

Athens, Monday 24th of February 2019

GNCCT's Annual Spring Event 2019: Redefining Strategic Growth Markets – the Case for Africa

Dear Sir/Madam,

The President and the Board of the Greek Nigerian Chamber of Commerce and Technology (G.N.C.C.T.) are happy to inform you about the upcoming event of the Chamber in March.

The event titled “Redefining Strategic Growth Markets – the Case for Africa” will be held under the auspices of the Nigerian Embassy in Greece, at the Athens Marriott Hotel, on Wednesday, 13th of March 2019. It aims at bringing together Business owners and Executives interested in Exports and International Development and especially those interested in Africa. Approximately 150 persons are expected to participate, Greek and Foreign Business Owners and Executives, prominent members of the communities and heads of related Associations.

The event will consist of two parts: a conference with prominent speakers, elaborating on the event subject, followed by lunch and a networking period. The conference will focus on the growth potential of different markets, their outlook and opportunities, and further information concerning Africa and Nigeria. A preliminary agenda can be found at the end of this letter.

The cost of participation is 50€ and should be deposited with the participants full name until Monday, 11th of March, at GNCCT's account: National Bank of Greece GR70 0110 6140 0000 6140 0147 536. If you are interested in exploring sponsorship opportunities for the event, please email us at info@gncct.gr for related sponsorship packages.

On behalf of the Greek Nigerian Chamber of Commerce and Technology,

Ninos Yamakis, President G.N.C.C.T.

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5th GNCCT Annual Spring Forum: “Redefining Strategic Growth Markets – the Case for Africa”

Details:

Event Venue: The Marriott Hotel, 385 Syngrou Avenue, [Directions to venue](#)
Event Layout: Round Tables of 10 persons / Conference & Lunch
Event Date/Time: 13^h of March 2019, 13.00am to 17.00pm
Event Organizer: Greek Nigerian Chamber of Commerce and Technology

Preliminary Agenda:

13.00 Welcome coffee - Registration

Welcome and opening Remarks

13.30 Mr. N. Yamakis, President, G.N.C.C.T.

13.40 Mr. K. Bitsios, Executive Vice Chairman, S.E.V.

Event Speakers (you can find Speakers' CVs at the next page)

13.45 Mr. S. Pitsiorlas, Deputy Minister of Economy & Development

14.05 Mr. K. Chatzidakis, VP New Democracy, Former Minister of Transport and Development

14.25 Mr. P. Papazoglou, Managing Partner EY, CESA Markets Leader

14.45 Mr. T. Paschalides, CEO, GRANTEX SA

15.05 Mr. M. Economakis, Executive Vice Chairman & CEO, AG Leventis Group

15.20 Q&A

15.30 Lunch and Networking

17.00 End of Event

Forum and Lunch cost: 50€ per person

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Kindly forward deposit slip and list of participants' full names to papaioannou@gncct.gr



Stergios Pitsiorlas, Deputy Minister of Economy and Development

Mr. Pitsiorlas is a graduate of the faculty of Law of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki. He worked as a lawyer between 1982 and 2004, and as an expert consultant on the evaluation of the Integrated Mediterranean Programs (Eastern and Central Greece) between 1991-1993. Since 2010, he is working in the Renewable Energy Sources sector. From 1996 to 2004, he had the position of Coordinator of the Central Committee and the Political Secretariat of the SYNASPISMOS (Coalition of Left and Progress). He was appointed as the Chairman of the Board of Hellenic Republic Asset Development Fund (HRADF) in March 2015 and resigned on November 2016 after assuming the position of Deputy Minister of Economy and Development. He is married, with one child.



Kostis Chatzidakis, Vice President of New Democracy, Former Minister

Mr. Hatzidakis is a member of the Greek Parliament and Vice President of the New Democracy Party. He was born in Rethymno, Crete, in 1965. He is a lawyer in Athens. He was President of the Youth Organization of New Democracy and has been a member of the Greek Parliament since 2007, while from 1994 to 2007 he was a Member of the European Parliament. He has served as a Minister of Transport and Telecommunications (2007-2009) as well as a Minister of Economy and Development (2012-2014).



Panos Papazoglou, Managing Partner EY Greece, CESA Markets Leader EY

Mr. Papazoglou is the Managing Partner of EY in Greece since July 2010. Effective January 2011 he became the CSE South Cluster Leader and effective January 2015 the CSE Markets Leader as well. Following the CESA integration, effective July 2018, he holds the role of the CESA Accounts Leader. Panos Papazoglou joined Ernst & Young in 1988 and is based in the Athens office. Panos is a Qualified Accountant in Greece and Romania. He is a member of the BoD of American Hellenic Chamber of Commerce, member of the BoD of the Institute of Economic and Industrial Research and also member at the CEO Clubs and Endeavor.



Theodore Paschalides, CEO, GRANTEX SA

Mr. Paschalides studied Mechanical Engineer at the University of Coventry UK. He started his career in 1997, as the Technical Inspector and Quality Control Officer, producing brake components for commercial vehicles. In 2002, at the age of 27, he became the Chief Executive Officer of GRANTEX the family company, which now exports to 72 countries around 80% of its production. He received the "Internationally Developing Entrepreneur" award in the EY "Entrepreneur of the Year" 2013 contest in Greece and is a member of the Hellenic Federation of Enterprises and Industries (SEV) and the Hellenic Defense Manufacturers Association (SEKPY). He is married and has two children.



Michael E. Economakis, EVC & CEO, AG Leventis Group

Mr. Economakis started his career in Coca-Cola Hellenic, progressing throughout his career into higher responsibility roles in Commercial and Country GM positions in various operations of CCH in Greece and abroad. He is currently Executive Vice Chairman and CEO of A.G.Leventis Group (Nig.) Plc, a listed Conglomerate with operations in Automotive, Logistics, Food, Real Estate, Retail. He is also a board member of Pikwik (Pick n Pay and Leventis JV in Nigeria), JV with one of the biggest retailers in Africa. He is a Board Member of GNCCT and founding Member of NI.HE.BA. in Lagos (Nig. Hel. Business Association), Member of IoD London and Board Member of Global Thinkers Forum in London. He is also an independent non-Executive Director of P. Petropoulos S.A. a conglomerate in automotive listed in A.S.E.