

the recipe for growth in the 20th century and the 21st century.

And I'm confident that Africa is well on its way. America just wants to make sure that we're helpful in that process. And I know that all the U.S. companies who are here, that's their goal as well. We are interested in Africa, because we know that if Africa thrives and succeeds, and if you've got a bunch of entrepreneurs, they're going to need supplies from us maybe, or they may supply us with outstanding products; they're going to have a growing middle class that wants to buy iPhones or applications from us. In turn, they may provide us new services, and we can be the distributor for something that's invented in Africa, and all of us grow at the same time.

That's our goal, and I'm confident that we can make it happen. And this summit has been a great start. So I want to thank you for doing a great job moderating. I want to thank all the

leaders here, not only of government, but also business for participating. There's been great energy, great enthusiasm. I know a lot of business has gotten done. If any of you are interested in investing in this young man, let him know. [*Laughter*]

All right, thank you, guys.

NOTE: The President spoke at 3:20 p.m. at the Mandarin Oriental Hotel. In his remarks, he referred to former Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg of New York City, in his capacity as founder of Bloomberg Philanthropies; Eirene Ikomon, resident of Uganda; Kusun Kavia, co-founder and president, and Mukund Kavia, co-founder and chairman, Combustion Associates, Inc.; and Senegalese farmer Nimna Di-ayaté. He also referred to Executive Order 13675, which is listed in Appendix D at the end of this volume.

## Remarks at the United States-Africa Leaders Summit Dinner *August 5, 2014*

Good evening, everybody. Please have a seat. On behalf of Michelle and myself, welcome to the White House. This city, this house, has welcomed foreign envoys and leaders for more than two centuries. But never before have we hosted a dinner at the White House like this, with so many Presidents, so many Prime Ministers all at once. So we are grateful for all the leaders who are in attendance. We are grateful to the spouses. I think the men will agree that the women outshine us tonight in the beautiful colors of Africa.

Tonight we are making history, and it's an honor to have all of you here.

And I stand before you as the President of the United States and a proud American. I also stand before you as the son of a man from Africa. The blood of Africa runs through our family. And so for us, the bonds between our countries, our continents, are deeply personal.

We're grateful for the ties of family. Of all the incredible moments of our trips to Africa, one of the most memorable was being able to bring Michelle, and later our little girls, to my

father's hometown in Kenya, where we were embraced by so many relatives.

We've walked the steps of a painful past—in Ghana, at Cape Coast Castle; in Senegal, at Gorée Island—standing with our daughters in those doors of no return through which so many Africans passed in chains. We'll never forget bringing our daughters to Robben Island, to the cell from which Madiba showed the unconquerable strength and dignity of an African heart.

We've been inspired by Africans, ordinary Africans doing extraordinary things: farmers boosting their yields, health workers saving lives from HIV/AIDS, advocates standing up for justice and the rule of law, courageous women asserting their rights, entrepreneurs creating jobs, African peacekeepers risking their lives to save the innocent.

And both of us stand in awe of the extraordinary young Africans that we've met, not only across Africa, but, most recently, here in Washington, just last week, when we hosted our Mandela Washington Fellows from many

of your countries. And those young people show the world that Africa has the talent and the drive to forge a new future.

These are the tides of history, and the ties of family, that bring us together this week. These are the citizens who look to us to build a future worthy of their dreams, especially those who dream of giving their children a future without war or injustice, without poverty or disease. They are in our prayers tonight.

And also with us are the words of a song, “New Africa,” that have inspired so many across the continent, and that Michelle and I first heard last year in Senegal:

Come together, New Africa  
Work together  
Keep on working, for Africa

## Remarks at the Opening Session of the United States-Africa Leaders Summit August 6, 2014

Good morning, everyone. Michelle and I were honored to host you and your wonderful spouses at dinner last night. I hope people didn’t stay out too late. The evening was a chance to celebrate the bonds between our peoples. And this morning we continue our work, and it’s my privilege to welcome you to this first-ever U.S.-Africa Leaders Summit.

Let me also thank our Secretary of State, John Kerry, and everybody here at the State Department who’s hosting us today. John and his team are doing outstanding work deepening our partnership with so many of your nations. So, John, thank you for your outstanding work.

I want to begin by welcoming President Conde of Guinea and noting that two leaders were not able to join us, President Sirleaf of Liberia and President Koroma of Sierra Leone. We are grateful for the presence of their delegations, even as these countries are focused on a very difficult situation back home. And on behalf of all of us here today, our thoughts and prayers are with those who’ve been affected by the Ebola outbreak, especially those who’ve lost loved ones.

And so I propose a toast to the new Africa—the Africa that is rising and so full of promise—and to our shared task to keep on working for the peace and prosperity and justice that all our people seek and that all our people so richly deserve.

Cheers.

[*At this point, the President offered a toast.*]

Enjoy your dinner, everybody.

NOTE: The President spoke at 9:02 p.m. on the South Lawn at the White House. In his remarks, he referred to former President Nelson R. Mandela of South Africa, who died on December 5, 2013, by his clan name Madiba.

The United States and our international partners will continue to do whatever we can to help our African partners respond to this crisis and to stand with the people of Guinea, Liberia, and Sierra Leone. In their histories, they’ve overcome great challenges, and they are drawing on that same spirit of strength and resilience today.

So we’ve come together this week because, even as the continent faces significant challenges, as I said last night, I believe a new Africa is emerging. With some of the world’s fastest growing economies, a growing middle class, and the youngest and fastest growing population on Earth, Africa will help shape the world as never before.

Moreover, Africa’s progress is being led by Africans, including leaders represented here today. More governments are embracing economic reforms, attracting record levels of investment. Gains in development, increasing agricultural production, declining rates of infectious diseases are being driven by African plans. African security forces and African peacekeepers are risking their lives to meet re-