

## Spotlight on Africa: Unlocking Growth for Business and Development

The EU is Africa's main foreign investor and principle trading partner and the ambition is to further enhance cooperation. In November the EU-Africa Summit will focus on stronger public private partnerships within trade and investment. The question is how the EU and Africa can speed up integration in trade and business and at the same time contribute to the UN Sustainable Development Goals? And how is Denmark and key Danish companies actively pursuing this agenda?

We will engage the Danish Minister for Development Cooperation, the European Commission, the Danish Growth Counsellors in Kenya and Ghana and the Ambassador of Uganda to Denmark on how to enable more trade with Africa in order to boost growth, business and development. A.P. Moller - Maersk, Arla and Aller Aqua will showcase how they cooperate and trade with African countries.

The "Unlocking growth for business and development" conference is part of Africa Week in cooperation with the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the African Embassies in Denmark and the Confederation of Danish Industry. The Africa Week will take place during the first week of September 2017.

### Date & Location

6<sup>th</sup> September from 12:00-16:00

Danish Agriculture & Food Council, Axelborg, Axeltorv 3, Copenhagen

### Registration

Please register [here](#) as soon as possible. Participation is free. No show fee of 500 DKK.

Deadline for registration is 23<sup>rd</sup> August.

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Best regards,

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## Programme

Birgitte Qvist Sørensen, General Secretary at DanChurchAid, will be our moderator for the day.

11:30	<b>Registration and network</b>
12:00	<p><b>Welcome</b> Anne H. Steffensen, Director General, Danish Shipping Karen Hækkerup, CEO, Danish Agriculture &amp; Food Council and</p>
12:15	<b>Keynote: Ulla Tørnæs, Minister for Development Cooperation</b>
12:30	<p><b>EU-Africa cooperation – reducing barriers for trade</b> Birgitte Markussen, Deputy Managing Director for Africa, European External Action Service</p>
13:00	<p><b>Partnerships – the way forward for participating in global trade?</b> <i>Exchanging experiences on the Danish Strategic Sector Cooperation in the food sector in Kenya and in the maritime sector in Ghana.</i> Nicolas Bastholm Roy-Bonde, Growth Counsellor Maritime, Danish Embassy Accra, and Henning Høy Nygaard, Growth Counsellor Food, Danish Embassy Nairobi</p>
13:30	<b>Network break with light sandwiches</b>
	<b>Trading with Africa: Danish cases</b>
14:10	<p><b>How to strengthen trade and cooperation between Denmark and Africa?</b> Ambassador Zaake W. Kibedi, Embassy of the Republic of Uganda, in capacity as Dean of African Ambassadors' Group</p>
14:30	<p><b>AP Moller - Maersk: Transport and logistics in Sub-Saharan Africa</b> <i>There are currently about ten Maersk Group companies operating in sub-Saharan Africa. Maersk Group employs +10.000 people in Sub-Saharan Africa.</i></p> <p>Speaker to be confirmed</p>
15:00	<p><b>Aller Aqua: Production and sales of fish feed in Africa</b> <i>Aller Aqua has production in Egypt and Zambia and sales in Ghana, Kenya and Nigeria.</i> Henrik T. Halcken, Group Vice President, Aller Aqua</p>
15:30	<p><b>Arla: Dairy business and value chain development in West Africa</b> <i>Arla has joint ventures in Nigeria and Senegal and has committed to invest in local dairy production in Nigeria.</i> Kasper Thormod Nielsen, Director, Global Trade Policy &amp; Regulatory Affairs, Arla Foods</p>
16:00	<b>Final remarks and network</b>

