



The 2008 ADB Annual Meetings Seminars

Other Thematic Seminars

Centro Internacional de Conferências Joaquim Chissano (CCJC)

Maputo, Mozambique – 11-14 May 2008

Provisional Program

MINISTERIAL FORUM ON AID EFFECTIVENESS

Date: *Sunday, May 11, 2008*
Venue: *CCJC – Meeting Room 2*
Time: *9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.*

Summary

This is a forum mainly for Bank Group Governors and is a follow-up to the Accra Agenda for Action (AAA) consultative meeting held in April 2008. The discussion will be based on

the key outcomes of the regional consultation and will aim to build consensus on key issues of high importance to advance the implementation of the aid effectiveness agenda in Africa. The forum will also enable Governors to discuss the AAA and build African positions on the various elements of the AAA. The specific objectives of the Ministerial Forum therefore include the following:

- (a) To review implementation progress of the Paris Declaration Commitments.*
- (b) Consolidate the African voice on major issues of concern regarding the aid effectiveness agenda.*
- (c) Build consensus on the key actions required to move the aid effectiveness agenda forward.*
- (d) Enable high-level ownership by the continent of the AAA.*
- (e) Inform the AAA through a summary outcomes document which will be prepared by the African Development Bank for submission to the organizers of the Accra High Level Forum.*

The panel members for this seminar are:

Chairperson: **Hon. Trevor Manuel**, Minister of Finance, South Africa

Keynote Speakers:

- **Hon. Mustapha H. Mkulo**, Minister for Finance and Economic Affairs, Tanzania
- **Mr. Eckhard Deutscher**, Chairman, OECD Development Assistance Committee, France
- **Mrs. Mary-Anne Addo**, Director, ERM-Multilateral, Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning, Ghana

DISSEMINATION OF THE AFRICAN ECONOMIC OUTLOOK (AEO)

Date: *Sunday, May 11, 2008*
Venue: *CCJC – Meeting Rooms 4 & 5*
Time: *11:00 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.*

Summary

The African Economic Outlook (AEO) is an annual publication jointly prepared and published by the Bank and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Center. The Report surveys and analyzes the current socio-economic performance of African economies and provides information on a country-by-country basis on the socio-economic progress as well as on short to medium term prospects of the African countries. Each year, the Report is given a specific theme that focuses on a critical (but under-researched) area of Africa's socio-economic development. The theme for this year is: "Technical Skills Development in Africa". The Report is in three parts: an overview of specific international developments that may impact on African economies; country notes on a selected number of countries; and selected Statistical Appendices on African countries. The current edition of the Report is the seventh of its kind and covers 35 African countries.

The key objective of the AEO is to broaden the knowledge base on African economies (and societies) and to offer a valuable support for policymaking, investment decisions and donors' interventions. Another important objective is that of capacity building. Through involvement of African experts and institutions in the Report's preparation it increases research capacity and reinforces the ownership of the AEO by African local experts.

The panel members for the presentation of this document are:

Chair: Hon. Dr. Ezra Suruma, Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development, Uganda

Speakers:

- **Mr. Javier Santiso**, Director, OECD Development Centre, France
- **Mr. Louis Kasekende**, Chief Economist, AfDB
- **Mr. Barfour Osei**, Chief Research Economist, Networking and Research Partnership Division, Research Department, AfDB
- **Mr. Jose de Freitas Kerraz**, Ambassador of Portugal, Mozambique
- **Mr. K. Fukasaku**, Head, Regional Bureaux, OECD/Development, France
- **Mr. Mahamat Abdoulaye**, OIC, Trade, Finance & Economic Department of UNECA, Ethiopia
- **Mr. Kenneth G. Ruffing**, Coordinator, AEO Development Centre, OECD, France
- **Mr. Glauco Galzuola**, Head of Delegation, Delegation of the European Commission, Mozambique

PRESENTATION OF THE 2007 AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT REPORT (ADR)

Date: *Sunday, May 11, 2008*
Venue: *CCJC – Meeting Room 2*
Time: *5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.*

Summary

The theme for the 2007 ADR is: Natural Resources for Sustainable Development in Africa. Worldwide demand for fossil fuels, minerals and other natural resources is growing and has resulted in a new resources boom and a renewed “scramble” for Africa’s natural resources. However despite the revenues accrued, previous resource booms in Africa have often led to economic downturns, weakened governance and resource-based conflicts.

