Program (as of 04 February)

Side event within the framework of the 55th Munich Security Conference

Africa's age of digital transformation: Cyber security strategies for governments and corporates

Friday, February 15th, 2019, 11.15-13.15 hrs

Literaturhaus, Bibliothek (1st floor), Salvatorplatz 1, 80333 Munich

11.15 hrs	**<u>Welcome</u>**
	Dr Stefan Liebing Chairman German-African Business Association Afrika-Verein der deutschen Wirtschaft e.V.
11.20 hrs	**<u>Overview: The age of digital transformation in African countries</u>**
	Dr Jakkie Cilliers Chairman and Head, African Futures and Innovation Program Institute for Security Studies
11.40 hrs	**<u>The public domain: Strategies and cross-sectoral cooperation</u>**
	H.E. Dr Amani Abou-Zeid *(tbc)* Commissioner for Infrastructure and Energy African Union Commission
	Hon. Dorothee Bär *(tbc)* Minister of State for Digitalisation in the Federal Chancellery Federal Republic of Germany
	Hon. Khemaies Jhinaoui *(tbc)* Minister of Foreign Affairs Republic of Tunisia
	MP Thomas Silberhorn *(tbc)* Parliamentary State Secretary in the Federal Ministry of Defence Federal Republic of Germany
12.20 hrs	**<u>The business domain: What can and should be done to protect people and firms</u>**
	Olaleye Babatunde IT Head African Export-Import Bank
	Dr Hermann Sterzinger COO Veridos

12.40 hrs   **Panel Discussion**
with the aforementioned speakers

Moderated by
Cecilia Mwende Maundu
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Background: Digitalization is expanding at a rapid pace across the African continent, driving growth, innovation and development: internet users have increased from merely 4.5 million in 2000 to over 400 million in 2017; the African e-commerce industry is estimated to be worth USD 75 billion by 2025; and many e-services are now also available in very remote areas. On the downside, especially critical sectors such as banking and ICT, but also governments, rely increasingly on safe digital infrastructure to perform their essential functions. Although of global concern, cyber security needs to be addressed with reference to Africa: not only from an infrastructure viewpoint, but also for igniting an intersectoral dialogue between all stakeholders including AU, EU, governments, and the private sector.

Key questions: How can cyber security in Africa be strengthened in order to reduce political risks and economic losses? Which means ensure that digital opportunities are matched with the corresponding safe infrastructure on the African continent? How can regional cooperation help to enforce cyber security? And how can the public and private domains work together to create a safer and more efficient digital environment?

Target group: Attendees of the MSC, selected members of Afrika-Verein, nominees by Hanns-Seidel-Foundation, 30-50 pax