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President Olusegun Obasanjo To Speak At 2015 Austin Africa Technology Summit

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USPA NEWS - The Greater Austin Black Chamber of Commerce will host the forth-coming Africa Technology Summit featuring keynote remarks by former Nigerian President H. E. Olusegun Obasanjo who will speak on the topic of Technology in Developing Africa's Economic Growth.

The event is a direct result of February 2015 outreach to Lagos Nigeria on behalf of the Chamber in one of our many international outreach efforts to connect to African Diaspora technology markets. The goal of these missions is to further establish Austin as a global technology city and to create opportunities for businesses in Austin and abroad to conduct exchange.

About H.E. Olusegun Obasanjo:

Olusegun Obasanjo served as President of Nigeria from May 1999 to May 2007. It was the culmination of a life spent on the front line of African politics. In 2008 he was appointed by the United Nations as a special envoy for Africa and has since overseen democratic elections on behalf of the African Union and ECOWAS in countries across the continent. He has since emerged as an advocate for investment into the country and with the launch of his Foundation will tackle issues critical to advance across the Continent.

Outside the political arena Obasanjo has been a catalyst in driving Africa's economic transformation. The region is now amongst the fastest growing in the world, rapidly becoming the destination of choice for international investors looking to emerging and frontier markets. Using his experience as a successful farmer and businessman in Nigeria he is actively engaging this community to facilitate more investment into the continent. Obasanjo will achieve this vision through the Africa Investment Council (AIC) a platform of distinguished leaders working to provide advocacy, thought-leadership, collaboration and best-practices on sustainable investment into Africa.

He is presently an advisor to New World Capital; an investment advisory firm providing interested parties with market access, investment advisory and co-investment opportunities across the continent.

President Obasanjo is also Founder of the Olusegun Obasanjo Foundation, a UK based charity that has a mission of advancing Human Security for All. The Foundation has wide ranging initiatives of Feeding Africa, Youth Empowerment, Education for Girls and a health initiative focused on non-communicable and water borne diseases.

Promotional Partners for this event are, AFTV5, African Leadership Bridge and Huston-Tillotson University. The agenda for the program includes two featured panels titled Technology Education in Emerging Markets & Underserved Communities and Technology Growth Trends in Africa. Powered by Greater Austin Black Chamber of Commerce (GABC) that promotes the development of African-American businesses and the expansion of the Greater Austin business community by providing resources, technical assistance, and leadership on policy issues that enhance economic growth and by promoting convention and tourism.

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