PAN-AFRICAN CONFERENCE ON INEQUALITIES


A number of countries in Africa today face inequalities of various dimensions. African economies and societies have clearly been transforming. Many have been growing at exceptionally high rates in recent years. However, the global development framework and the character of the transformation process have likely contributed to growing disparities. These, in turn, limit Africa’s scope for economic, social and environmentally sustainable transformation and open it up to conflicts that threaten the democratic and social fabric of its societies. As African governments set out to chart a path of deliberate and managed structural transformation, it is imperative that social, economic and political inequalities are addressed in the process.

The conference is a follow up to the Global Consultation on Inequalities, hosted jointly by the Government of Denmark and the Government of Ghana in February 2013 in the context of the Post-2015 development agenda consultation process.

The Accra conference aims at forging linkages between the ongoing African developmental debates and the discussions on a post-MDGs development framework, and contributing to crafting an African agenda on inequalities, especially in the context of the Africa 2063 agenda which aims to shape an African vision for the next 50 years.
The conference will be opened by H.E. President John Dramani Mahama, the President of the Republic of Ghana and will encompass high-level panels, framing presentations, innovative plenaries and parallel group discussions to build a common understanding of social, economic and political inequalities and how they might be more effectively addressed within the context of a structural transformation agenda.

A two day strategy meeting of civil society participants will be held immediately after the conference to map out an action plan.

The Conference will bring together over 200 people, including high-level speakers and stakeholders from regional and international organizations, renowned policy makers, thinkers and shapers from the continent, civil society actors including women, youth, labour, faith and environmental organizations and selected participants from other regions.

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