Keynote Sessions - Learn from the Experts:

- **Technology Entrepreneurs Fuel Development**
  The number of technology entrepreneurs creating new and innovative business models is exploding. By providing needed goods and services, creating jobs and improving the quality of life, these enterprises have the potential to transform Africa and other developing nations in the world. The Forum opens with experts discussing how emerging market entrepreneurs are leveraging technology and changing development paradigms.

- **Where is the Next African High Growth Entrepreneur?**
  Mobile innovations and other technologies have demonstrated the potential for high growth enterprises in Africa. Three inspirational speakers will share their journey from mind to market on the continent, followed by a moderated dialogue on how can investors, policy makers, and the private sector in general help find and groom transformative high-growth enterprises. Participants will include a prominent African investor, a start-up CEO, and a government policymaker.

- **Financing Winners**
  Private investors – attracted by fast-growing economies and new business opportunities, including those serving the “bottom billion” – are increasingly seeing opportunities for significant returns on investment. Top investors discuss why the rewards of funding innovative new ventures in emerging economies are worth the risks, and what makes these investments succeed.

- **The Paradigm of Inclusive Innovation**
  Widespread mobile networks have catalyzed new organizations and companies that use ICTs to empower citizens as active participants in improving their communities. Successful entrepreneurs share their insights on how inclusive business innovation is changing lives in developing countries around the world.

Interactive Sessions:

- **Maximizing Mobile: Making the Mobile Revolution Reach Everyone**
- **No Risk, No Gain: Models for Innovation Financing**
- **When Does it Work? A Practice Lab on Incubation**
- **Green and Profitable: Innovation for Green Growth**
- **The African Women Entrepreneurs Roundtable**
- **Innovation Ecosystems and the Right Policies**

Special Sessions:

- **Dragons’ Den Business Pitch Competition**
  An opportunity for high-potential entrepreneurs to meet mentors and investors, and compete for grant prizes.

- **Training Sessions**
  For mobile entrepreneurs, developers, and business incubators.

- **Local site visits to technology hubs and innovation centers, an Entrepreneurs Fair, and more!**
Join the Global Forum community and benefit from the experience of business leaders, powerful networks, and learning sessions on mobile, climate, and agribusiness innovation, as well as business incubation best practices, including:

∗ Maximizing Mobile: Making the Mobile Revolution Reach Everyone
Innovative mobile solutions are being developed by and for those who live at the ‘base of the pyramid’. This stream will explore how business models are emerging for this vibrant market, and explore where good practice can be found and scaled. It will also engage in a dialogue on the mobile applications space more generally, to see what the future of the App Economy in the developing world is shaping up to be.

∗ No Risk, No Gain: Models for Innovation Financing
One of the most important issues facing entrepreneurs is the need for early stage financing. This stream will engage angel investors and seed funders on the challenges and opportunities in financing early stage innovation, what they look for in deals, and what makes a great pitch presentation. It will also explore how well new phenomena such as crowd-funding and micro-equity work in developing countries.

∗ When Does it Work? A Practice Lab on Incubation
New models of business incubation are rapidly emerging. Accelerators, startup boot camps, technology hubs, mentor networks, pre-incubators, virtual incubators and other models represent an evolution in building and growing new ventures. In this stream, practitioners will explore what can be learned from successful and not so successful incubation efforts around the world, and discuss new models for business incubation, including acceleration and virtual incubation.

∗ Green and Profitable: Innovation for Green Growth
From renewable energy to agribusiness, there is a significant and growing market opportunity for climate smart solutions and business models that help developing countries address their specific green growth challenges. This stream will explore two market opportunities for developing countries: 1) how climate-related technologies are creating lucrative new business opportunities, and 2) how changing consumer demographics have opened up opportunities for green agribusiness industrialization.

∗ The African Women Entrepreneurs Roundtable
A new generation of innovative, high-growth, women-led business is emerging, especially in the mobile and technology entrepreneurship space. In this stream, successful and soon to be successful top women entrepreneurs from the continent will discuss experiences and resources on how to succeed in business, the barriers and opportunities for women entrepreneurs to access markets and financing, the trusted social networks they have had to develop, and how mentors networks can grow the next generation of high growth, women-led enterprises.

∗ Innovation Ecosystems and the Right Policies
Innovation can be founded in new technology, business models, partnerships, cooperation methods, and increasingly in technology-enabled services that reach the poorest part of the population. While the innovation process may be becoming more open and inclusive, it is also increasingly challenging to master such multi-layered ecosystems driven by various different social, political, and cultural environments. This stream will explore the relative roles the public and private sectors play in facilitating innovation, innovative enterprises and a productive economy.

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