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2018 Africa Link Symposium & Solidarity Awards

8TH SEPTEMBER 2018

Invitation

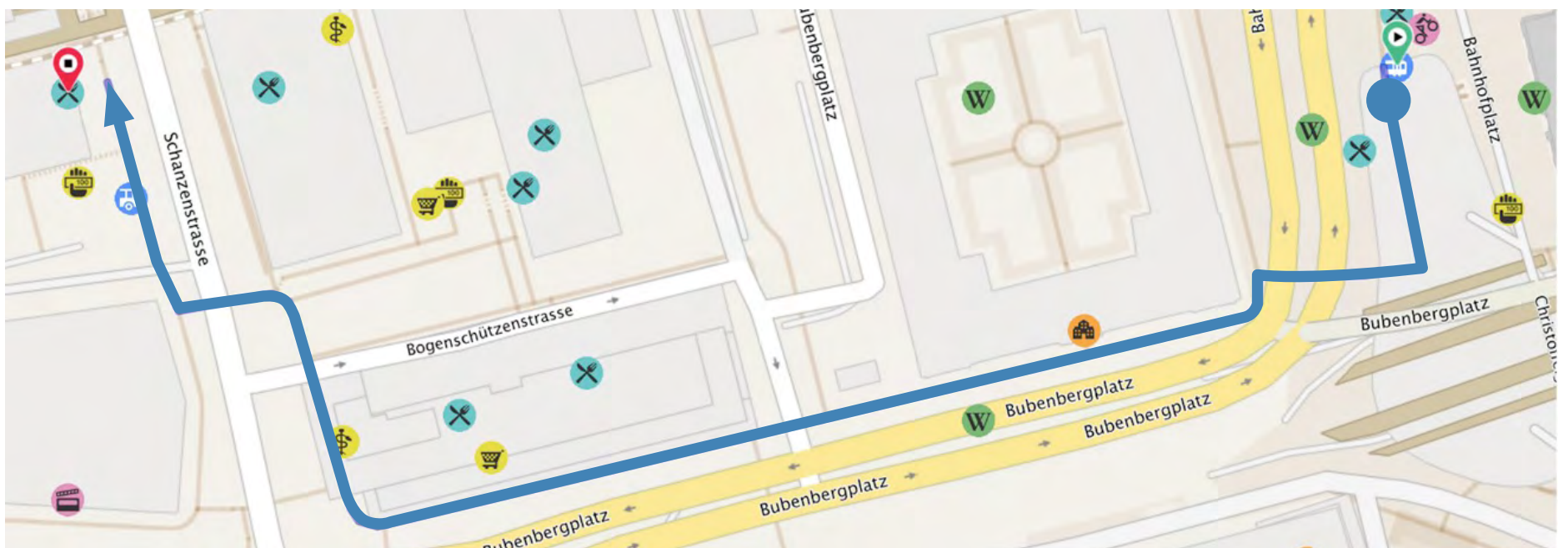
Venue: Welle7, Workspace, Schanzenstrasse 5,
3008 Bern (Five minutes' walk from Bern main train station)

Direction: Follow the blue arrow from the Bern main station to Schanzenstrasse 5 or look for the elevator (Lift) on the platform of your arrival, and take it to go up. On arrival at the top walk toward platform 1, there is an exit. When you go out, you will be in front of Well 7, take a lift to the 3rd floor, the venue of the event.

Car Park: It is better to park at the train station because the parking lots at Welle 7 are very few

Time: 09:30 – 17:30

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Africa Link Annual Symposium is born to response to the many daunting challenges that continue to dog Africa's development footsteps. The maiden edition will discuss **MIGRATION, CORRUPTION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP**

The Topics

Migration – Migration: The Global Compact on Migration and its implication / expectations / implementation in African Countries

Migration – Herders and farmers conflicts, the Emerging Challenges of Regional Migration that threatens investment, food security and agricultural sustainability in Africa.

Corruption – Why it is not necessary in Africa" – Botswana's Case

"Entrepreneurship – The solution for Africa's economy, or an additional obstacle for those who fail?"

GUEST SPEAKERS



H. E. Christoph Aparr Onyanga
Uganda Permanent Representative to the UNOG and Switzerland



H. E. Athaliah Molokomme
Botswana Permanent Representative to the UNOG and Switzerland



H. E. Osman Abufatima A. Mohammed
Sudan Permanent Representative to the UNOG and Switzerland



Mr. Abdel R. Diop
Associate Migration Officer IOM in Geneva
Global Compact for Migration team



Dr. Yima Sen
Lecturer at Baze University, Abuja, Nigeria



Mr. Bert Evers
Founder, CEO Evers Xcellence

Programme

- 09:00 Registration and welcome coffee
- 09:50 **OPENING:**
Introduction of moderator George Ola Davis by Samuel Polley
- 10:00 **WELCOME ADDRESS**
Johnson Oduwaiye President Africa Link
The objective and goal of Africa Link Annual Symposium
- 10:10 **OPENING ADDRESS**
Peter Aeberhard
Coordinator Swiss Civil Society Platform on Migration and Development (mdplatform)
A brief about mdplatform and its activities
- 10:20 **KEYNOTE ADDRESS 1**
His Excellency Mr. Christoph Aparr Onyanga
The Ambassador of Uganda to Switzerland and United Nations Offices in Geneva
Topic: The Global Compact on Migration and its expectations in African Countries
- 10:35 **KEYNOTE ADDRESS 2**
Mr. Abdel Rahmane Diop
Associate Migration Officer IOM Geneva, Global Compact for Migration Team
Topic: The Global Compact for Migration its implication and implementation in African countries
- 11:55 Coffee Break
- 11:15 **KEYNOTE ADDRESS 3**
His Excellency Osman Abufatima A. Mohammed
The Ambassador of Sudan to Switzerland and the United Nations Offices in Geneva
Topic: Migration – Durable solution to the emerging challenges of regional migration and its effects on food security, land and water resources from a global perspective.

- 11:30 **GUEST SPEAKER**
 Dr. Yima Sen
 Lecturer at Baze University, Abuja, Nigeria
 Topic: Migration – Herders and farmers conflicts, the emerging challenges of regional migration that threatens investment, food security and agricultural sustainability in Africa.
- 11:45 **KEYNOTE ADDRESS 4**
 Her Excellency Mrs. Athaliah Molokomme
 The Ambassador of Botswana to Switzerland and the United Nations Offices in Geneva
 Topic: Corruption – Why corruption is not necessary in Africa – Botswana’s case.
- 12:00 Lunch
- 13:00 **GUEST SPEAKER**
 Mr. Bert Evers
 Founder, CEO Evers Xcellence
 Theme: “Entrepreneurship – The solution for Africa’s economy, or an additional obstacle for those who fail?”
- 13:15 **Panel Discussion**
- 14:15 **Coffee break**
- 14:30 **Awards presentation**
- 16:30 **Closing Remark**
- 17:00 – 18:00 **Network with coffee and refreshment**

2018 AFRICA LINK SOLIDARITY AWARD WINNERS



H.E. Léonard H. Bindzi
 Envoy of Excellence



Ms. Claudinah Ramosepele
 Envoy of Excellence



H. E. Osvaldo dos Santos Varela
 Envoy of Excellence



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