

The Friends of Africa (FOA2018) Summit held on 5th-6th of October at the Metro Hall & Civic Centre, Toronto



At FOA Market Place

FOA 2018 Welcome Session with CEOs



MP Suze Morrison addressing CEOs at FOA2018 Welcome



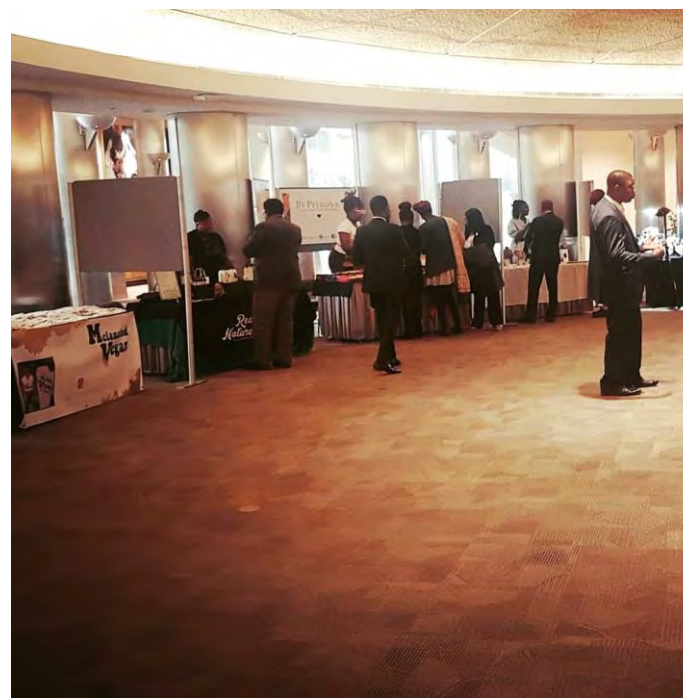
5th October: At Entrepreneurs Point -Toronto

Hon Suze Morrison- Member of Parliament welcomed Canadian CEOs and FOA Speakers to FOA2018 CEO Forum on the 5th October. Public sector CEOs and Professionals from Diverse sectors of Canada and Africa were represented at FOA Welcome event including: Mr. Boye Oyewumi, Special Advisor to Ondo State Governor in charge of Investment, Development, and Commerce, Ade Akinbola of Bank of Development Canada, Peter Rebble of DEK Ltd, Trevor Fortune of Anat, Gian Del Zonto of MEC Capital, Isaac Gbenjo of Alphatec, amongst several others. Casa Foundation Governing Council hosted the group.

FOA Marketplace & Breakfast



FOA Marketplace opened for Breakfast to a gathering of professionals, entrepreneurs, business owners, and public



sector Leaders from vertical sectors of Canada, USA, Ghana, Kenya, Tanzania, Cameroon, and Nigeria, to participate at the **FOA Marketplace**; which witnessed Exhibition of products by Businesses and Institutions including BlackOwned Enterprises, Canada, Food and Beverage Co, Bank of Development Canada, Ondo State Government, Nigeria, Ore Industrial Park, Jewellers Co, EntrepreneursPoint, Toronto, amongst many others.



6th October: At Metro Hall Toronto

Introduction:

Olutoyin Oyelade, President CasaFoundation and Convener Friends of Africa (FOA 2018) welcomed delegates from vertical sectors of Canadian and African economies.

Private Sector: Private Groups include Board Members of the Black Canadian Chamber of Commerce- led by Micheal Forrest, Members of Canadian-African Chamber of Business-led by Trevor Fortune, Seun Obikoya. Other Business delegates and Professionals including Joe Sebeh CEO of CTC World, Ade Akinbola, Shola Olubolde Senior Executives of Bank of Development Canada Peter Rebble of DEK Ltd, Gian Del Zonto of MEC Capital, Isaac Gbenjo of Alphatec, Irvin Fox, Canada foremost Small Business Lawyer, Rotimi

Akeredolu- Senior Director, Royal Bank, Canada, Brian Crombie-CEO Crombie Capital, Aisha Addo- CEO DriveHer, Toronto; Summy-Smart Francis- President, Africas Young Entrepreneurs, South Africa, Harold Schroeder-Schroeder and Co.

