

Aeolus Kenya Participates at African Leaders Summit

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Aeolus Kenya (“AKL”), a founding private sector member of the U.S. Power Africa initiative, participated in the African Leaders Summit in Washington D.C. during the week of August 4th, 2014.

The Summit gave the AKL delegation the opportunity to meet one-on-one with key decision makers in both the U.S. and Kenyan governments, and leaders throughout the private sector. They discussed AKL’s ambitious private sector proposal to develop critical infrastructure in Lamu, Kenya opening up the nation’s northern corridor and linking it further to its neighbors through trade.

The week of high-level meetings and events was capped off by the U.S.-Africa Business Forum, which brought together fifty African heads of state, President Obama and senior leaders of his administration, and dozens of African and American CEOs, all discussing ways in which Africa and the United States can work together to make the continent grow. After attending the Forum, Aeolus Kenya founder and CEO Richard Herbert remarked, “I am delighted that President Obama brought all these leaders together, and that he invited African companies such as AKL to participate. Only by mutual cooperation in the private sector can Africa see the kind of growth and opportunity that has transformed so much of the developing world in the last decades. And as demonstrated by this Summit, we in Africa have found in the United States a partner we can do business with.”

The week closed with the AKL delegation attending a dinner hosted by the Corporate Council on Africa in honor of His Excellency President Kenyatta, in which His Excellency spoke movingly about his vision for Kenyan-American cooperation in the coming years. “His Excellency gets it,” said Mr. Herbert after the dinner, “together, Presidents Obama and Kenyatta can change East Africa for the better.”

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