



African Business Roundtable
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Distinguished Participants,

**INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FIFTH AFRICAN WORLD BUSINESS CONGRESS AND 1ST
IGAD INVESTMENT FORUM (IIF 2009), 3 – 5 MARCH 2009, ADDIS ABABA, ETHIOPIA**

On behalf of the Board and Management of the African Business Roundtable and NEPAD Business Group, it is an honour and privilege to invite our esteemed partners, colleagues and associates to join us in this fifth edition of the African World Business Congress, scheduled to be held concurrently with the 1st IGAD Investment Forum (IIF 2009), 3 – 5 March 2009, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

We are particularly delighted that Ethiopia will be hosting the event this year. The Country's impressive record of private sector development and improved investment/business environment makes it a good destination for doing business. Both events will be hosted by the Government of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia who are fully involved with arrangements for organizing this event.

The African World Business Congress is in its fifth edition, having been previously held in Dakar, Senegal – 2004; Accra, Ghana – 2005, Bamako, Mali – 2006 and Arusha, Tanzania – 2007. The Congress has improved in the quality and number of participants with each succeeding edition, and so has the outcome, delivering tangible businesses to all classes of participants. This edition promises to surpass previous editions in all ramifications.

The Government of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia have given us assurances of their commitment and cooperation towards ensuring the success of the event, and also making it, memorable for all participants through exhibitions and showcases of local crafts, scenic views and hospitality of the Ethiopian people.

I eagerly look forward to welcoming you to Addis Ababa in March 2009.

Yours sincerely,

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