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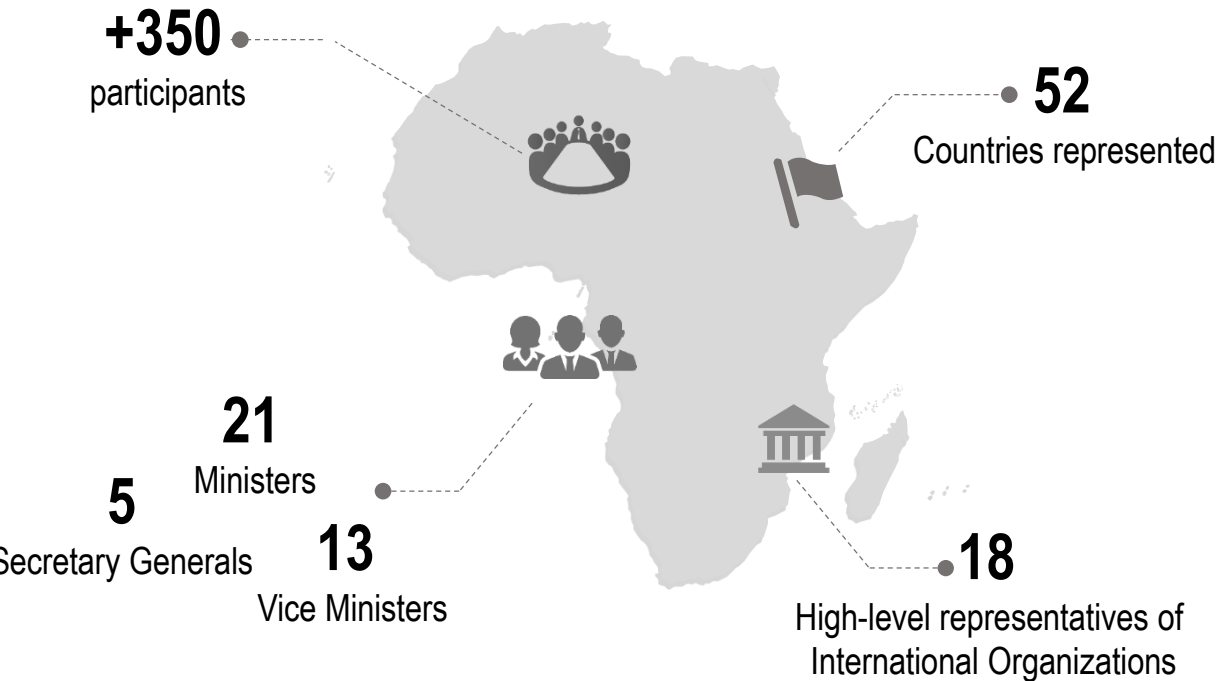
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CONFERENCE

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2° Italy-Africa Conference 2018: figures



Bilateral meetings
9 with the MFA
and 22 with the Deputy
MFA

More than **30 meetings**
between African Heads of
Delegation and Italian
business and civil society
representatives

A **business development
event** organized by
Confindustria and Italy-Africa
Business Week



The Italy-Africa Conference represented a moment where to **strengthen** our relations with the whole Continent, **debating** on new possible concrete initiatives with African countries.



2018: centenary of Mandela's birth

During the Conference, the **Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs** celebrated Nelson Mandela's 100th anniversary.

