

Makerere University Business School

Leadership Centre



The 8th Annual International Leadership Conference 2018



The current political economic system has favoured capitalism which has created numerous products and wealth for a large number of people. The West with all its wealth as it is known today is a product of capitalism. It is being said that it is Africa's time to transform economically. But Africa has had the challenges, lack of entrepreneurs (business leaders), lack of capital, inability to adopt and absorb modern technology and even simply competition from the Multinational companies (MNCs). Africa continues to export products with no value added. Not only does it export agricultural products but also its minerals without value addition.

The largest number of business leaders in Africa are in South Africa, a country endowed with numerous minerals which it has used to provide first class infrastructure. The other business leaders are in the Arab Africa which are also endowed with oil. There are few in Nigeria. The big projects in Africa especially sub Saharan Africa are undertaken by foreign companies! This is due to absence of credible African businesses. Today, China is claiming Africa both at the government level and personal level. There is a big Chinese invasion of Africa. We are proud of Dangote but where are the rest of the African business leaders? This conference will focus on business leadership in Africa and invites presentations on the state of Africa's business focusing on leadership of business in Africa. Where is the leadership?

Conference Theme

The MUBS Leadership Centre announces the 8th Annual International Leadership Conference (AIRC) under the theme "African Business Leaders: Creating the Change Africa needs" to be held between July 18-21, 2018 in Entebbe, Uganda. The conference will be held under the following sub themes:

- Where are the African business leaders
- Women of influence in business in Africa
- The leading youth in entrepreneurship
- From slums to high rises: the role of business leaders
- The African Corporation
- Corporate Governance in Africa

Conference Goals

- The conference seeks to explore the following goals
- Identify bottlenecks to developing African business leaders
- To establish who the women of influence in business are and why with a view of picking lessons
- To identify bottlenecks to youth leadership in business
- To establish how the slums in Africa can be transformed into organized urban areas
- To examine the role of regional organisations in transforming Africa
- Examine the status of corporate governance and its impact on business in Africa

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Conference Vision

Identifying weaknesses in African business leadership and why Africa is dominated by foreign businesses and to generate ways ahead

Conference Mission

Stimulate thinking about engaging Africa to do business



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