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Invitation

**DAS Hot Topic: 'On the future of development cooperation – perspectives for the German-African partnership' with Dr Samuel Maimbo, Presidential Candidate for the African Development Bank**

The future of international cooperation is a hotly debated topic. Global crises, geopolitical tensions and increased competition for resources and influence are calling for a new way of thinking about the goals, structures and instruments of development cooperation (DC).

In Germany, too, the debate on the importance of development cooperation has gained momentum in the course of the coalition negotiations, and funding is under pressure due to limited budgetary resources. The course that the new German government will set in this area will also shape German-African relations. Meanwhile, African countries and institutions are formulating their own responses to current political challenges such as the withdrawal of the USA from development cooperation, and are prioritising investment and trade, infrastructure measures and energy in order to promote sustainable economic growth.

Against this backdrop, the African Development Bank (AfDB) has a crucial role to play in meeting the huge financing requirements and diversifying financing strategies for the African continent. Germany is a close partner of the AfDB. As recently as February of this year, both sides announced new joint measures to promote energy access and private sector growth in Africa. Such strategic partnerships are of enormous importance for jointly reorganising development cooperation and deepening German-African relations.

How do African partners envisage the future of development cooperation in the face of global change? What expectations do they have of the German-African partnership and how can German development policy position itself effectively and credibly in the future? Which priorities should be set? And how can development policy funds be utilised in a targeted, efficient and impact-oriented manner despite growing budgetary constraints?

We are looking forward to discussing these and other questions with you and Dr Samuel Munzele Maimbo, presidential candidate for the African Development Bank (AfDB).

Date

**Friday, 11 April 2025,  
8:30 – 9:30hrs (CEST)**

Virtual via Zoom

Please register [here](#) by 11 April 2025 8:00hrs.

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**Dr. Samuel Maimbo**

Presidential Candidate for the African Development (AfDB)

Dr Samuel Munzele Maimbo is an internationally recognised expert in development finance with almost three decades of experience in Africa and globally. His career began in Zambia as a bank auditor at the *Bank of Zambia* and as an auditor at *PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC)*. He then built an impressive career at the World Bank that lasted over 23 years. As Chief of Staff to several World Bank Presidents, he played a central role in the implementation of institutional strategy. During his time as Director of Fundraising at the International Development Association (IDA) and the Corporate Finance Department of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD), he successfully led the *IDA20 replenishment*. In addition to his practical experience, Dr Maimbo also has an excellent academic background. He holds a PhD in Public Administration (Banking) from the University of Manchester, an MBA in Finance from the *University of Nottingham* and a Bachelor in Accounting from the *Copperbelt University* in Zambia. He is also a Fellow of the *Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (FCCA, UK)*. He is currently running for President of the African Development Bank (AfDB).

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