

Wittenberg Declaration on Building Global Cooperation

In the furtherance of the program “Building Global Cooperation – New Alliances with Africa”, ambassadors of 12 African countries, young leaders and partners from business, OECD and other organizations have convened in Wittenberg in September 2007 to hold a Dialogue Forum “Fostering Entrepreneurial Spirit – The Role of African Diplomats”.

The philosophy underlying this forum is based on the idea that a better integration of Africa in the global cooperation needs an encouragement of Entrepreneurial Spirit which combines the capabilities of leadership with a sense of responsibility and true partnership.

The ambassadors welcomed the invitation from the Wittenberg Center for this forum, expressed their concurrence with its approach, and recommended to broaden their partnership with the Center in the areas of network building, support of joint research and the promotion of regular dialogue among them and with different actors, be it in Wittenberg or other, especially African locations.

All participants agreed upon the fundamental importance to support young leaders who will be in charge for creating solutions to the challenges of tomorrow. Especially diplomats play a crucial role to bridge the gap between the perspectives of Africa, Europe and America. They are in a position to convey a better understanding of political processes which frame the conditions for a better social cooperation for mutual advantage.

As a result of the workshop the participants concluded to have a follow up process. This process shall encompass further meetings as well as Young Leader seminars. These seminars shall be held in Wittenberg or various African countries and will be dedicated to specific topics such as the relationship between traditional value systems and formal institutions, brain drain, migration and the role of diaspora, or the quest for a fair international trading regime. As a concrete step, the ambassadors declared their willingness to support summer school programs, commencing next year, by helping to identify possible partners of cooperation, to choose candidates, and to take part in some of the courses and seminars.

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