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I am happy to see that many members and participants are still in the room and eager to listen to the two speakers for this last lunch debate on Africa. Rather than having a discussion on Africa in general terms, we have two prominent speakers, the first being Aminata Touré, former Prime Minister of Senegal who is now serving as the President of the Economic, Social and Environmental Council of Senegal. Thank you very much, Mme Aminata Touré, for having accepted this role today. You will speak about Senegal and a case study, a very interesting one, on West Africa. Regarding East Africa, we have the pleasure of having Arkebe Oqubay, who has been the advisor to three Ethiopian Prime Ministers and has the rank of cabinet minister and adviser to the Prime Minister of Ethiopia. We congratulate, by the way, him and his Prime Minister, who won the Nobel Peace Prize a few days ago.

That will give us two case studies, one on West Africa and the other on East Africa. We will start with the presentations of both of our speakers. Then, as usual, a Q&A session, which will last no more than two hours.