

Ghana to host 7th Africa Investment Forum

The 2010 Africa Investment Forum will take place in Accra, Ghana from 8 - 10 February 2010, hosting participants from about 30 countries. The event aims to provide a platform for countries to profile investment opportunities in various sectors to an international audience.

President of Ghana, John Atta Mills, who will open this year's forum, described it as "one of the longest standing business events on the continent," with a reputation for making "practical contributions to the economic development of many countries." Dr Mohan Kaul, director general of the CBC, said, "I am delighted that the 7th Africa Investment Forum is to be held in Ghana for the first time. As Africa's latest oil and gas producer the international focus on the country has intensified over the last year, and I believe this forum will help turn the excitement and interest into new partnerships and business deals."

The forum, organised by the Commonwealth Business Council (CBC) and the Ghana Investment Promotion Centre (GIPC), will focus on the theme 'Accelerating Intra-African Trade and Investment'. Confirmed presenters include investment promotion agencies from Ghana, Mozambique, Namibia, Tanzania, Togo and Mpumalanga (South Africa), each of whom will bring projects and have people on hand throughout the forum to meet with potential investors.

Keynote speakers include: Hifikepunye Pohamba, president of the Republic of Namibia, Aigboje Aig-Imoukhuede, group managing director, Access Bank, Pascal Dozie, chairman, Commonwealth Business Council / chairman, MTN Nigeria, Lord Cairns CVO CBE, chairman, Zain Africa, Mahmoud Mohieldin, minister of investment, Arab Republic of Egypt, Richard Laing, chief executive officer, CDC Plc, Alexander Erwin, chairman, Emerging African Private Equity Fund, Pierre Duhaime, president and CEO, SNC Lavalin, Colin Coleman, managing director, Goldman Sachs, Kofi Bucknor, managing partner, Kingdom Zephyr African Management, Razia Khan, regional head of research Africa, Standard Chartered.

Go to <http://cbc-global.org> for the complete list of speakers.

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