

You are cordially invited to attend in Wellington
the NZIIA Major Two-day Conference Event of 2010
Convened in partnership with
the Nordic Institute of African Studies, Uppsala, Sweden:



Africa: A continent on the Move; What could it Mean for New Zealand

There has been no major conference dedicated to Africa held in New Zealand in living memory. Yet one of the truly significant geopolitical shifts in modern times is the way that Africa has assumed a position of serious strategic significance for many countries offshore; developed and emerging economies alike.

What motives lie behind this 21st century “scramble” for influence in Africa?

What are the reasons why the continent shouldn't be regarded as a “basket-case”?

What factors will help or hinder Africa's sustainable progress?

Why has New Zealand neglected Africa and cannot afford to continue to do so?

The conference presentations and panel discussions will focus on those four big themes. To offer authoritative comment and evaluation the speakers programme will feature an exciting and diverse group of foreign and New Zealand-based participants.

From overseas:

Dr Fantu Cheru, Nordic Africa Institute, Uppsala, Sweden

Dr Shantayanan Devarajan, Chief Economist on Africa, World Bank, Washington, USA

Mr Berouk Mesfin, Institute for Strategic Studies, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Dr Cyril Obi, Nordic Africa Institute, Uppsala, Sweden

Dr Elizabeth Sidiropoulos, Director, South Africa Institute of International Affairs, Johannesburg, South Africa tbc

Dr Alex Vines, Director, Africa Programme, Chatham House, London

From New Zealand:

Rt Hon Sir Don McKinnon, former Commonwealth Secretary-General (tbc)

Prof Tony Binns, University of Otago

Mr Luuk van Breda, Worldwide Business Solutions

Mr Barry Coates, Oxfam New Zealand (tbc)

Mr Bill Gallagher, Managing Director, Gallagher Industries

Mr Michael Glading, Football New Zealand

Mr Rob Irwin, Airways Corporation of New Zealand

Mr Chris Jones, Mobilis Inc.

Mr Phil O'Reilly, Chief Executive, Business New Zealand

Mr Ben Paradza, former judge, High Court of Zimbabwe

Dr Jon Tanner, Wood Processors Association of New Zealand

Mr Thomas Banda, Volunteer Service Abroad tbc

In addition, three senior diplomatic representatives accredited to New Zealand and with extensive experience of the main themes of the conference, have kindly agreed to take part:

HE Arie van der Wiel, Ambassador of the Netherlands to New Zealand

HE Mohamed Mael-Ainin, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Morocco to New Zealand

HE Anthony Mongalo, High Commissioner of South Africa to New Zealand

The final conference programme and registration form will be issued in the near future. There will be a registration fee of \$60 to help cover the cost of refreshments and the publication of the conference proceedings.

Date: 20-21 October 2010

Venue: Lecture Theatre 2, Rutherford House, Pipitea Campus,
Victoria University of Wellington, Bunny Street

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