

## NEPAD-IPPF Capacity Building Workshop for RECs

### **Workshop**

Date : **March 27-29, 2008**

Venue : **Cape Town, South Africa**

Organized by: **ONRI Department, AfDB**



Over 30 participants from the AfDB, RECs, USAID, DBSA, the World Bank and SADC held a three-day workshop on capacity development for infrastructure provision in Cape Town, South Africa. The workshop was born out of the idea that for regional trade and infrastructure systems to be well integrated, technical, financial and regulatory issues at the regional and continental levels had to be addressed. It entered its final day with presentations on capacity building within existing facilities, programs, public private partnership interface and needs. Participants in discussions on these topics were the DBSA, SADC, DFRC, PPIAF, and the AfDB's NEPAD-IPPF and Infrastructure Departments, respectively. AfDB presentations focused on project preparation facilities (PPFs) and their relationship with private and public sectors procedures as well as insights on procurement, disbursement, accounting and financial management procedures.

## Consultation Meeting on Capacity Development Initiatives

### **Meeting**

Date : **March 28-29, 2008**

Venue : **Cape Town, South Africa**

Organized by: **ONRI Department and World Bank**



Representatives of the AfDB, the AU Commission, the World Bank, NEPAD Secretariat and those of 12 RECs met in Cape Town to discuss ways of strengthening the capacity of RECS and key regional bodies with a view to promoting and leading efforts aimed at fostering regional integration within sub-regions and across the continent. The meeting characterized by influential comments from the RECs, extensive discussions, occasional humor, and powerpoint presentations by the AfDB and the World Bank, concluded with a consensus to engage the AU among other key actions. The RECs raised problems they were facing including governance, finance, and resource mobilization, which were addressed interchangeably by the WB and AfDB. The RECs and AfDB will consult with other donors on the institutional mechanism for implementing the initiatives.