

Investors to discuss the role of business and the MDGs in Africa at New York Stock Exchange

Johannesburg, New York, 8 September 2010: Africa investor (Ai), a leading international investment research and communications group, announced today that prominent corporations will discuss the role of business and the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) at the Africa investor's Index Series Summit at the New York Stock Exchange on the 17th of September 2010.

The Ai Index Series Summit is now firmly established as an invaluable platform for US and global institutional investors and pension funds to engage African capital market leaders. Africa investor, Africa's leading benchmark and index provider, will host this annual Summit, to present African investment research and opportunities to international institutional investors and development partners.

The Summit, held in partnership with the United Nations coincides with the High-Level Progress Review by the UN General Assembly for the attainment of the MDGs. The Summit will feature a Business and MDGs Working Lunch, jointly organised by Africa investor, UN Office for Partnerships, UN Millennium Campaign and the NEPAD Business Group. Private sector institutions represented on the business panel include Nestle, Coca-Cola Africa Foundation, Citi, SAB Ltd and Instinct. This distinguished panel will showcase corporate strategies used by leading companies operating in Africa to pursue the MDGs as part of their core operations.

Commenting on the event, Managing Director of Africa investor, Hubert Danso, said, "We are delighted with this year's corporate participation, and are happy to provide a platform for the public and private sector to share ideas and develop partnerships to pursue the MDGs in Africa".

During the MDGs session, the Sukuma Afrika MDG Young Entrepreneurs Awards will be presented to winners. Sukuma Afrika (Zulu for "stand up") is an innovative partnership between the United Nations and the private sector to promote entrepreneurship across the continent and support young entrepreneurs whose business ideas impact the MDGs in Africa. Sukuma Africa is supported by the UN Office for Partnerships, UN Millennium Campaign, Africa investor, Citi, Nestle, the Coca-Cola Africa Foundation, SAB Ltd and Instinct.

Amir Dossal, Executive Director of the United Nations Office for Partnerships said: "The UN Office for Partnerships is proud to be associated with the Sukuma Afrika competition in showcasing the extraordinary efforts of dynamic, young African entrepreneurs in their fight against poverty and toward achievement of the Millennium Development Goals. They are an inspiration and example for us all".

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