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**Forum seeks to bridge inequality in Afric**a

Top African academia, Government and private sector players are seeking strategies that can address inequality on the continent.

At a closure of the African Forum on Inclusive Economies, more than 100 delegates expect to come up with recommendations that can help the poor benefit from an Africa that is on the rise.

At the forum hosted by the Africa Development Bank (ADB), the UN Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) and Rockefeller Foundation, delegates acknowledged that Africa’s growth was working hand-in-hand with growing levels of inequality, and while that is happening, poverty and inequality were also increasing.

“We must improve the incomes and living standards of those at the Base of the pyramid, while we transition to less resource- intensive lifestyles for all,” said Rockefeller Foundation managing director Mamadou Biteye during opening session also addressed by President Uhuru Kenyatta, the National Treasury Cabinet Secretary, Mr. Henry Rotich and African Development Bank special envoy for gender Geraldine Moleketi, among others.

President Kenyatta expressed optimism delegates would churn out recommendation that would influence Africa’s development.

He presented Kenya’s case around addressing the issues of exclusion and inclusivity such as the establishment of the Women and youth kitties to address challenges they faced. Some of these challenges include limited access by women to land and credit and high-levels of unemployment for the youth.

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