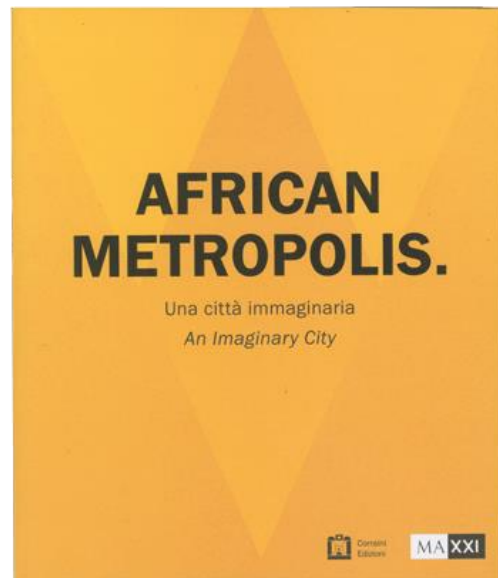
Before the beginning of the working sessions, particularly impressive pictures of the South African President's life were projected in the International Conference Hall's screens, with African soundtracks in the background.



Opening Event at the MAXXI museum

*“Since two thousands years, Rome has been a crossroad of cultures and here today we celebrate a **crossroad of cultures from two continents**, made of different cultures, with deep roots in history”.*

Enzo Moavero Milanesi



*The project, realized by the MAXXI Museum in collaboration with the Italian MFA, displayed the works by 34 African artists showing the **great social and cultural transformations taking place in Africa.***



Speech by the President of the Republic at the opening ceremony



«Beyond the expected political dialogue on many relevant topics for our future such as migrations, economic growth, political integration, security and fight against terrorism, I would like to highlight that Italy will always represent a counterpart attentive to its African partners.

*What strictly links us is a **common destiny that has deep roots** and is fundamental to enhance stability, prosperity and security in our Continents.»*

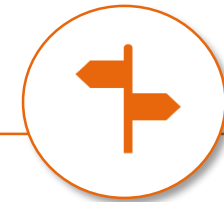
Sergio Mattarella



The opening speech by the MFA Moavero Milanesi



Finding **mutually acceptable solutions** to the **main challenges** in the field of peace, governance e security.



Creating **shared growth paths**, in particular thanks to the participation of Italian delegates from the private sector, the research institutions and the NGOs.



The plenary session



- Equal partnership
- Shared development
- Unity of purposes
- Strategic necessity to enhance the multidimensional dialogue among institutions, enterprises and civil society

Founding principles



- Migration dynamics
- Demographic challenge in the Continent
- Environmental and climate crises
- Sustainable development
- Terroristic threats
- Relevant role of culture and education as fundamental factors for an equitable growth

Relevant issues



- Energy development
- New technologies
- Agriculture and food
- Infrastructures

Role of private sector



The thematic panels

PANEL 1

Economic growth and sustainable development: challenges and opportunities



Working together to obtain an inclusive, sustainable development, relying on **complementary economic systems**, in particular in the fields of agriculture, energy, services and infrastructures.

PANEL 2

Political stability and security: the African reaction to global and local challenges



Need to face the **security-development nexus** through a global action, in order to fight illegal traffics and create development, employment opportunities and social inclusion

PANEL 3

Culture, education and mobility



Close **interconnection between culture, education and mobility** within the African sustainable development path.



The Prime Minister's speech



*«Italy is eager to actively participate in this **dialogue between Continents** where security, development, sustainability, peace and prosperity are increasingly interconnected. Today, we should seize this opportunity to start building a sustainable framework for a common future. I am aware that the project is very ambitious and will require many efforts at different levels. We might also face some disappointment on our way. Yet, the future of the **next generations of African, European and Italian citizens** depends on it.»*

Giuseppe Conte



Main outcomes



Among the several challenges of the global scenario, Africa's ones represent an absolute priority for Italy from multiple perspectives (strategy, culture, education, economy and values). Actively cooperating with the African Continent is a way for Italy to make its foreign policy coherent with its geography.



Remarkable **attention from the media** on opportunities coming from Africa and the role of Italy in the Continent.



Participation of highest Italian authorities and **appreciation by the African partners** and the IO's chiefs of delegation.



Important **reconfirmation of the Italian engagement in the political dialogue with Africa.**



Several **follow-ups**, emerged from the thematic sessions and the bilateral meetings, as well as from the meetings of delegations with the representatives of Italian private sector.





Family Photo

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