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# AFRICA CEO FORUM

## ANNUAL SUMMIT

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# THE LARGEST ANNUAL GATHERING OF THE AFRICAN PRIVATE SECTOR

The AFRICA CEO FORUM Annual Summit is back for 2023. Building on the strength and success of previous events, the largest international gathering of the African private sector will once again connect leading CEOs, investors, experts and influential African and global policy makers. For valued long-time participants and welcome newcomers alike, this is the forum to meet, inspire and connect.



**12,000**  
connections  
**5,500**  
business  
meetings



*“The combination of various crises offers the continent a unique opportunity to make the structural changes necessary to transform our economies. Africa is at an inflection point, this time of crisis must become a moment of structural transformation.”*

**H.E. Alassane Ouattara,**  
President of Côte d'Ivoire



**+70**  
sessions in  
2023

**+900**  
CEOs  
**+50**  
Heads of State  
and Ministers

## TURNING CRISIS INTO OPPORTUNITY

This extraordinary period of global uncertainty provides a great opportunity for Africa. Now is the time to restate the continent's leadership role in the global climate debate, redraw the lines of Africa's economic and resource sovereignty, and to reinforce the continent's competitiveness on the world stage.

## AGILITY THROUGH PARTNERSHIPS

For leaders to survive and thrive in times of crisis, they must be agile. The AFRICA CEO FORUM fosters agility and adaptability by forging the partnerships that allow leaders to learn from their peers: Innovation and unbridled aspiration meets calibre and wealth of knowledge, forming deep and lasting relationships. These partnerships enhance reactivity and mitigate the risks of an ever-changing global business environment.



*"Africa holds a special place in our MSC Group history, and I was happy to participate in the AFRICA CEO FORUM 2022. We have a long and proud history in Africa, we've been here for more than 50 years, and we absolutely see the future of Africa right in front of us."*

**Soren Toft,**  
CEO, MSC Mediterranean  
Shipping Company



*"The AFRICA CEO FORUM in Abidjan was an opportunity to further our bilateral and multilateral partnerships with discussions about finance and climate adaptation ahead of COP27."*

**Rania Al-Mashat,**  
Minister of International  
Cooperation, Arab Republic  
of Egypt



*"IFC's continuous support for the AFRICA CEO FORUM reflects our commitment to rally the private sector around a common goal: a better, greener and more inclusive future for Africa."*

**Makhtar Diop,**  
Managing Director,  
International Finance Corporation

- **+ 1,800** Participants
- **75** Countries represented
- **900** CEOs
- **50** Presidents and ministers
- **75** Partners
- **200** Journalists
- **70** Sessions
- **12,000** Messages exchanged
- **+ 5,500** Business meetings



## AMONG OUR PARTNERS PAST & PRESENT



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### HOST

Founded in 2012, the AFRICA CEO FORUM is a permanent platform of decision-makers from the largest African companies, as well as international investors, multinationals and governments. It provides year-round support to Africa's business leaders through an array of in-person and digital events, reports, and insights covering the major issues and challenges confronting the business world, on the continent and around the world.

### CO-HOST

IFC, a sister organisation for the World Bank and a member of the World Bank Group, is the largest global development institution focused exclusively on the private sector in developing countries. IFC applies its products, services and resources to help partners address and overcome the biggest challenges of our time.

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