

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

**Date:** 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2008

**Venue:** Dag Hammarskjöld Auditorium, UN – New York

**13:45** Registration

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

**14:10** **Introductory remarks**  
Mrs. Obiageli Katryn Ezekwesili, World Bank Vice President - Africa Region  
Mr. George Kell, Executive Director, UN Global Compact Office, UN

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

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

- Mrs. Patricia Francis (Executive Director ITC)
- Mrs. Obiageli Katryn Ezekwesili (Vice President, Africa Region - World Bank)
- Mr. George Kell (Executive Director - UN Global Compact)
- Dr. M. Mkwezalamba, Commissioner, Commission of the African Union
- Dr. Ms. Cecilia Ibru, - CEO/MD, Oceanic Bank International
- Ms. Florizelle Liser, Assistant US Trade Representative for Africa
- Mr. Sindiso Ngwenya, Secretary General, COMESA
- Mr. Rory Stear, Executive Chairman, Freeplay, South Africa

**15:15** **Interactive Discussion**

- Ms Karen Tramontano, President, Global Fairness
- Dr. Sylla Kalilou, Commission of Macro Economic Policy, ECOWAS
- Mr. Luis Sylvain-Goma, Secretary General, ECCAS
- Mrs. Shirley Franklin, Mayor of Atlanta, USA
- 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
- Ms. Estelle Akofio-Sowah, Managing Director, Busy Internet, Accra, Ghana
- Mr. Maggi Kigozi, Executive Director, Uganda Investment Authority, Uganda
- Mr. James Mwangi, Chief Executive Officer of Equity Bank, Kenya
- Mr. Jim Thaller, Talier Trading Group

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

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

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