

# HIGH LEVEL PANEL ON “G7 & AFRICA”

Rome, 5 May 2017

*Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation*

## AGENDA

### 10.00 am OPENING REMARKS

Min. Plen. Armando BARUCCO, Director-Policy Planning Unit, Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation – Italy

Amb. Giampiero MASSOLO, President, ISPI-Italian Institute for International Political Studies – Italy

### 10.30 am ACHIEVING FOOD SECURITY IN AFRICA: BEYOND EMERGENCY RESPONSES

Chair: Ibrahima HATHIE, Research Director, IPAR-Initiative Prospective Agricole et Rurale – Senegal

Kickoff: George RAPSOMANIKIS, Senior Economist, FAO-Food and Agriculture Organisation

#### Comments:

- Muluneh Woldetsadik ABSHARE, Representative of Ethiopia Chapter, OSSREA-Organization for Social Science Research in Eastern and Southern Africa – Ethiopia
- Argent CHUULA, Board Chairman, FANRPAN-Food, Agriculture and Natural Resources Policy Analysis Network – Angola
- Karim EL AYNAOUI, Managing Director, OCP Policy Center – Morocco
- Kerstin NOLTE, Research Fellow, GIGA-German Institute of Global and Area Studies – Germany

#### Debate

### 1.45 pm PROMOTING INNOVATION FOR INCLUSIVE GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT IN AFRICA

Chair: Lemma SENBET, Executive Director, AERC-African Economic Research Consortium – Kenya

Kickoff: Domenico FANIZZA, Executive Director, ADB-African Development Bank

#### Comments:

- Federico BONAGLIA, Acting Deputy Director, Development Centre, OECD-Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
- Folarin GBADEBO-SMITH, CEO, CPPA-Center for Public Policy Alternatives – Nigeria
- Marie-Claude MARTIN, Senior Fellow, CIGI-Centre for International Governance Innovation – Canada
- Aphrodice MUTANGANA, General Manager, kLab – Rwanda

#### Debate

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#### 4.00 pm **MIGRATION AND BEYOND: MOBILITY IN AFRICA**

Chair: Takyiwaa MANUH, Director, Social Development Policy Division, UNECA-United Nations Economic Commission for Africa

Kickoff: Marta FORESTI, Managing Director, ODI-Overseas Development Institute – UK

Comments:

- Bronwyn BRUTON, Director of Programs and Studies; Deputy Director, Africa Center, Atlantic Council – USA
- Giovanni CARBONE, Senior Research Fellow and Head of the Africa Program, ISPI-Italian Institute for International Political Studies – Italy
- Franklin CUDJOE, Founding President and CEO, IMANI-Center for Policy and Education – Ghana
- Rumiko SEYA, President, JCCP-Japan Center for Conflict Prevention – Japan
- Luigi Maria VIGNALI, Director General for Migration Issues and Visas, Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation – Italy

Debate

#### 6.00 pm **CLOSING**

Presentation of the conclusions of the working sessions to Amb. Raffaele TROMBETTA, G7/G20 Sherpa to the Prime Minister – Italy

Chair: Amb. Giampiero MASSOLO

Rapporteurs: Marta FORESTI, Ibrahima HATHIE, Lemma SENBET

Conclusion: Amb. Massimo GAIANI, Director General for Global Issues and for Asia, Sub Saharan Africa, Latin America, Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation – Italy

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## BACKGROUND

**Italy will hold the G7 Presidency from January 1 to December 31, 2017** ([www.g7italy.it](http://www.g7italy.it)).

The annual Summit of the Heads of State and Government will be held in Taormina on May 26-27, 2017. It will be attended not only by the leaders of G7 nations but also by the leaders of select International Organizations, and by the Heads of State and Government of “outreach” countries and countries invited as guests of the Presidency. It was Italy that, in 2001, first established the now traditional “African segment” of the Summit, with dialogue sessions between G7 leaders and the African countries invited by the Presidency.

Civil society is a key stakeholder for the G7 Presidency. It plays an advocacy role, mobilizing key actors and bringing institutions closer to the grassroots level.

**Italy has initiated ongoing dialogue with all the representatives of the so-called G7 engagement groups** (Business7, Civil7, ThinkTank7, Labor7, Science7, Women7 and Youth7), which will not only submit their policy recommendations related to issues on the G7 agenda to leaders and institutions, but will also organize their own parallel summits over the course of Italy’s Presidency.

**The May 5 meeting will be one of the abovementioned G7 engagement groups** and will involve top representatives and experts from G7 and selected African think tanks.

The panel discussion will be based on three sessions, devoted to key issues related to the Agenda 2030: food security, innovation and mobility.

**Food security** and the factors that can help Africans reliably access safe and nutritious food remain key development challenges in significant parts of the continent. In a fast-changing world, **innovation** is both a necessity as well as an extraordinary opportunity for African societies, as demonstrated by a number of new initiatives that have turned into success stories. **Mobility** is a notion that embraces migration questions but reaches beyond them, as Africa’s population growth goes hand in hand with an increased number of individuals who choose to move – whether from rural to urban areas within national boundaries, from one country to another within the region, or by leaving the continent altogether.

While the above three issues will be the main focus of the panel discussion, they will be addressed within the framework of the broader international agenda, with proper attention paid to cross-over themes such as security concerns, demographic trends, women’s economic empowerment, cities and infrastructures.

The meeting will be organised by **ISPI**, Italy’s main forum for debate on international affairs. It promotes international conferences with outstanding personalities from all over the world, which include conferences on the Mediterranean region and Africa (in particular, “Rome MED - Mediterranean dialogues” and “Italy-Africa Ministerial Conference”, promoted in cooperation with the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation), think tank meetings and other seminars.

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