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A strategic international meeting to present Niger's economic and social development plan and explore its investment opportunities

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In the presence of His Excellency Mr. Issoufou Mahamadou, President of the Republic of Niger, and in partnership with the World Bank and the UNDP, the Renaissance Conference "A resurgent Niger for a prosperous people" will be held on December 13 and 14 at the Hotel Meridien Etoile in Paris.

The objective of this high-level meeting is to present Niger's strategic vision to technical and financial partners (PTF), from both public and private sectors, in the form of an Economic and Social Development plan (PDES 2017-2021) and an action priority plan (PAP.)

A CONFERENCE FOR "A RESURGENT NIGER FOR A PROSPEROUS PEOPLE"

"A united, democratic, and modern country, peaceful, prosperous and proud of its cultural values, supported by sustainable, ethical, fair and balanced development in a united and solidary Africa."

This is how Aichatou Kané Boulama, the Minister of Planning of Niger described the vision expressed in the 2017-2021 Niger Economic and Social Development Plan, to be reflected in this event. A vision that is supported by all the driving forces of the country, who are acting to "build a well-governed and peaceful country, open to all, as well as an emerging economy, founded on the fair distribution of the fruits of progress."

Niger's economic and social transformation is reflected in the five strategic axes of the plan, which include accelerating growth through the transformation of the rural world, the development of the private sector, among others, through the strengthening of human capital and improving governance.

While mentioning the long period of international media exposure of recent years, which reduced the events in Niger to security issues, the Senior Investment Advisor noted several indicators that



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demonstrate how much entrepreneurial momentum and the improvements in the business climate have been so often overlooked. These include an attractive business climate with a reinforced legal framework and a programme of reforms, a revised investment code, advantageous tax incentives and a growth rate of 5%.

This important economic and financial conference has a dual objective. Firstly, to boost the country's economy by mobilizing the resources, energy and the international economic community in general to finance the Programme's key projects. In addition, the conference will also contribute to transforming public and international opinion of Niger.

TWO DAYS OF ENCOUNTERS, CONFERENCES AND BUSINESS MEETINGS

The event will feature high-level conferences and panels, one-to-one meetings with important local and international economic players, presentations of flagship projects and strategic discussions led by leading international and local economic figures. Participants will also have the opportunity to visit exhibition areas that showcase an economy and a Niger that has the strong ambition of becoming an economic hub of the West-African sub-region once again.

INVEST IN ACTIVITY SECTORS WITH STRONG POTENTIAL

Embedded in its strategy for emergence acceleration, Niger, supported by its international technical partners, has identified four key activity sectors: the agricultural sector (agriculture, livestock), infrastructure and transport, energy and mines and oil.

The Renaissance Conference "A resurgent Niger and a prosperous people" will enable investors to discover Niger's global economic development strategy. They will also learn about the facilities provided for by the Investment Code and the strong measures in place to encourage creative projects and commitment in these sectors. Another key message to take away from this conference will be that Niger is fully intent on achieving its objectives.

If you would like any further information on the Renaissance Conference or wish to register, please go to: www.nigerrenaissant.org

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