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Second Annual Meeting, December 4-5, 2008

DRAFT PROGRAM

Wednesday, 3 December 2008

15.00 – 18.00: **Registration of Participants**

Thursday, 4 December 2008

08.00-09.00 **Registration** (contd.)

09.00 - 09.45 **Opening Session**

Chair: **S.E.M Blaise Louembet**, *Honourable Minister of Economy, Finance, Budget and Privatization, Republic of Gabon*

Welcoming Remarks

Dr. Edwin N. Forlemu, *Executive Secretary, a.i., African Capacity Building Foundation (ACBF)*

Remarks by APIF Co-Presidents

Dr. Chris Itsede, *Director-General, West African Institute for Financial and Economic Management, Nigeria*

Professor Roger Tsafac Nanfoso, *Coordinator, Economic Policy Management Training Program, Cameroon*

Keynote Address

S.E.M Blaise Louembet, *Honourable Minister of Economy, Finance, Budget and Privatization, Republic of Gabon*

Introduction of participants

09.45- 10.00 Tea/Coffee Break

SESSION I

Chair: **Dr. Bassary Toure**, *Resident Representative, African Development Bank, Gabon; former Minister of Finance, Mali; and former Executive Director, World Bank*

10.00-10.20 **Present Global Financial Crisis – Causes, Effects, Responses and Implications for the Stability and Reform of the Global Financial System**

Presenter: **Professor Thorvaldur Gylfason**, *Professor of Economics, Faculty of Economics and Business Administration, University of Iceland, Iceland and Member, ACBF Technical Advisory Panel and Network on Economic Policy Analysis and Management (EPANET).*

10.20-11.20 General Discussion and Response by Presenter

SESSION II

Chair: **Mr. Jean-Paul Leyimangoye**, *Governor, Central Bank of Gabon*

11.20-11.40 **Present Global Financial Crisis – Implications for African Economies (Effects on the Continent, Desired Response and Proposals on Africa’s Position on Reform of the Present Global Financial System and Architecture)**

Presenter: **Dr. Obadiah Mailafia**, *Chairman/Chief Executive Officer, Centre for Policy and Economic Research, Nigeria; former Deputy Governor, Central Bank of Nigeria and Member, ACBF Technical Advisory Panel and Network on Financial Management and Accountability (FIMANET)*

11.40-13.00 General Discussion and Response by Presenter

13.00-14.00 Lunch Break

SESSION III

- Chair: **Mr. Daouda Toure**, *UN Resident Coordinator/UNDP Resident Representative, Gabon*
- 14.00- 14.20: **Building Effective and Responsive Policy Centres in Africa: The Place of African Policy Research Institutes in Global Ranking and Implications for APIF Programs**
- Presenter: **Dr. Gene Ogiogio**, *Manager, Knowledge Management, African Capacity Building Foundation*
- 14.20-15.20 General Discussion and Responses by Presenter
- 15.20-15.30 **Tea/Coffee Break**

SESSION IV

- Chair: **S.E. Professor Albert Ondo Ossa**, *Honourable Minister, Ministry of Scientific Research and Technological Development, Republic of Gabon*
- 15.30-15.50 **Establishing World Class Research Institutes in Africa – Requirements, ILRI’s Experience and Implications for ACBF-supported Policy Institutes**
- Presenter: **Dr. Abdou FALL**, *GEF WA ILRI Project Coordinator, International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI)*
- 15.50-17.00 General Discussion and Responses by Presenter
- 19.00 – 21.00 Cocktail

Friday, 5 December 2008

SESSION V

- Chair:** Dean of African Diplomatic Corps, Gabon
- 09.00-09.20 **Development Memoirs:** Making Regional Integration Work in Africa - A Reflection on Strategies and Institutional Requirements
- Presenter:** **Ambassador Vijay S. Makhan**, *Former Special Envoy of the African Union Commission to Mauritania and Member, Panel of Eminent Persons for the Audit of the African Union*
- 0920-1020 General Discussion and Response by Presenter
- 1020-1030** **Tea/Coffee Break**

SESSION VI

WORKING GROUPS ON APIF 2009 WORK PROGRAM

- 1030-1300 Proposals for APIF 2009 Work Program
Proposals on 2009 Issues for the African Policy Institutes
Monthly Issues Series (AMIS)
- 13.00-14.00** **Lunch Break**
- 14.00-15.00 Participants' Working Group Session (contd.)

15.00-15.30 Preparation of Working Group Reports

SESSION VII

Chair: Professor Gelase Mutahaba, *Chair, ACBF Technical Advisory Panel and Network on Public Administration and Management & Professor of Public Administration, University of Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzania*

15.30- 16.00 Presentation of Working Group Reports

16.00- 16.45 Discussion of Reports

16.45-17.00 Tea/Coffee Break

Chair: Dr. Elizabeth Amukugo, *Chair, ACBF Technical Advisory Panel and Network on National Parliaments and Parliamentary Institutions, & former Member of Parliament, Namibia*

17.00- 17.30 Election of APIF President and Vice Presidents

SESSION VIII

17.30- 18.00 **CLOSING SESSION**

Chair: **S.E.M Blaise Louembet**, *Honourable Minister of Economy, Finance, Budget and Privatization, Republic of Gabon*

Presentation of Summary of Proceedings
Remarks and Vote of Thanks by Newly Elected APIF President
Remarks by **Dr. Edwin N. Forlemu**, ACBF Executive Secretary, a.i.
Closing Remarks by **S.E.M Blaise Louembet**, *Honourable Minister of Economy, Finance, Budget and Privatization, Republic of Gabon*

END OF APIF 2008

SATURDAY, 6 DECEMBER 2008

DEPARTURES



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