Communities: President, Canadian Assoc. of Rwandan Youths, Faouzi Metoulli, President- Canadian Moroccan Association, Ministers of Gospel Pastor Tope Akinsiku, Pastor Bola Banjo,



Pastor Davies Ojekanmi; Cheryl Bedard- Bedard Associates, Svetlana Ratkoniva- Founder Women in Business, Canada, Nafiu Mohammed- President African Youths, University of Toronto
Academic Sector: From Centennial College- Prof. Farida Shedda, Ryerson University - Prof. Wendy Cukier, York Entrepreneurship & Schulick Business School-Prof. Ric Philips, Sheridan College- Prof. Oleysa Kolisynk

Public Sector: Canadian Public Sector: Hon Suze Morrison, Member of Parliament; Akin Alaga, Colleen Elliot- Economic Development, Government Services: Federal Government- Imanzi Kayitare.

Nigeria: HE Rotimi Akeredolu- Ondo-State Governor, Nigeria (Rep. by Boye Oyewunmi- Special Adviser, Investment, Development, Commerce, Infrastructure; Chair Ondo State Investment Promotion Agency.



Panel Sessions

1. Tech & Innovation: *Unlocking a Continent through Tech and Innovation* **Panelists:** Wendy Cukier- VP Ryerson University (Former Vice Chancellor Brock University, Ric Philips-co Founder- Prof. Schulich, York Entrepreneurship Institute, Lekan Olawoye- Lead Talent Management, MARS Canada, Jacques Ndoumtve- Founder, SSAHi PAtH HealthCare.

2. Entrepreneurship: *Thriving Entrepreneurship Ecosystem* **Panelist:** Summy-Smart Francis- President, Africa's Young Entrepreneurs, South Africa, Aisha Addo- Founder, DriveHer, Kunle Akingboju- Senior Engineer, United Airlines.

3. FireSide Chat: *Investing In Africa* **Discussants:** Boye Oyewunmi- Special Adviser, Investment, Development, Commerce, Infrastructure; Chair Ondo State Investment Promotion Agency; Brian Crombie- Founder/ CEO Crombie Capital, Canada.

4. The EXChange: *A Roundtable for Leading Entrepreneurs* **Speakers:** Summy-Smart Francis- Founder, Africa's Young Entrepreneurs, Peter Ratnikov- BitCoin Analyst, Beena Theracan- Senior Advisor, Ernst & Young, Imanzi Kayitare- Lead, Casa Foundation, Senior Advisor, Government of Canada.



5. FOA Pitch: *Presenting the Idea.*

Judges: Ade Akinbola- Senior Manager, Business Development Canada, Jacques Nodoumtve- Founder SSHipath, HealthCare Africa, Dino Onyenokwe- Moderator, FOA2018 Pitch. All Papers are listed in the [CasaFoundation Repository](#)

FOA 2018 Post Conference Meetings

25th October: Meeting with Ontario Govt, Queens Park, Canada

Ondo State delegation led by HE Rotimi Akeredolu, Governor, Ondo State Nigeria with Boye Oyewumi, Special Adviser, Investments & Chair of Investment Promotion Agency, Omowunmi Akinifesi- Special Adviser, Tourism, and hosted by Olutoyin Oyelade, President, Casa Foundation held meetings with Hon Monte MacNaughton, Minister of Infrastructure, Special Advisors, Infrastructure, and thereafter a visit to the Parliament.



26th October: Accelerating Africa, Toronto

Ondo State delegation led by HE Rotimi Akeredolu, Governor, Ondo State Nigeria participated at Accelerating Africa- A forum for Investors looking for Investment opportunities in Africa.

27th October: Business to Government

Other Canadian Investors and Business Initiatives were presented to Government delegation.

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At FOA 2018 Pitch

