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## **Africa's Development Dynamics 2023: Investing in sustainable development**

Thursday, 30 November 2023, CEOE (Madrid)

**9:30 h**

### **Inauguration**

Marta Blanco, President, CEOE Internacional

José Segura Clavell, Director General, Casa África

Alberto Virella Gomes, Ambassador at-large for the Africa Plan, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, European Union and Cooperation

Ragnheiður Elin Árnadóttir, Director, OECD Development Centre

**10:00 h**

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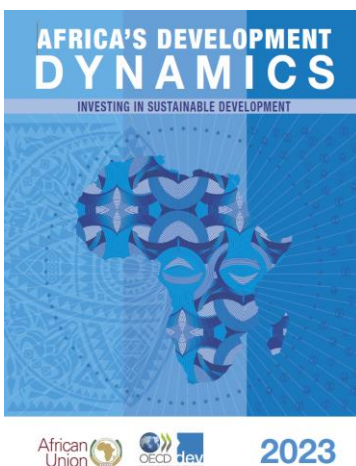
Arthur Minsat, Head of Unit for Africa, Europe and Middle East – Senior Economist, OECD Development Centre

**10:25 h**

### **Debate**

**10:40 h**

### **End**



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**Africa's Development Dynamics 2023: Investing in sustainable development.** Africa's Development Dynamics uses lessons from Central, East, North, Southern and West Africa to develop policy recommendations and share good practices across the continent. Drawing on the most recent statistics, the analysis of development dynamics aims to assist African leaders in reaching the targets of the African Union's Agenda 2063 at all levels: continental, regional, national and local.

This edition explores how Africa can attract investments that offer the best balance between economic, social and environmental objectives. Its fresh data and analysis aim to help policy makers improve risk assessments, strengthen African-led partnerships, and accelerate regional integration in ways that increase sustainable investments. Two

continental chapters examine Africa's investment landscape and related policy priorities. Five regional chapters offer tailored recommendations in strategic areas including natural ecosystems, renewable energy, climate finance and agri-food value chains.

Africa's Development Dynamics feeds into a policy debate between the African Union's governments, citizens, entrepreneurs and researchers. It proposes a new collaboration between countries and regions, focusing on mutual learning and the preservation of common goods. This report results from a partnership between the African Union Commission and the OECD Development Centre.

**Ragnheiður Elín Árnadóttir.** Ragnheiður Elín Árnadóttir has been the Director of OECD Development Centre since 16 August 2021. Ms. Árnadóttir served as Minister of Industry and Commerce in Iceland from 2013-2017 and was an elected Member of Parliament for the Independence Party from 2007-2016. Before being elected to Parliament, she was successively a political advisor to the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Foreign Affairs and the Prime Minister. She also worked for the Trade Council of Iceland both in New York and in Reykjavik. A nonresident Senior Fellow at the Atlantic Council's Global Energy Centre, she was the Chairman of the Board of Directors of Duty Free Iceland, and a member of the Board of Directors of Landsvirkjun (national power company). Ms. Árnadóttir has a Master's Degree in Foreign Service from Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., and a Bachelor's Degree in Political Sciences from the University of Iceland. She attended the Georgetown Leadership Seminar in 2007, by invitation.