The ADR 2007 addresses how Africa can use its natural resource wealth to provide a sustainable base for significant economic growth and poverty reduction. The Report provides an overview of the main resources, examines good and poor management practices and outlines concrete suggestions on how stakeholders (at the local, national, and international levels) can assist, support and implement appropriate policies, governance and resource exploitation in Africa.

The key challenge for harnessing natural resource opportunities is making the right strategic choices in resource and economic policies. The Report identifies the critical elements that should underpin the use of natural resource wealth to foster development and economic progress in Africa. Essentially, this involves securing fundamental democratic principles that ensure accountability, public participation, representation, and transparency.

The panel members for this presentation are:

Chair: Dr. Lual A. Deng, State Minister, Ministry of Finance and National Economy, Sudan

Speakers:

- **Mr. Louis Kasekende**, Chief Economist, AfDB
- **Mr. Abdul Kamara**, Manager, Research Division, Research Department, AfDB

AFRICAN CAPITAL MARKETS SEMINAR Spotlight on African Bond Markets

Date: *Monday, May 12, 2008*
Venue: *Polana Hotel, Bazaruto – A & B*
Time: *7:15 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.*

Summary

2007 was yet another year that has seen many African bond markets receive renewed interest by investors and issuers alike. A review of the bond markets in Africa shows great disparity in levels of development. While some countries have continued to make significant progress in their financial sector development and attracted significant activity, for others, achieving such development has remained challenging.

This workshop will provide an overview of recent developments in African bond markets, assess impact of foreign participation in selected markets and discuss outstanding regulatory issues to enable the continent's bond markets to develop further.

Opening Remarks: Mr. Manuel Chang, Minister of Finance, Mozambique

Moderator: Mr. T. de Longuemar, Vice President Finance, AfDB

Overview of recent developments in African Bond Markets

- **Mr. Louis Sabatino**, Director, West LB Bank South Africa

Does foreign participation in Domestic Bond Markets matter?

- **Mr. François Eckam Dick**, CEO Iroko Securities Limited
- **Mr. Bola Adesola**, Executive Director, First Bank, Nigeria

Is the regional model the most viable option for selected countries?

- **Mr. Mohamed Hassan**, CEO, Dyer and Blair, Kenya

Discussion and Question & Answer session

PRESENTATION OF THE BANK GROUP'S FINANCIAL SITUATION

Date: *Monday, May 12, 2008*
Venue: *CCJC – Plenary Hall*
Time: *11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.*

Summary

The Financial and Operational Analysis is an annual presentation made primarily for the Governors, senior officials and delegates associated with the financial markets that presents highlights of the Bank Group activities in 2007. It reviews the Bank's operations, presents specific details of the Bank's capital market operations and underlines its robust financial profile.

The presentation this year will take place in the context of the favorable economic fundamentals enjoyed by the African continent as a whole and the opportunity it offers not only to the development and donor community but also the investor community as an investment destination.

The presentation begins with an overview of the Bank Group activities in 2007 including record approvals for the private sector operations and the highly successful eleventh replenishment of the ADF.

Coverage of Bank's financial indicators is an integral component of the presentation and includes observations that underpin the AAA credit rating enjoyed by the Bank from the international credit rating agencies. The presentation concludes with an overview of the Bank's activities, as an issuer, in the international capital markets and more specifically its African currencies initiative. This initiative aims at increasing visibility of African capital markets among international investors and is crucial to Bank's plans to expand the menu of currencies in which it offers financial products and services.

