

## AFRICAN PRIVATE SECTOR INITIATIVE: STRENGTHENING AFRICAN PRIVATE SECTOR COMPETITIVENESS IN A GLOBAL CONTEXT

22.09.08

**Venue:** Dag Hammarskjöld Auditorium, UN  
**Moderator:** Mr. Simon Hobbs, News Anchor CNBC

**13:45** Registration

**14:00** **Welcome Statement** by Mrs Patricia. Francis, Executive Director, ITC

**Introductory remarks**

Mrs. Obiageli Katryn Ezekwesili, Vice President, World Bank  
Mr. George Kell, Executive Director, UN Global Compact Office, UN

**14:15** **Opening Remarks**  
TBA

**14:25** **Introduction of Panellists** by Simon Hobbs, News Anchor CNBC, Event moderator

**14:30** **Brief Presentation by Panellists**

- Hon Mr. John Kufour, President of Republic of Ghana (*to be confirmed*)
- Hon. Mr. Paul Kagame, President of Rwanda (*to be confirmed*)
- Mr. Richard Tolbert (Chairman of the National Commission, Liberia)
- Dr. M. Mkwezalamba, Commissioner, Commission of the African Union
- Dr. Ms. Cecilia Ibru, - CEO/MD, Oceanic Bank International
- Ms. Florizelle Lizer, US Trade Representative for Africa.
- Mr. Sindiso Ngwenya, Secretary General, COMESA

**15:15** **Interactive Discussion (around thematic themes)**

- Ms Karen Tramontano, President, Global Fairness
- Representations from the Regional Economic Communities, (ECOWAS by Dr. Cela Kalilu, ECCAS's SG and COMESA)
- Mrs Shirley Franklin, Mayor of Atlanta, USA
- Mr. Alessandro Teixeira, President, ApexBrasil, Brazil
- Dr. Carole Tyson, President, Hendersen, Global Voices, USA
- Mr. Joe Burgess CEO Veolia Water NA, Houston, USA
- Mr. Wilbur O. Colom, Esq. President International Housing Finance Corporation, Columbus Mississippi, USA
- Mr. Matthew Butler Vice President Shaw Environmental & Infrastructure Inc, USA
- Mrs Carin Taylor, Senior Manager, CISCO Systems, USA
- Mr. Rory Stear, CEO of Freeplay, South Africa
- Ms. Maggi Kigozi, Uganda Investment Authority
- Ms. Rosalind Kainyah, Director De Beers USA
- Michael Landrau, MAP International
- Mr. Jim Thallier, Talier Trading Group
- Christian P. Frutiger, Public Affairs Manager, Nestlé S.A
- Mr. James Mwangi, CEO of Equity Bank Kenya (tbc)
- Ms. Estelle Akofio-Sowah, Managing Director, Busy Internet, Accra, Ghana (tbc)

**16:10** **Interactive Q & A session, involving all participants**

**16:25** **Closing remarks by representatives of WB, UNGC and ITC**

**16:30** **Close of Panel session**