SIDE EVENT

Annual Adebayo Adedeji Lecture

The Economic Commission for Africa launched the annual Adebayo Adedeji Lecture in March 2014 to honour and recognize the intellectual contributions to development and service to Africa of Professor Adebayo Adedeji, a visionary African leader and a passionate believer in African integration and development.

Since then, each year the lecture has featured distinguished personalities and scholars who have addressed topics usually aligned with the main theme of the annual sessions of the Economic Commission for Africa.

As Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa from 1975 to 1991, Professor Adebayo played an instrumental role in the evolution of regional development thinking, policy and practice. He pioneered efforts towards the establishment of regional economic communities and the articulation of an alternative development paradigm for Africa. His long and distinguished academic, political and diplomatic career was marked by immense contributions to the development of Africa, with strong pan-African perspectives.

In 2020, the Commission is honoured to host former Minister of Trade and Industry of South Africa, Rob Davies, to deliver the lecture. He brings a wealth of experience in and knowledge and perspectives on promoting trade and industrialization in Africa.

- **Access restricted** – by invitation only
- **Date:** Monday, 23 March 2020, 12.30–2.30 p.m.
- **Venue:** Banquet Hall, United Nations Conference Centre

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