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## TONY ELUMELU ENTREPRENEURSHIP FORUM 2018

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**USPA NEWS** - The 4th edition of the largest gathering of African entrepreneurs on the continent - TEF Entrepreneurship Forum 2018 - is scheduled to hold on October 25, 2018. The event presents a unique opportunity to generate ideas, forge networks and bring policymakers and the private sector together, in a spirit of robust debate and interaction.

Convened by Africa's leading entrepreneurship-focused philanthropic organisation, Tony Elumelu Foundation (TEF), this year's Forum will host 5,000 entrepreneurs, the broad investor community, government and policymakers, leading developmental organisations, private sector representatives, the media and partners, as we connect Africa's most promising entrepreneurs to the thriving investment and entrepreneurship-advocacy communities in Africa.

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The launch of TEFConnect "the world's largest digital platform for African entrepreneurs" bringing together the entrepreneurship ecosystem, which will be unveiled at the Forum.

Following the success of the interactive session with President Emmanuel Macron of France, this Forum will feature an interactive session with President Uhuru Kenyatta of Kenya, President Nana Akufo-Addo of Ghana, and over 5,000 entrepreneurs, moderated by TEF Founder, Tony O. Elumelu

A pitching competition and panel session with leading speakers from the entrepreneurship and investment space, tagged: "Are you investor-ready?"

The theme for this year's TEF Forum, "Empowering African Entrepreneurs"<sup>[?]</sup>, demonstrates our conviction that Africa's private sector and its entrepreneurs have the potential to transform the African continent, encapsulated in this philosophy - Africapitalism. Africapitalism is the economic philosophy developed by our Founder and Chairman, Mr. Tony O. Elumelu, CON.

Past speakers include former Prime Minister of Benin Republic, Lionel Zinsou, Vice President of Nigeria, Professor Yemi Osinbajo; former President of Sierra Leone, Ernest Bai Koroma; Deputy Country Director, Agence Française de Développement (AFD), AndreHue; Regional Head, Africa Venture Capital Investments at IFC, Wale Ayeni; Chairman, Dangote Group, Alhaji Aliko Dangote; Executive Vice Chairperson, Famfa Oil, Folorunsho Alakija; and former President of Nigeria, President Olusegun Obasanjo.

### ABOUT TONY ELUMELU FOUNDATION FORUM

The TEF Entrepreneurship Forum was born out of the Foundation's resolve to convene the African entrepreneurship ecosystem in one location to foster trade, business networking opportunities within the network. Its main objective is to host a single platform where the true narrative of Africa, as a fast-paced, progressive and innovative continent incubating and exporting entrepreneurial minds, is shared with the world.

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