

DRAFT PROGRAM AS OF 04-06-2012

7TH U. S.-AFRICA TRADE & INVESTMENT FORUM & EXPO

**Hilton Chicago Hotel
720 S. Michigan Avenue
Chicago, IL 60605
May 16, 2012 – May 18, 2012**

PROGRAM

May 15, 2012:

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. WELCOME RECEPTION – COCKTAIL – NETWORKING

May 16, 2012

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. WELCOME REMARK BY:

**MAYOR OF CHICAGO (Invited)
PRESIDENT, COOK COUNTY (Invited)**

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. TRADE AND INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN:

**STATE OF ILLINOIS
CITY OF CHICAGO
COOK COUNTY**

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. TRADE & INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN AFRICA

12:15 p.m. - 1:15 p.m. LUNCH BREAK - GOVERNOR OF ILLINOIS (Invited)

**1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. HOW TO IMPROVE AFRICAN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION
AND PROCESSING WITH US EQUIPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY**

2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. CHALLENGES & SOLUTIONS TO AFRICAN INFRASTRUCTURAL FINANCE

**3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. CREATIVE JOB CREATION PROGRAM AS SOLUTIONS TO COMBAT OBJECT
POVERTY & SOCIETAL CONFLICTS IN AFRICA**

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May 17, 2012

- 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST & NETWORKING**
- 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. SME DEVELOPMENT IN AFRICA**
- 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. ALTERNATIVE FINANCING
MECHANISM FOR AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT**
- 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. QUALITY EDUCATION AS A TOOL FOR AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT**
- 12:15 p.m. – 1:15 p.m. LUNCH BREAK**
- 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. SAFE WATER DEVELOPMENT AND FINANCE FOR BETTER LIFE IN AFRICA**
- 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. HOW AFRICA & INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATIONS CAN WORK WITH PRIVATE
SECTOR IN AFRICA DEVELOPMENT**
- 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. WAYS TO FINANCE SOLID MINERALS/MINING OPERATIONS IN AFRICA**
- 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. MARINE & PORT DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN AFRICA**

May 18, 2012

- 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST & NETWORKING**
- 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. AFRICAN WOMEN DEVELOPMENT/EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM**
- 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. AVIATION / TRANSPORT DEVELOPMENT IN AFRICA**
- 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. FINANCING HEALTH FACILITIES IN AFRICA**
- 12:15 p.m. – 1:15 p.m. LUNCH BREAK**
- 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION ON HOW TO INCREASE US TRADE & INVESTMENT
IN AFRICA**
- 6:00 p.m. – 12 Midnight CLOSING DINNER WITH AFRICAN PRESIDENTS, MINISTERS AND AMBASSADORS**