

**SYMPOSIUM**

Tuesday, October 1, 2019 at 5 pm, Berne

# ENTERPRISING AFRICA

Perspectives for Economic Development  
for a Young Population



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## Perspectives for Economic Development for a Young Population

**How can Africa's economic potential be unleashed? Which actors will be crucial in this? What role should education, entrepreneurship, and business skills play?**

Every year 20 million young people in Africa enter into the labor market (IMF 2017). Economic development on the continent is dynamic in many regions, but not yet sufficient to enable everyone to find decent employment. Especially in rural areas, a lack of opportunities leads many to seek their fortunes either in cities or further abroad. At the Helvetas Symposium, we will discuss what is needed to drive youth-inclusive economic growth in Sub-Saharan Africa.

**Please register online until September 16, 2019**

[helvetas.org/symposium](http://helvetas.org/symposium)



**Tuesday, October 1, 2019  
5–7:30 pm  
Berne, Kursaal**

5:00 pm  
**Welcome and introduction:**  
**Melchior Lengsfeld,**  
**Executive Director Helvetas**

5:10 pm  
**Agripreneurs in Africa:**  
**Leapfrogging leveraging**  
**technology & innovation**  
**Ndidi Nwuneli**

5:40 pm  
**A case of entrepreneurship for**  
**job creation and development in**  
**Africa: The Informal and Formal**  
**Economy**  
**Kizito Okechukwu**

6:10 pm  
**Break**

6:30 pm  
**Take-aways youth pre-event**

6:40 pm  
**Panel discussion on how to un-**  
**leash Africa's economic potential**  
With key note speakers, **Zenebe**  
**Uraguchi**, advisor market systems  
development Helvetas, and **Maria**  
**Prieto**, Future of Work Specialist ILO  
International Labour Organization

7:30 pm  
**Closure and Apéro Riche**

The event is moderated by **Arnold**  
**Kawuba**, Regional Lead Partner  
Engagement Africa, DSM.

The symposium will be exclusively  
held in English.



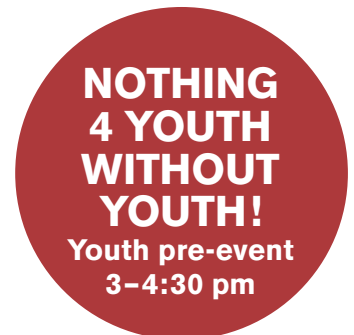
**Ndidi Nwuneli**

is Managing Partner of Sahel Consulting, Co-Founder of AACE Foods and Founder of LEAP Africa, a youth-focused leadership development organization, and has shaped agricultural policy in West Africa. Ndidi was selected Global Leader for Tomorrow by the World Economic Forum.



**Kizito Okechukwu**

is Executive Head of SEA Africa, a research and development firm focused on linking businesses to African markets. He is also Co-Founder of 22 ON SLOANE, Africa's largest startup campus based in Johannesburg, South Africa.



**Are you a youth with a link to Africa? Join our pre-event! Please see the back for details.**



## **NOTHING 4 YOUTH WITHOUT YOUTH!**

**Youth pre-event, 3–4:30 pm  
Berne, Kursaal**

Are you between the ages of 16 and 30 and have a link to Africa? Discuss with other young adults how young people can contribute to and benefit from economic growth in Africa.

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