

**2013 Oxford University Pan-African Conference (OUPAC)**

**Theme:** Towards a 21st Century African Renaissance: Sowing the Seeds of Success

**Date:** Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2013

**Venue:** The Oxford Union

**Preamble:**

OUPAC is the flagship event of the Oxford University Africa Society (OUAS), an organization focused on African affairs at Oxford University. OUAS seeks to set the agenda for the future of the continent by providing a platform for African students and others to engage with opportunities and developments in Africa. The Society has been in existence for over 50 years and first launched this annual Conference three years ago, and it has already become one of the largest gatherings of African students in the United Kingdom.

**Conference Overview**

The 2013 OUPAC will bring together hundreds of dynamic scholars, entrepreneurs, activists, and political leaders from around the world. Focusing on issues such as governance, technological advancement, sustainable development and healthcare innovation, it aims to showcase Africa's development and investment potential. We recognise Africa's emerging role as an economic powerhouse and a vital player on the global political stage, thus, through the Conference we seek to engage with this change and influence its direction.

We will build upon the success of the 2012 Conference: "Building Leadership for a New Generation: the case for youth leadership in Africa", which attracted over 300 participants from around the world. We also hosted an impressive array of speakers, including Prof. Arthur Mutambara (Deputy Prime Minister of Zimbabwe), Mr. Sanusi Lamido Sanusi (Governor of the Central Bank of Nigeria), and Dr. Vera Songwe (World Bank Country Director for Senegal and Mauritania), among others.

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## **Conference Structure**

The conference includes 2 keynote addresses, 1 plenary and 6 panel sessions. The plenary, on the topic of 'Governance and Leadership', will be complimented by panel sessions on these sub-themes:

- Africa's Investment Climate: Opportunities and Challenges
- Sustainable Development: Environment, Food Security and Gender
- Technology and the Digital Economy
- Culture, Media and the Arts
- Infrastructure, Urbanization & Economic Development
- Innovation in Healthcare Delivery

## **Proposed Speakers**

The Conference will host an array of prominent international speakers, including the following invitees:

- President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf - President of Liberia
- President Joyce Banda – President of Malawi
- Mr. Kofi Annan – Former UN Secretary General
- Mr. Thabo Mbeki – Former President of South Africa
- Mr. Donald Kaberuka – President African Development Bank

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