



## Announcement

### **New Date Set for the First Europe Africa Business Summit (EABS): 28 - 30 April 2008**

**Göttingen / Hamburg, Germany. 08.08.2007** – NEPAD Council, one of the main political and economic development organisations for Africa, today announced a new date for the first Europe Africa Summit. The new date increases the chances of securing highly qualified speakers and a more detailed programme. In addition, it provides speakers with more time to submit their papers for the conference, which is aimed at international decision-makers in the public, private and global business sectors. The new date is confirmed as **28 – 30 April 2008**.

By rescheduling the event to spring 2008, NEPAD Council is also responding positively to suggestions from some participants to not hold the summit during a period of low conference activities. With the new date now confirmed, the public authorities, institutions and associations involved are satisfied that more decision makers will have a chance to participate. The postponement will specifically benefit the exhibitors at the Hannover Messe who can extend their presence at the show to the Europe-Africa summit.

**Dr. James Kajete, Head of NEPAD Council Europe**, comments: “We have decided to reschedule the conference so that we can provide our target groups with extensive information in good time and select additional prestigious speakers. It is our highest priority to underpin the quality of the summit with top class speakers and specialists. This will enable us to achieve our objectives and ensure sustainable collaboration between European and African companies. The new date also gives us more time to organise and set up the conference, which is the first of its kind. It also enables us to work hard on ensuring superlative quality and focus, because that’s what the conference participants will appreciate most.”

All the other details for the summit and accompanying exhibition remain the same despite the rescheduling. Exhibition documents, booking information and further details are available from [www.eabs.info](http://www.eabs.info).

Speakers are asked to send abstracts, presentations and other relevant materials directly to:

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