



MEDIA ADVISORY

The Mo Ibrahim Foundation will host the 10th anniversary edition of the Ibrahim Governance Weekend on 6 - 9 April 2017 in Marrakech, Morocco

Media registration open at: mo.ibrahim.foundation/igw-register

The Mo Ibrahim Foundation will hold its flagship event, the Ibrahim Governance Weekend, between 6 and 9 April 2017 in Marrakech, Morocco, under the High Patronage of His Majesty the King Mohammed VI. The Weekend will bring together a powerful coalition of organisations and individuals – from Africa and around the world – for an informed and frank dialogue that aims to strengthen governance and leadership in Africa.

This year's event coincides with the Foundation's celebration of 10 years of putting governance at the centre of Africa's development discourse. The gathering will build on insights from the [2016 Ibrahim Index of African Governance: A Decade of African Governance](#) and look at the next decade to set out a path forward for the continent.

Progressive leaders across politics, business, media and civil society from all over the continent will gather to discuss the challenges of leadership and governance in Africa in the 21st century, and will address the opportunities of the next decade for the African continent.

The planned schedule of activities includes:

- **Thursday, 6 April**
 - Media Briefing (10:00-11:30 GMT)
- **Friday, 7 April**
 - Leadership Ceremony: *A Conversation on Leadership* (19:00-21:00 GMT)
- **Saturday, 8 April**
 - Ibrahim Forum: *Africa at a Tipping Point* (09:00-18:00 GMT)
 - During the Forum, participants will be able to interact with Mo Ibrahim and other eminent speakers by submitting questions through the live webcast on the Mo Ibrahim Foundation's website, Twitter and Facebook page.
- **Sunday, 9 April**
 - Football Match (16:00 GMT)
 - Live football match between Morocco's Kawkab Marrakech and the Democratic Republic of Congo's TP Mazembe.
 - Evening concert (19:00 GMT)
 - Live music concert featuring Angélique Kidjo, Youssou NDour, Hindi Zahra, Hoba Spirit, Hamid El Kasri and Van.

Alongside the Foundation's schedule, guest organisations including ONE, The B Team, International Crisis Group and The Africa Report will hold parallel events and meetings.



Media Registration

Local and international media are welcome to register and attend the Ibrahim Governance Weekend. Registration and media accreditation is now open at mo.ibrahim.foundation/igw-register

For more information, please contact Sophie Masipa, masipa.s@moibrahimfoundation.org, or Hallie Detrick, Hallie.detrick@portland-communications.com.

All the events will also be available to view via live webcast, details of which will be provided nearer to the Weekend.

We encourage you to follow the live feed and discussions on Twitter by using #MIFMaroc, or following [@Mo_IbrahimFdn](https://twitter.com/Mo_IbrahimFdn).

Detailed schedule of events

Ibrahim Governance Weekend: Friday-Sunday, 7-9 April 2017

Friday, 7 April (19:00-21:00 GMT)

Leadership Ceremony: *A Conversation on Leadership* – Palmeraie Conference Centre, Marrakech

This evening ceremony will focus on leadership in the 21st century. The globalised world we share today appears threatened by a democratic recession and multiple security challenges, with autocratic leaders seducing increasingly concerned and disillusioned electors.

The participants will reflect on this evolution and consider the meaning, values and necessary qualities of leadership today and what they should be.

The evening will feature a conversation by prominent leaders and live music from renowned African artists Youssour NDour, Angelique Kidjo, Hindi Zahra and Hugh Masekela.

Guest Speakers:

- **President Horst Koehler**, former President of Germany
- **Amina J. Mohammed**, Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations

There will also be a video news release of highlights which will be syndicated via Reuters World News Express.

Saturday, 8 April (09:00-18:00 GMT)

2017 Ibrahim Forum: *Africa at a Tipping Point* – Palmeraie Conference Centre, Marrakech

Africa finds itself at a pivotal moment in its history. The latest Ibrahim Index of African Governance, reviewing governance trends over the last ten years, revealed a mixed picture of a continent with real potential to spread and accelerate progress, but held back by security and rule of law threats.



Most importantly, Africa could enjoy a remarkable ‘demographic dividend’ as the continent’s young population becomes an overwhelming majority. But the danger is that a majority of young people feel devoid of economic prospects and deprived of any political say in their own continent’s future. This dislocation poses a threat not only to economic prosperity, but also to democracy, stability and security.

How the continent manages this tipping point will be the focus of the 2017 Ibrahim Forum.

The discussions on Saturday will concentrate on three priority areas where wise leadership and sound governance are essential if Africa is to stay on the path to shared and sustainable progress:

- Session 1: The appeal of violent extremism and migrations
- Session 2: The risk of a democratic recession
- Session 3: The need for an inclusive economic growth and jobs for Africa’s youth

Tackling these challenges is critical to unleashing Africa’s full potential.