Presenter: Mr. Pierre Van Peteghem, Director, Treasury Department, African Development Bank Group

EXPERIENCES IN RURAL FINANCE DEVELOPMENT IN CHINA AND AFRICA

Date: *Monday, May 12, 2008*
 Venue: *CCJC – Meeting Room 3*
 Time: *2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.*

Summary

This seminar is sponsored by the Peoples Bank of China. Its objectives are to: (i) promote understanding of mutual achievements, problems and future perspectives in rural finance development; (ii) learn from each other's experiences of rural finance development; and (iii) explore the possibility for and methods of cooperation in rural finance.

The seminar will involve an exchange between China and African countries on their experiences in the role of rural finance in economic development, as well as on rural finance reforms and financial innovation. The optional agenda items are as follows:

- ✓ *Policy and measures to promote rural finance reforms in China;*
- ✓ *Experiences and lessons in China of rural finance development (including financial institution reforms, financial innovation and financial market development);*
- ✓ *Exploration of practices in China in commercial and sustainable micro credit;*
- ✓ *Development of rural finance and challenges in both Africa and China;*
- ✓ *Problems and experiences of rural finance development in African countries; and*
- ✓ *Ways and channels of cooperation between Africa and China on rural finance.*

Keynote Speakers:

- **Mr. Jiao Jinpu**, Deputy Director-General of the Research Bureau, the People's Bank of China (PBC)
- **Mr. Tian Jianhua**, Deputy Director-General, Cooperative Finance Supervision Department, China Banking Regulatory Commission
- **Mrs. Zeinab El Bakri**, Vice President, Sector Operations, AfDB

Panel Discussants:

- **Mr. He Guangwen**, Professor, Business and Management School, China Agricultural University
- **Mr. Xu Xilong**, General Manager, Agri-linked Research & Planning Department, Agricultural Bank of China
- **Ms. Mary Nandazi**, Secretary General, African Rural and Agricultural Credit Association (AFRACA), Kenya
- **Ms. Ester Dos Santos Jose**, Deputy Director, Ministry of Planning and Development, Mozambique
- **Mr. Ali Abou-Sabaa**, Director, Agriculture and Agro-Industry Department, AfDB

HIGH LEVEL SEMINAR ON A REGIONAL APPROACH TO INTERVENTIONS IN FRAGILITY AND CONFLICT SITUATIONS

Date: *Wednesday, May 14, 2008 (Working Lunch)*
Venue: *Polana – Bazaruto A & B*
Time: *12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.*

Summary

The overall objective of the side event which is sponsored by the Netherlands Minister for Development Cooperation is to discuss the need for integrated regional strategies to address situations of fragility and define opportunities and challenges for the operationalisation of such approach.

The specific objectives are to: (i) Discuss strategies and coping mechanisms of RMCs for dealing with the regional spill-over effects of conflict and fragility in neighbouring countries (what has worked, what hasn't and why); (ii) Discuss requirements for aid delivery (effectiveness, timeliness, coordination between actors, local ownership) in support of such regional approaches; and (iii) To define the role of the AfDB in supporting regional approaches to conflict and fragility (political, reconstruction and social-economic development).

Chairpersons:

- **Dr. Bert Koenders**, Minister for Development Cooperation, The Netherlands
- **Dr. Donald Kaberuka**, President, African Development Bank Group

Panellists:

- **H. E. Mr. Trevor Manuel**, Minister of Finance, South Africa
- **H. E. Dr. Antoinette Sayet**, Minister of Finance, Liberia
- **H. E. Mr. Paul A. Bohoun Bouabre**, Minister of Planning and Development, Côte d'Ivoire
- **H. E. Mr. Athanase Matenda Kyelu**, Minister of Finance, Democratic Republic of Congo
- **Mr. Roeland van de Geer**, EU Special Representative to the Great Lakes, The Netherlands