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Conference
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DAY 1 MARCH 14, 2010

9:00 – 9:30 am
Coffee & Registration

9:30 – 11:00 am
INTRODUCTIONS AND KEYNOTES

HE Sheikha Lubna bint Khalid bin Sultan Al Qasimi, Minister for Foreign Trade Head of Head of African Ambassadors

Philip Kennedy, Faculty Director, NYUAD Institute

Mariët Westermann, Provost, NYU Abu Dhabi

11:00 – 11:15 am
BREAK & REFRESHMENTS

11:15 AM – 1:15 pm
PANEL 1: AFRICA AND THE INDIAN OCEAN: HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVES, CONTEMPORARY CHALLENGES

Chair: Bernard Haykel, Princeton

Michael Gomez, NYU
“New York City and the Indian Ocean: Preliminary Findings on the Connection via the Slave Trade”

Matthew S. Hopper, CalPoly
“East Africa and the End of the Indian Ocean Slave Trade”

Abdul Sheriff, Zanzibar Indian Ocean Research Institute
“Globalization with a difference—dialogue between civilizations in the Indian Ocean before 1500”

1:00 – 1:15 pm
Q&A

1:15 – 2:15 pm
LUNCH

2:15 – 3:45 pm
PANEL 2: MAURITIUS AS A CASE STUDY IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Desire Vencatchellum, African Development Bank

Pierre Dinan, Journalist
“The economy of Mauritius after Independence”
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| **Mina Ballamoune-Lutz,** University of Florida  
“Recent International Trade Patterns in Mauritius and Madagascar and implications for Trade with GCC”  
*Vinaye Dey Ancharaz,* University of Mauritius  
“Vying for Economic Dominance in the Indian Ocean: A tale of two Giants and a Pigmy”  
**Chris Alden,** London School of Economics  
“China and Africa: the challenges of consolidating the relationship”  
**Issac Idn-Arkhurst,** Cambridge  
**Giorgia Giovannetti,** University of Florence  
“Do Chinese Exports Crowd-Out African Goods? An econometric analysis by country and sector” | 1:30 – 3:00 pm  
**PAVEL 4: CONFLICT ACROSS THE INDIAN OCEAN: PIRATES AND POLITICAL ECONOMY**  
**Chair:** Michael Thoyer, NYU Africa House  
Edward Alpers, UCLA  
“Africa and Indian Ocean Piracy”  
Eric Chaney, Harvard University  
“Negotiating Ransoms with the Pirates of Barbary: An Empirical Investigation of Bargaining with Transaction Costs”  
Joint with Attila Ambrus, Harvard University  
**Ethan Chorin,** DP World  
“Oman and Yemen’s contemporary economic and political relationship with East Africa”  
**Hippolyte Fofack,** The World Bank  
“Conflicts and Peace Dividends in Developing Countries: A Comparative Analysis”  
**2:45 – 3:00 pm**  
**Q&A**  
**3:00 – 3:15 pm**  
**BREAK & REFRESHMENTS**  
**3:15 – 4:30 pm**  
**PAVE 5: ASSET STRIPPING AND CAPITAL FLIGHT I**  
**Chair:** Jamal Zarrouk, Arab Monetary Fund  
Tendai Gwaditondo, University of Witwatersrand  
“From Revolving Doors to Trap Doors: one Good Turn in Africa’s Development Financing”  
**Nuhu Ribadu,** Center for Global Development  
“Fighting Asset Stripping and capital Flight: Experiences on the Ground”  
**Melvin Ayogu,** University of Cape Town  
Leonce Ndikumana, African Development Bank | 4:15 – 4:30 pm  
**Q&A**  
**4:30 – 4:45 pm**  
**BREAK & REFRESHMENTS**  
**4:45 – 6:15 pm**  
**PAVE 6: ASSET STRIPPING AND CAPITAL FLIGHT II**  
**Chair:** Jamal Zarrouk, Arab Monetary Fund  
**Melvin Ayogu,** University of Cape Town  
“Network Against Asset Stripping Africa”  
**Ronald Akosa,** ENO International  
“African Private Sector responses to the issue of Asset Stripping”  
**6:00 – 6:15 pm**  
**Q&A**  
**6:15 – 6:30 pm**  
**BREAK & REFRESHMENTS**  
**6:30 pm**  
**DISTINGUISHED LECTURE**  
“Africa, the Arabian Gulf and Asia: Changing Dynamics in Contemporary West Africa’s Political Economy”  
Emmanuel Akyeampong, Harvard University  
Immediately followed by a public reception | 9:00 – 9:30 am  
**COFFEE**  
9:30 – 11:00 am  
**PAVE 7: PROMOTING TOURISM IN AFRICA’S INDIAN OCEAN COAST**  
**Chair:** Judith Aidoo, Caswell Capital Partners, LLC  
**Hon. Shamsa Mwangunga,** Minister of Natural Resources & Tourism in Tanzania  
**Edward Bergman,** Africa Travel Association  
**10:45 – 11:00 am**  
**Q&A**  
**11:00 AM – 1:00 pm**  
**PAVE 8: MIGRATION AND REMITTANCES ACROSS THE INDIAN OCEAN**  
**Chair:** Ismail Gene, American University of Sharjah  
**Ralph Chami,** IMF  
“The Global Financial Crisis and Workers’ Remittances into Africa: What’s the Damage?”  
**Monique Dinan,** MAM  
“The Demographic History of Mauritius”  
**George Naufal,** American University of Sharjah  
“Remittances in the MENA Region: A Two Way Street in Which the Place Where You Sleep Matters”  
**Anver Versi,** African Business Journal  
“East Africa, the Gulf and India—A Personal Perspective”  
**12:45 – 1:00 pm**  
**Q&A**  
**1:00 – 3:30 pm**  
**LUNCH** |