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EU-Africa Summit - SIDE EVENTS **(Non-official events)**

TITLE: Governance and Corruption Issues in Africa

VENUE: Lisbon, Meeting Centre of the Portuguese Presidency at the Atlantic Pavilion.
Astrolábio Room, Saturday, 8 December 2007, 14h00-15h00

PANEL: Speaker: Dr. Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, Managing Director, World Bank

Discussant: Viewpoint from Africa (speaker to be confirmed)

Discussant: Mrs. Gunilla Carlsson, Minister for International Development Cooperation,
Sweden

Moderator: Mr. Stefano Manservigi, Director General for Development, European Commission

The session includes a 15- minute presentation by Dr Okonjo-Iweala, followed by brief comments from two discussants and a Question & Answer period of about 30 minutes.

OBJECTIVES: In her presentation, Ms Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, Managing Director of the World Bank, will highlight the centrality of the Bank's work on governance and anti-corruption and outline the way in which the institution and the Africa Region will engage with its clients and partners to ensure an enhanced impact of its work and operations.

Efforts to strengthen governance institutions and limit the scope for corruption are central to the World Bank's Africa Region strategy and action plan. The region's plan is based on four pillars: i) *a systematic effort to address Governance and Anti-corruption impediments to growth and poverty reduction through country-level processes*; (ii) *a focus on sharpening Bank instruments (analytical work, project design, and performance indicators) in order to better address governance*; (iii) *an emphasis on regional priorities for the governance agenda: in particular demand-side accountability, Non-Renewable Natural Resource Management (the 'EITI plus' agenda) and Public Finance Management/Procurement*; and (iv) *a focus on strengthening internal institutional initiatives to ensure that governance issues are made a part of everybody's business and that there is widely shared responsibility for addressing governance issues across sectors within the institution.*

By approving the Governance and Anti-Corruption Strategy and endorsing its related Implementation Plan, the World Bank's board has signaled that engagement on governance and anti-corruption issues is central to the institution's agenda. The Bank's approach to governance and anti-corruption includes a broad engagement on improving governance arrangements where they matter most, in the delivery of key services to the poor, in the development of infrastructure for economic development and through the creation of an enabling environment for private businesses. The Bank will engage with its clients through a strengthened program of advisory services on key aspects of governance and anti-corruption, through support for international initiatives such as EITI and the Kimberley process, support for the improvement of national fiduciary systems, and through improved design of its projects. The Bank will continue to engage with all its clients, even those where commitment to governance reforms is limited, in order to ensure that the poor do not pay twice.

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