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## **THE US-AFRICA BUSINESS FORUM RETURN TO AFRICA**

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During her trip to Mozambique, CCA President and CEO, Florizelle Liser, accompanied by U.S. Ambassador to Mozambique, Dean Pittman, met with H.E. President Nyusi.

Ms. Liser said, "CCA believes Mozambique is a destination of choice and welcomes Mozambique as host of the 2019 U.S.-Africa Business Summit." President Nyusi noted that Mozambique was ready to work with CCA to host a successful Summit.

While in Maputo, Ms. Liser met with Mozambique's Minister of Foreign Affairs, H.E. José Condugua António Pacheco, and Minister of Industry and Commerce, H.E. Ragendra de Sousa as well as the Interministerial Commission, which is working to ensure a successful Summit.

Ms. Liser also met with key private sector stakeholders in a meeting with Confederação das Associações Económicas de Moçambique (CTA) – Mozambique's umbrella business association.

The U.S.-Africa Business Summit serves as a platform for African and U.S. private sector and government representatives to engage on key sectors including agribusiness, energy, health, infrastructure, trade facilitation, ICT and finance; network with key private sector and government officials; explore new business opportunities, meet potential business partners; and forge new business deals.

### **About Corporate Council on Africa (CCA)**

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