

The New York Forum Institute launches its first high-level virtual event dedicated to Africa: “Resilient World: An African Call for a New World Order” on May 19th

NEW YORK, Wednesday, May 13, 2020 - In order to proactively anticipate this uncertain future amid the COVID-19 global pandemic, the New York Forum Institute (NYF-Institute) will organize a high-level virtual roundtable on May 19th between African leaders and international experts. It is the first of its kind: gathering African heads of state and governments who have shown exemplary leadership. Our event will highlight the lessons the world can learn from Africa, address the socio-economic risks, and explore visions for the world post-health crisis.

Five African heads of state will speak at the event: H.E. Dr. Julius Maada BIO, President of the Republic of Sierra Leone, H.E. Mahamadou ISSOUFOU, President of the Republic of Niger, H.E. Hon. Uhuru KENYATTA, C.G.H., President of the Republic of Kenya, H.E. Alassane OUATTARA, President of the Republic of Côte d’Ivoire, and H.E. Macky SALL, President of the Republic of Senegal.

Other distinguished speakers include: H.E. Dr. Rania A. Al-Mashat, Minister of International Cooperation of the Arab Republic of Egypt, H.E. Amadou Hott, Minister of the Economy, Planning and International Cooperation of the Republic of Senegal, Mr. Tony O. Elumelu, Chairman, Heirs Holdings, United Bank for Africa Group (UBA Group), and Transcorp Limited; and Founder, The Tony Elumelu Foundation, Dr. Acha Leke, Senior Partner and Chairman of McKinsey Africa, Dr. Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, Special Envoy of the African Union on COVID-19; Board Chair, Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, and Dr. Vera Songwe, Executive Secretary, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa.

An African Call for a Concerted Effort

Leaders from Africa, Europe, and several international organizations are voicing the importance of deploying joint efforts to relieve the world’s most vulnerable economies. Yet, this is not enough.

This virtual event by the NYF-Institute will be an opportunity to accelerate international efforts for the continent. As the defining decade of our century starts, and a few months before G20, our conversation will help define the post-crisis world – hopefully, the world we want.

“I took the initiative to open this conversation with African heads of state and leaders to explore what will it take to succeed in leading through this crisis and to benefit from the continent’s experience. Through our flagship NYF-Institute platform, we aim to anticipate the next potential risks of food crisis, education crisis, and a deeper exclusion of youth and vulnerable people,” says Richard Attias, Chairman of the NYF-Institute.

The event will be held in English and in French.

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About The New York Forum Institute:

The New York Forum Institute (NYF-Institute) is a not-for-profit foundation based in New York City founded by Richard and Cecilia Attias. Richard is also the Founder and Executive Chairman of Richard Attias & Associates. The focus of the NYF-Institute is on **concrete and innovative solutions** for economic growth, creating alliances and fostering relationships, and encouraging young talent and entrepreneurs in challenging times. Since 2010, the NYF-Institute has acted as a **catalyst to implement these solutions in emerging markets**, such as the “Train My Generation” initiative in Africa.

The one certainty for leaders in this century will be change, and the NYF-Institute will be a **fundamental platform to help leaders navigate that change.**