



EUROPEAN CORPORATE COUNCIL ON AFRICA AND THE MIDDLE EAST

5th Summit

*Creating a Better Present to Build a Greater Future
for Africa: The Role of Healthcare and Investment*

The Westin Excelsior
Via Vittorio Veneto 125 Rome
January the 30th 2024

Closeout Report

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The ECAM Council 5th Summit

The **5th European Corporate Council on Africa and the Middle East** (ECAM Council) annual summit focused on the theme: *“Creating a better present to build a greater future for Africa: the role of healthcare and investment”*.

During the event different topics were analysed through keynote speeches and panel discussions, in particular:

- The role of Italian–African relations as we enter a new geopolitical era.
- The Gulf region in flux: between escalatory dynamics and the search for business predictability.
- Investment, education, and public–private cooperation.
- Fostering peace and growth through healthcare.

A select group of heads of state, heads of governments, foreign ministers, heads of multi-lateral agencies and other influential personalities attended.

In addition, bilateral meetings were held during the summit which saw a Memorandum of Understanding between GKSD and the Garibaldi Institute being signed.

Finally, the “ECAM International Fund for Education and Training” was launched and the “GSD Training Centre Scale Model” were presented.



Key Figures and Achievements

The 5th ECAM Council brought together 200 prominent personalities spanning politics, diplomacy, commerce, academia, and science from Europe, Africa, and the Middle East. It also received input from a distinguished assembly of Heads of State, Government Officials, Leaders of International Organisations, and other influential figures.

By invitation only and open to the media, the summit focused on innovative approaches to education, strategies for youth empowerment, the fostering of global partnerships for economic growth, the role of foreign investment in local economies, as well as infrastructure development for sustainable growth.



Key Figures

5 Heads of state and heads of government

16 Ministers

26 Speakers



1 President of the Senate

2 Vice Presidents

6 Leaders of International Organisations

Institutional Engagement

4 Roadshows to meet 18 Ambassadors in Rome and in Paris aimed at introducing the initiative and continuing momentum.

Multilateral Agencies and International Organisations:

- United Nations Economic Commission for Africa
- African Union
- International Renewable Energy Agency
- Italian Agency for Cooperation and Development
- OECD Development Centre
- European Union

10 African governments represented:

- Kenya
- Cape Verde
- Eswatini
- South Sudan
- Uganda
- Tanzania
- Central African Republic
- Sierra Leone
- Equatorial Guinea
- Burundi

Signing of one Memorandum of Understanding

Presentation of one International Fund and one Training Centre



Programme

Monday, 29 January 2024

9:00 pm

GALA DINNER

by invitation at the Westin Excelsior

Welcome Remarks:

Ignazio La Russa (President, Senate of the Republic of Italy)

Dinner Speech:

William Ruto (President, Republic of Kenya)

Tuesday, 30 January 2024

9:15 – 9:30 am PRESENTATION OF THE GSD TRAINING CENTRE SCALE MODEL

9:30 – 11:30 am **OPENING SESSION**

THE ROLE OF ITALIAN-AFRICAN RELATIONS IN THE NEW ERA

Chair: **Monica Maggioni** (Head Editor of News and Anchor, RAI.TV)

In the presence of:

Ignazio La Russa (President, Senate of the Republic of Italy)

Opening Remarks

Kamel Ghribi (Executive Chairman, ECAM Council; President, GKSD Investment Holding; President, Policlinico San Donato)

Launching of the ECAM International Fund for Education and Training

Welcome Remarks

Maria Elisabetta Alberti Casellati (Minister for Institutional Reforms and Regulatory Simplification, Republic of Italy)

PHOTO OPPORTUNITY

The Gulf Region in Flux: Between Escalatory Dynamics and the Search for Business Predictability

Luigi Di Maio (European Union Special Representative for the Gulf Region)

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Keynote Speeches

Ulisses Correia e Silva (Prime Minister, Republic of Cape Verde)

Russell Dlamini (Prime Minister, Kingdom of Eswatini)

Robinah Nabbanja (Prime Minister, Republic of Uganda)

James Pitia Morgan (Minister of Foreign Affairs, Republic of South Sudan)

Teodoro Nguema Obiang Mangue (Vice President, Republic of Equatorial Guinea)

Prosper Bazombanza (Vice President, Republic of Burundi)

11:30 am – 12:00 pm *Coffee Break*

12:00 – 1:30 pm **INVESTMENT, EDUCATION, AND PUBLIC-PRIVATE COOPERATION**

Chair: **Gianni Riotta** (Visiting Professor, Princeton University)

Setting the Scene

Ragnheiður Elín Árnadóttir (Director, OECD Development Centre)

Paolo Rotelli (President of IRCCS San Raffaele Research Hospital; President of the Vita-Salute San Raffaele University; Vice-President of Gruppo San Donato; Vice President, GKSD Holding; Vice President, Galeazzi-Sant’Ambrogio Hospital [IRCCS])

Letizia Moratti (President, E4Impact Foundation)

Marco Rusconi (Director General, Italian Agency for Cooperation and Development)

Keynote Speeches

Claver Gatete (Executive Secretary, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa)

Amani Abou Zeid (African Union Commissioner for Infrastructure and Energy)

January Makamba (Minister of Foreign Affairs, United Republic of Tanzania)

Richard Filakota (Minister of Economy, Planning and International Cooperation, Central African Republic)

Signing of the MoU between GKSD and The Garibaldi Institute

Tuesday, 30 January 2024

1:30 – 2:45 pm *Lunch*

2:45 – 4:00 pm **FOSTERING PEACE AND GROWTH THROUGH HEALTHCARE**

Chair: **Gianni Riotta** (Visiting Professor, Princeton University)

Setting the scene

Aldo Pigoli (Professor of History of Contemporary Africa,
Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore)

Alessandro Frigiola (President, GSD East Europe; Director of the Paediatric
and Congenital Adult Cardiac Surgical Area,
San Donato Research Hospital (IRCCS);
Chief Medical Director GSD International Cooperation Dept.)

Keynote Speeches and Closing Remarks

Francesco La Camera (Director-General, International Renewable Energy Agency)

Austin Demby (Minister of Health, Republic of Sierra Leone)

Ettore Sequi (Secretary General, ECAM Council)

4:00 – 6:00 pm **BILATERAL MEETINGS**

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