

# Crans Montana Forum brings worlds together



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## What is the Crans Montana Forum ?

Our organisation has been around for 30 years. Following the fall of the Berlin wall, new democracies born in Eastern Europe needed a type of 'parading ground' and contacts with the west before being able to adapt to their changes and the necessary evolution towards liberalism and democracy.

## How was it formed ?

In the years that followed we started organising events in the Mediterranean and then in the Middle East, moving further down the Arabique Peninsula and Persian - Arab Gulf and the Mediterannean we continued on naturally to Africa. We were the first international organisation of this kind to create and hold following all these years relations with Africa.

## Tell us more about the South South relationship ?

Africa is condemned to succeed ! I meant it when I said « condemned ».

The future of the world really lies in South - South relationships. The North South cooperation cannot be discounted but at the end of the day it has not delivered any positive results especially on the evolution of democracy. On the other hand today the Northern countries are now bankrupt ! It is now impossible for them to help with development as before.

If we put together the industrial ingenuity of South America, the natural resources of Africa, the financial power of the Gulf, ingenuity of Singapore and Malaysia, the industrial might of India, Indonesia and China we will soon see that the future lies there.

It is an inspirational chance for Africa. Africa still suffers from having been, during the past decades, the victim of industrial groups, guides by politics, that came to the South within their

own over political agenda and influence.

## What next for Africa ?

Africa isn't asking for charity. It is taking its place, nothing but its place but its entire space with a global integration scheme. I think that the Africa of today has an exceptional opportunity.

The youth of Africa is extremely dynamic, educated, taught and brought up. It moves and travels. These people who will in the near future be able to represent a new vision and administer public affairs. And that is exactly where hope should be reignited. It is necessary to improve public administration so that they are instilled with transparency and ethics. This will happen by foreign groups working in Africa and should be implemented with the highest of ethical examples.

Tomorrow's will is there.