Among the speakers are:

- **Akinwumi Adesina**, President, African Development Bank
- **Kofi Annan**, former Secretary-General of the United Nations
- **Abdoulie Bathily**, Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General for Central Africa
- **Bono**, venture capitalist, businessman, musician and philanthropist
- **Aliko Dangote**, President and CEO, Dangote Group
- **Moulay Hafid El Alamy**, Minister of Industry, Trade, & New Technologies, Morocco
- **Jendayi Fraser**, President and CEO of 50 Ventures, LLC
- **Jean-Marie Guehenno**, President and CEO, International Crisis Group
- **Abdalla Hamdock**, Acting Executive Secretary, Economic Commission for Africa
- **Martin Kobler**, Head of United Nations Support Mission in Libya
- **Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala**, Senior Advisor, Lazard
- **Amina J. Mohammed**, Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations
- **Mark Malloch-Brown**, Chair, Commission on Business and Sustainable Development
- **Paul Polman**, CEO, Unilever

Sunday, 9 April

Football Match (16:00 GMT)

The weekend will conclude with a football match between Morocco’s Kawkab Marakech and the Democratic Republic of Congo’s TP Mazembe.

Evening Concert (19:00 GMT)

In the evening, there will be a live music concert featuring Angélique Kidjo, Youssou N'Dour, Hindi Zahra, Hoba Hoba Spirit, Hamid El Kasri and Van.



Guest Organisation events schedule

Friday, 7 April – The Africa Report Debates: “Is Africa's development an illusion?” (14:00-17:00 GMT)

In partnership with The B Team, The Africa Report magazine will host its yearly debate. This year's debate will be taken up by two teams lead by prominent guests of the Governance Weekend and chaired by Patrick Smith, Editor in Chief of The Africa Report.

The subject of the 2017 debate is: “Is Africa's development an illusion?”

If you wish to participate in the debate, please register online: <http://www.theafricareport.com/TAR-Debates/tardebates2017>

For more information, or if you would like to attend the TAR Debates, media should contact Alison Kingsley-Hall: a.kingsley-hall@theafricareport.com

Invitation-only events schedule

Thursday, 6 April

ONE will hold its Board meeting (by invitation only)

Friday, 7 April

The B Team will hold a B Team Leaders meeting as well as a Beneficial Ownership Transparency Workshop (by invitation only)

Saturday, 8 April

Mo Ibrahim, Chairman of TPG Satya and Aliko Dangote, President of the Dangote Group, will host a dinner roundtable with African business leaders and entrepreneurs on Saturday evening (by invitation only).

Monday, 10 April

The B Team will hold an Open Contracting Roundtable (by invitation only).

Monday, 10 to Tuesday, 11 April

The International Crisis Group will host its Africa Retreat (by invitation only).



Event Resources

Media releases, 2017 Facts and Figures report, photographs, video clips and other detailed resources will be available for all media on the Mo Ibrahim Foundation's website.

Audio and video footage of all events will also be available to all media as an edited video news release at the end of the Weekend on the Foundation's website.

Resources: mo.ibrahim.foundation/igw-2017

A Video News Release of Saturday and Sunday highlights will be distributed on the Reuters World News Express as well.

Contact

- For more information, please visit mo.ibrahim.foundation or contact:
Sophie Masipa, masipa.s@moibrahimfoundation.org, +44 (0) 207 535 5067
Hallie Detrick, hallie.detrick@portland-communications.com, +44 (0) 20 7554 1719
- Hashtag to join the discussion online: **#MIFMaroc**
- You can follow the Mo Ibrahim Foundation on:
 - Twitter: [@Mo_IbrahimFdn](https://twitter.com/Mo_IbrahimFdn)
 - Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/MoIbrahimFoundation>
 - YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/user/moibrahimfoundation>
 - Instagram: <https://instagram.com/moibrahimfoundation>

Notes to Editors:

Mo Ibrahim Foundation

The Mo Ibrahim Foundation was established in 2006 with a focus on the critical importance of leadership and governance in Africa. By providing tools to support progress in leadership and governance, the Foundation aims to promote meaningful change on the continent.

The Foundation, which is a non-grant making organisation, focuses on defining, assessing and enhancing governance and leadership in Africa through four main initiatives:

- Ibrahim Index of African Governance
- Ibrahim Prize for Achievement in African Leadership
- Ibrahim Forum
- Ibrahim Fellowships and Scholarships



Ibrahim Governance Weekend

The Ibrahim Governance Weekend is the flagship event of the Mo Ibrahim Foundation, held every year in a different African hub. This three-day event convenes prominent African and Africa-focused political and business leaders, representatives from civil society, multilateral and regional institutions as well as Africa's major international partners to identify specific policy challenges and discuss priorities for action. The conversation is extended to a wider audience through music, art and sport at major public events, showcasing some of Africa's brightest talent.

Ibrahim Forum

Established in 2010, the Ibrahim Forum is a high-level discussion forum tackling issues of critical importance to Africa. The Forum convenes prominent African political and business leaders, representatives from civil society, multilateral and regional institutions as well as Africa's major international partners to identify specific policy challenges and priorities for action. Previous Forums have dealt with: African Urban Dynamics (2015), Africa in the next 50 years (2013), African Youth (2012), African Agriculture (2011) and African Regional Economic Integration (2010). Data and research on Forum issues are compiled by the Foundation as the basis for informed and constructive debate.