

6th Africa Resource Bank Meeting

Date: November 9-12, 2008



Venue: Sarova Whitesands Mombasa - Kenya
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Theme: Commercializing Africa's Resources to Promote Prosperity: *How Africa Can Utilize Its Natural Resources to Raise the Living Standards of its People.*

Area of Focus

- Surface and subsurface wealth exploitation in Africa
- Policy environment for resource exploitation in Africa
- The African human resource
- Water in Africa

The meeting targets business and industry players, government and policy makers, media, academia, think tanks and the Civil Society

Background

Is Africa a new frontier for business simply because China and India have joined the U.S.A and Europe in mining natural resources from Africa? What is different? What is Africa doing about it?

The U.S.A, China, India, Europe, Japan and others are coming to Africa for resources. Africa is in a powerful position to strategically use this opportunity and join the global economy in competitive business. The continent is however floating in a quandary due to poor management and exploitation of its resources that fuel constant conflicts. How can we use these resources gainfully to tap opportunities that are calling out to us?

The 6th Africa Resource Bank meeting organized by The Inter Region Economic Network (IREN) is inviting Business and Industry players, Government and Policy Makers, Media, Academia, Civil Society and Think Tanks for the 2008 Africa Resource Bank (ARB) Meeting in Kenya (November 9-12), under the theme '**Commercializing Africa's Resources to Promote Prosperity: How Africa can utilize its natural resources to raise the living standards of its people**'.

The Africa Resource Bank is a network of organizations and individuals with the objective of promoting concepts that enhance economic freedom and wealth creation in Africa. It is an annual conference held by IREN, winner of the 'Top to-go-to Think Tank' 2008 award. IREN promotes ideas and strategies geared towards causing prosperity in Africa.

Previous ARB meetings have discussed themes including: - *Building Africa through Trade; Property Rights in the African context; How Africa can conquer poverty through business; Turning African people into a resource and Positioning Africa in the 21st Century.*

This year's ARB meeting will put specific focus on; Surface and subsurface wealth exploitation in Africa, Policy environment for resource exploitation in Africa, The African human resource and Water in Africa as panels of discussion.

Objectives

- *To raise the level of discourse touching on exploitation and value addition of resources in Africa*
- *To identify efficient ways of exploiting Africa's resources for the benefit of the African people*

The ARB annual meeting fosters an environment for creating a business minded society in Africa, Improving the policy environment for business in Africa, promotion of ideas and strategies that will bring prosperity in Africa, economic freedom and Networking.

For details on participation criteria, paper presentation and partnership, please email to events@irenkenya.com and info@irenkemya.com

Application Deadline - 5th Oct 2008.

Down load Application form

http://www.irenkenya.com/downloads/events/6th_ARB_%20Meeting_%20Registration_form.doc

Draft Program

Day one

Sunday, November 9, 2008

- 02:00 p.m. Arrival and registration
05.30 p.m. **Welcome Reception**
▪ Welcome remarks by the organizers and sponsors
07:30 p.m. **Dinner**

Day two

Monday, November 10, 2008

- 07:00 a.m-08.20 am **Special Breakfast meeting/session**
08:45 a.m-10:30a.m **Session 1:**
Does Africa have the Capacity to exploit mineral/oil resources? What are the options available?
10:30-11:00a.m Tea Break
11.00-12:45p.m **Session 2:**
Do African countries have the capability to utilize revenue from mineral/oil resources?
12:45-1:45p.m Lunch Break
1:45-3:30p.m **Session 3:**
How can Africa utilize its mineral/oil resources to raise the living standards of its people?
3:30-4:00p.m Break
4:00-5:30p.m Emerging issues/Outcomes
5:30-6:00p.m Wrap up
7:30-9:00p.m 6th ARB Dinner

Day three

Tuesday, November 11, 2008

- 07:00 a.m-08.20 am **Special Breakfast meeting/session (Think Tank Roundtable on Alcohol policy in Africa)**
08:45 a.m-10:30a.m **Session 1:**
How can African governments manage water resources effectively? What are the available alternatives?
10:30-11:00a.m Break
11.00-12:45p.m **Session 2:**
What taxation and business environment is needed to improve the living standards of the African people?
12:45-1:45p.m Lunch

1:45-3:30p.m	Session 3: Who defines Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) in Africa? The role of business in promoting CSR in Africa
3:30-4:00p.m	Break
4:00-5:30p.m	Emerging issues/Outcomes
5:30-6:00p.m	Wrap up
7:30-9:00p.m	6 th ARB Gala Dinner

Day Four

Wednesday, November 12, 2008

Free morning and check-out

12:30pm **CLOSURE**

Cost of Attending

Conference Fee

- Business Participants: - USD \$300
- Public Participants (including Academic, Government, NGO): - USD \$ 150
- Student: -USD \$ 50

Accommodation

- Single room- IREN special conference package (Full Board) - USD \$ 170 per day per person)

Advertising

Will you require additional space to market your work?

- Exhibitions stand- \$100 per day
- Banners and posters- \$150 per day