



## **Centre for Business and Technology in Africa**

### **PANEL DISCUSSION: Africa as a continent of opportunity in the context of global crises**

**June 10th, 2022,  
1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Berlin time**

Participation via Web-Ex: Join via the meeting link:

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## PROGRAM

- 10:00 **Reception** by the Presidential Board of the Flensburg University of Applied Sciences with the SADC Ambassadors
- 12:45 **Get Together** in room C 28/29
- 13:00 **Welcome**  
Dr. Christoph Jansen, President of Flensburg University of Applied Sciences, and Prof. Dr. Thomas Schmidt, Founding Director of Centre for Business and Technology in Africa (CBTA)
- 13:20 **Short introduction to the current situation in Africa**  
by Prof. Dr. Stefan Liebing, Chairman of the German-African Business Association
- 13:40 **Open discussion round**
- H. E. Thomas B. Amolo, Ambassador of the Republic of Kenya
  - Volkmar Klein, Member of the German Bundestag, Spokesman for the CDU/CSU parliamentary group for economic cooperation and development
  - Prof. Dr. Stefan Liebing, Chairman of the German-African Business Association
- 15:00 **Expected end of the event** (Conference language is English)  
Moderation: Prof. Dr. Kay Pfaffenberger



**Prof. Dr. Thomas Schmidt** is the Founding Director of the Centre and is responsible for all partnership projects in the fields of IT and logistics in Africa.



**Prof. Dr. Kay Pfaffenberger** is the Managing Director of the Centre and contributes with his expertise in the fields of investment, banking and (renewable) energy on the African continent. He acts as the academic representative.



**Prof. h.c. Dr. Stefan Liebing** is honorary professor at the CBTA and teaches "Business in African New Markets" in both the bachelor's and the master's degree programme. He contributes his experience as a private sector executive and business development expert on the African continent. In his main capacity, Stefan Liebing runs an investment and project development firm with special focus on Africa. He is President of the German African Business Association.



**Volkmar Klein** has been a member of the German Bundestag since 2009, where he represents the constituency of Siegen-Wittgenstein. There he is a member of the Committee on Economic Cooperation and Development and a deputy member of the Budget Committee. He is also spokesman for the CDU/CSU parliamentary group at the Bundestag for economic cooperation and development. From 1995-2009 he served as a member of the state parliament of North Rhine-Westphalia. Prior to that he was a member and later on the mayor of the Burbach town council.



Ambassador Thomas B. Amolo is a Senior Career Member of the Kenyan Foreign Service which he joined in 1983. He is currently Kenya's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the Federal Republic of Germany. Thomas B. Amolo was the Political and Diplomatic Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Nairobi from 2015 to 2020 (SPECIAL ENVOY: KENYA'S SECURITY COUNCIL CAMPAIGN CONCURRENTLY WITH PDS FUNCTION FROM 2018); served as High Commissioner to the Federal Republic of Nigeria – from March 2013 to December 2015

High Commissioner of the Republic of Kenya to the Republic of South Africa, Kingdoms of Swaziland and Lesotho – from 6th December 2007 to 27th February 2013; Director of Political Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs HQ in Nairobi, Kenya 6th December 2006 to 5th December 2007; Director/International Organizations and Conferences Division, (Multilateral) Ministry of Foreign Affairs HQ in Nairobi, Kenya (March 2005 – 5th December 2006); Deputy Director, Special Unit – Kenya/Sudan/Somalia Cooperation Department Ministry of Foreign Affairs HQ in Nairobi, Kenya (26th January, 2005 – March 2005)

Director/Asia and Australasia Department Ministry of Foreign Affairs HQ in Nairobi, Kenya (19th October 2004 – 25th January, 2005); Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of the Republic of Kenya to U.S.A, Washington, D.C. (11th December 2002 – 18th October, 2004); Counsellor/Head of Chancery, Embassy of the Republic of Kenya to U.S.A., Washington D.C. (25th April 2002 – 10th December, 2002); Counsellor/ Political, Embassy of the Republic of Kenya to U.S.A., Washington D.C. (1st August 2000 – 24th April, 2002); Counsellor/Permanent Mission of the Republic of Kenya to the United Nations, New York (January 1999 – 31st July, 2000); Alternate Representative, Kenya Delegation to the United Nations Security Council, New York (January 1997 – December 1998)