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Euro-China-African Diaspora Investments in Africa

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Scope:

Migration has been touted to be bad for developing countries especially Sub-Saharan Africa, but is it that bad for the host countries of migrants?

Globalization with its associated forces has increased the mobility of labour across borders. Multinational corporations favour the movement of labour, especially highly skilled labour. Faced with acute labour shortages, the industries of developed countries are evaluating migration policies and are showing preference for a relatively flexible mechanism. American and European service industries in particular have been pushing for a "liberal policy" for movement of labour as "service providers," especially in the hotel and restaurant, software, insurance, and financial industries.

Current issues, have made it evident that Africa doesn't only need to export its human resources as an economic source, but rather, with better management of its natural resources in the form of responsible bilateral trade terms, this blessed and lovely continent will be able to solve most of its problems.

With China now taking the lead in investments in Africa, the not yet recognised growing force for development in Africa; -- the African Diaspora, has become an issue which the AYF has decided to address and raise some awareness as to potentials that would benefit all.

Aim

The aim is to strengthen identified businesses, investments and entrepreneurial networks, address the pros and cons of business and investments from Europe, China And African Diasporas to Africa, core concerns of Diaspora inclusion, economic development, migration governance such as policy, legal framework and operational systems, as well as developing strategies that will allow Diasporas to be part of the African, European and Chinese triangle development structures.

Objectives

The specific objectives are to enable involved stakeholders to:

- Intensify the African Diaspora network of business and entrepreneurs in China and Europe;
- identify financial solutions to finance African Diaspora businesses in both Europe in Africa;
- develop a groundbreaking leadership style in career, management, trade, investments and entrepreneurship;
- identify the socio-cultural problems in Chinese African interaction and guidelines for eliminating them to enhance joint investment and economic ventures; and to
- Identify and strengthen frameworks for African Diasporas in the African, European and Chinese business and investment structures.

Who can participate?

- Representatives of Private Sector Institutions;
- Investors;
- Entrepreneurs
- Representatives of International and Non-governmental organisations;
- Representatives of Diaspora Organisations
- Civil Society Organisations
- Journalists;
- Students; and
- Interested individuals.

Language

Conference language is English. Translation services for French and German will be provided in certain cases.

Registration Fees

A limited number of scholarships and waivers will be available for AYF members. Interested participants should please contact the secretariat for further details on scholarships and registration fees.

Visas and Immigration formalities

a. Participants who are not citizens of Schengen countries, or countries which does not have visa waiver agreement with Germany, must apply for visas from the German Embassies or Consulates in their country of origin. For information concerning visitors' visas kindly visit: http://www.auswaertigesamt.de/www/en/willkommen/einreisebestimmungen/visumaengelegenheiten_html

b. As a rule, missions require between two and ten working days to decide on an application for a short-stay visa. However, during the peak travel season there may be a waiting period for making the application to the German mission. Applicants are therefore advised to submit their applications minimum three weeks before time.

Insurance

The organisers shall not be responsible for health insurance coverage. Participants must have adequate insurance to cover any medical services required.

Accommodation

Participants are responsible for making their own accommodation reservations. A servicing fee of Euro 20,- per head will be charged for those who would want the Secretariat to reserve rooms for them.

Travel

Organisers are not responsible for participants travel and other expenses. However, organisers can support in travel arrangements upon request. Enquiries could be sent to:

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Contact

Intending participants are encouraged to contact the AYF Secretariat for all registration and general enquiries.

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