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Investing in Home-grown Innovation: Opportunities for Africa
High Level Roundtable
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Speakers
HON. KWABENA FRIMPONG BOATENG
HON. CINA LAWSON
JEAN-CLAUDE BASTOS DE MORAIS
NOZIPHO MBANJWA (MODERATOR)
ROWENA BETHEL
YOFI GRANT

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Prof. Kwabena Frimpong-Boateng graduated from the University of Ghana Medical School in 1975 with MB, ChB degrees, and qualified as a general surgeon, cardiothoracic and vascular surgeon after undertaking his postgraduate studies at the Hannover Medical University, Germany in 1978. He was a former CEO of the Korle-Bu Teaching Hospital, past President of the Ghana Red Cross Society and immediate past Chairman of the Public Utility Regulatory Commission (PURC). He established the National Cardiothoracic Centre at the Korle Bu Teaching Hospital and was its founding Director. Currently, he is the President of the Ghana Heart Foundation. Prof. Frimpong-Boateng has received several local and international awards in recognition of his medical work and service to humanity. In 1999 he was the Ghana Chartered Institute of Marketing’s Marketing Man of the year and also, a recipient of the Millennium Excellence Award. In 2005 the Millennium Excellence Foundation awarded him as Personality of the Decade. Prof. Frimpong-Boateng was the winner of the 2012 edition of the prestigious African Heroes Award, presented by Ohio University in Athens, Ohio, USA, on February 12, 2012.
HON. CINA LAWSON
Minister of Posts & Digital Economy, Republic of Togo

Cina Lawson is a Togolese politician. She is credited for introducing several changes to Togo's internet infrastructure by opening the door to other internet players in order to lower the cost of internet access in the small African country. Prior to her appointment, Lawson was a Manager of Corporate Strategy and Business Development at the France Telecom/Orange Group in New York City and Alcatel-Lucent in Paris. Lawson began her career in telecommunications at the World Bank in Washington DC where she focused on regulatory reforms for developing nations. She is a graduate of Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government and the Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris and was named a 2012 Young Global Leader by the World Economic Forum.
Jean-Claude Bastos de Morais is an entrepreneur and innovation specialist with a deep interest in African socio-economic development. In 2003, Mr. Bastos de Morais founded Quantum Global Group, an international group of companies focused on African development, particularly in the fields of corporate finance advisory, asset and private wealth management, real estate and investment consulting. At the core of his innovation-related work is the African Innovation Foundation (AIF), an organization he founded in 2009 to drive African-led development through fostering innovation. Mr. Bastos de Morais is an International Council Member of the Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, and is on the advisory board of the Official Monetary and Financial Institutions Forum (OMFIF) and the University of Cape Town Graduate School of Business. He is a member of the international Board of Foundation for Globethics.net, a leading global network that advocates ethical corporate and social practices. He is the co-author of Innovation Ethics. African and Global Perspectives, and The Convergence of Nations: Why Africa’s Time Is Now.
NOZIPHO MBANJWA
CNBC Africa Anchor (Moderator)

Nozipho is the CEO of The Talent Firm – a specialized talent management firm advising on millennial talent in South Africa. She is also an internationally acclaimed conference moderator, in demand for her unique and insightful ability to facilitate intelligent conversations with depth and breadth. She has moderated conversations at the World Economic Forum, United Nations agencies including UN Women, the World Bank, and the International Monetary Fund amongst other global bodies.

Nozipho's unique talent to moderate dialogue with depth, insight, and with targeted outcomes has seen her rendering services for a number of multinational organizations and blue chip companies operating across Africa. She extends her prowess in dialogue to CNBC Africa where as an award-winning journalist, she broadcasts financial markets shows into 48 African countries and reaching millions of Africans daily. Her broadcast niche lies in the political economy, development finance, gender mainstreaming, and youth development and has hosted a number of shows in these areas.
Rowena Bethel is an AIF Board member. She is also a Member of the UN Committee of Experts in Public Administration (CEPA), in addition to participating in the work of the UN eGovernment Survey and annual eGovernment awards forum. She was previously a member of the UN Strategy Council for GAID; the UN Committee of Experts on Tax Cooperation; The Bahamas’ representative on the OECD Global Tax Forum; Vice Chair of the ISSA Technical Commission on Employment Policies and Unemployment Insurance; Chair of CARICOM Heads of Social Security; and was the lead negotiator for CARIFORUM for the EU EPA.
YOFI GRANT
CEO, Ghana Investment Promotion Centre (GIPC)

Yofi Grant is a renowned Ghanaian investment banker with over 30 years of extensive work experience in banking and finance; and has served in various capacities in corporate finance, credits, marketing, and investment banking. Mr. Grant has extensive knowledge of and exposure to African financial markets. He has cultivated strong relationships with international private equity funds, portfolio investment managers and brokerage funds; and was responsible for the development and implementation of AAF SME Fund LLC, which is one of the largest agriculture funds in Sub-Saharan Africa, helping them to achieve their first close of US$30 million.