in the future.
AFRICAN MAYORS INVITED
A REWORKED 28TH SUMMIT
Combining a political vision with the action of economic stakeholders

54 COUNTRIES INVITED
OVER 500 COMPANIES FROM FRANCE AND AFRICA
1,000 AFRICAN ENTREPRENEURS INVITED

THREE DAYS
including two days for professionals and one day for the general public

4 JUIN
Launch of La Cité des Solutions for professional attendees

5 JUIN
AFTERNOON
Visit of the themed neighbourhoods and business meetings
EVENING
Football match at the Matmut Atlantique stadium

6 JUIN
AFTERNOON
Launch of La Cité des Solutions for the general public
EVENING
Public concert at Place des Quinconces, Bordeaux

MORNING
Family photo
Inauguration of La Cité des Solutions for sustainable cities and regions by heads of state and government

MORNING
Plenary assembly with heads of state and government and sustainable city stakeholders
A SUMMIT FOR CHANGEMAKERS

Solutions
An innovative trade fair to present projects and solutions for sustainable cities and regions

Action
A plenary assembly where heads of state, companies and donors will work towards developing sustainable cities in Africa

Festivities
A football match with big names, an urban music concert and other events

1,000 changemakers

50,000 m² of exhibition space

150 contributors

25,000 expected visitors

15,000 sustainable city stakeholders invited
Access to essential services

The sustainable city must adopt new practices in order to improve access to essential services.

It must provide a secure environment, sustainable resource management with new processes for sanitation and waste management, renewable energy generation and consumption with a minimal environmental impact, a safe road network, and greater involvement in the well-being of the people who live there.

Moving around the city

For the city of the future, developing transport and associated infrastructure that increasingly align with the goal of a reduced environmental impact is a key challenge.

The rapid urbanisation of cities in Africa and increased traffic congestion in France are forcing us to rethink our current systems. This transformation not only involves addressing how people travel within cities, but also their access to transport networks for suburban, inter-city and international connections (via airports, ports and railway stations). Infrastructure for city tourism is another factor affecting mobility within and between urban centres.

Living in the city

The issue of affordable housing is raised frequently in cities all over the world and represents, along with access to employment, a major concern for local residents.

Through culture, education, sport and entertainment, people broaden their social and professional horizons and learn about other communities, while retaining a sense of belonging to a particular social group.
Feeding the city

Highly concentrated urban populations create areas with significant food needs that are located far from the places where it is usually produced. Developing production and distribution methods that suit urban and peri-urban areas will require the adaptation or even complete structural transformation of agricultural production systems and the industries involved in food processing, supply, retail and hospitality services.

Connecting the city

The rise of smart, connected technology presents many opportunities to develop sustainable cities and regions. Having access to a range of digital technology transforms economies and societies, accelerating the exchange of information and connecting users to public and private services located both nearby and remotely. The sustainable city is therefore a connected one.

Structuring and enhancing the city

The sustainable city is designed, organised, planned and structured to limit the negative effects of human activity on the environment and societies, while creating a nice place to live. This approach influences the choices made in relation to architecture, planning, building construction, use of green spaces and design of street furniture.

Financing and organising projects

Developing the conditions required for the emergence of the sustainable city is an ambitious goal that will require considerable resources. Supporting these projects will sometimes call for significant financing in the form of public-private partnerships. International financial institutions, donors, foundations, banks and investment funds must therefore be actively involved in this process. Expertise provided by consulting firms gives the structure, guidance and technical support that is often essential for the successful completion of projects. Lastly, the legal and insurance sectors are responsible for ensuring that the planned operations are lawful and defining regulations that are appropriate for the challenges of the sustainable city.
An Africa-France Summit that values the tangible actions taken by stakeholders in cities and regions in France and Africa.

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