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AFRICAN BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE (ABR) PARTICIPATE AND SUPPORT THE 10TH EDITION OF THE AFRICA ECONOMY BUILDERS AWARDS



The Africa Economy Builders Awards, a major platform, gathering notable entrepreneurs from Africa and its Diaspora, marked its 10th edition this year on 26th April, 2019 in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire with the participation and support of the **African Business Roundtable (ABR)**, sponsored by its **President and Chairman of the Board, Samuel Dossou – Aworet**, a fervent promoter of economic integration and Chairman / Founder of the **Petrolin Group**.

Mr. Dossou was invited as a Special Guest and Patron, having been a distinguished past recipient of the Africa Economic Builders, LIFE TIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD at the 9th edition held in 2018. He was to give a keynote address at this year's Forum, themed – **'Entrepreneurship for African Economic Integration'** and hand over plaques to some awardees of the 10th edition.

Mr. Dossou, represented at this event by Madame Massogbe

Diabete Toure, CEO, Societe Ivoirienne de Traitement d'Anacarde (SITA), a key member of the African Business Roundtable and a notable entrepreneur based in Abidjan, in his Keynote Address called on entrepreneurs and the business community to come together, breaking down artificial barriers and boundaries and act jointly with deep commitment and keen sense of purpose to resolve issues of common interest, especially those concerning trade and investments.

He further stated in his address, that entrepreneurs must be united in advocating for the development and implementation of the right policies in a systemic and sustainable manner using organized institutional platforms such as the African Business Roundtable for driving such common objectives.

Notable among this year's recipients of the Africa Economic Builders Awards were;

- **Gervais Koffi Djondo**, double Founder of the Ecobank Group (Present in 36 African Countries with more than twenty thousand (20,000) employees, and ASKY (an airline with 22 destinations in 20 countries of the continent)
- **Christian Adovelande**, President of the BOAD (West African Development Bank) a common institution of the Member States of Uemoa.
- Ghana's **Dr. Theresa Oppong-Beeko**, CEO of Manet Group, undisputed Queen of real estate, and

- South African, **Irene Charnley**, Founder and CEO, Smile Telecoms, a Pan African telecommunications group with operations in Nigeria, Tanzania, Uganda and Democratic Republic of Congo

A remarkable feature of this year's event was the dominant presence of successful women entrepreneurs, Leaders in the business world, such as the Namibian, **Dr. Martha Namundjebo-Tilahun**, who chairs the United Africa Group, a conglomerate of 52 companies with diversified interests and **Francoise Peune 'Mamy Nyanga'** the Cameroonian star of business.

Mr. Michel Russel Lohore, Promoter of the Forum who recently joined the prestigious membership of the Roundtable (ABR) was joined by the ABR Executive Secretary, Samuel Ayodele at the event.

Photos gallery of the African Economy Builders Awards



Ivorian Minister Souleymane Diarrassouba with Alain Kouadio, President, Kaydan Group and Michel Russel Lohoré, Forum Promoter and member of ABR



Group photo of the all the winners at the 10th edition of the African Economy Builders Award