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# The Africa Outlook: 2023

## Helsinki

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Following the disruption of 2022, which saw the global economy battered by a string of shocks – from the continued effects of the Covid pandemic, to the fallout of the war in Ukraine, which has heightened energy and food insecurity globally – the world is facing another year of uncertainty.

Amid slowing growth in the U.S., EU, and China, The International Monetary Fund now expects a third of the world to experience a recession in 2023.

How will this uncertainty impact African economies, and what are the implications for doing business on the continent?

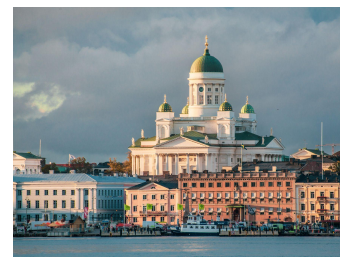
The Africa Outlook 2023 brings together expert commentators and industry specialists to discuss the key trends and issues that will shape the business, policy, and economy landscape in Africa.

**February 16, 2023**

Time: 09:00 – 11:00 EET

**Location: DLA Piper**

Kanavaranta 1, 00160  
Helsinki – 3rd floor



## Speakers



**Ms. Mathile Emilie Thue**  
CEO, NABA



**Mr. Hans Sundblad**  
Partner, DLA Piper



**Ms. Isabel Leroux**  
Program Manager, Nordic Development Fund



**Mr. Emmanuel Kwapong**  
Economist, Africa, Standard Chartered Bank



**Mr. Jaakko Kangasniemi**  
CEO, Finnfund



**Mr. Sanjeev Gupta**  
Executive Director, Financial Services, Africa  
Finance Corporation



**Mr. Lanre Akinola**  
Head of Content, NABA

## Program:

08:30 – 09:00 Registration, coffee and tea

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09:00 – 09:10 **Welcoming remarks**

**Ms. Mathile Emilie Thue**, CEO, NABA

**Mr. Hans Sundblad**, Partner, DLA PIPER

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09:10 – 10:10 **Presentations**

**Mr. Lanre Akinola, NABA:** Key trends that will shape 2023

**Mr. Emmanuel Kwapong**, Africa Economist,  
Standard Chartered Bank: The Macroeconomic  
Outlook

**Ms. Isabel Leroux**  
Program Manager, Nordic Development Fund

**Mr. Jaakko Kangasniemi, CEO, Finnfund:** The  
Development Finance perspective

**Mr. Sanjeev Gupta Executive Director, Financial  
Services, Africa Finance Corporation:** The

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financing and infrastructure development  
outlook

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10:10 – 11:00

**Panel discussion and Q&A**

The presenters expand on key issues outlined in the presentations, with active participation from the audience.

**Moderator:**

**Lanre Akinola**, NABA

**Speakers:**

**Mr. Emmanuel Kwabong, Africa Economist,**  
Standard Chartered Bank

**Mr. Jaakko Kangasniemi**, CEO, Finnfund

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Development Fund

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11:00

**Closing remarks & Networking**

**Lanre Akinola**, NABA

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