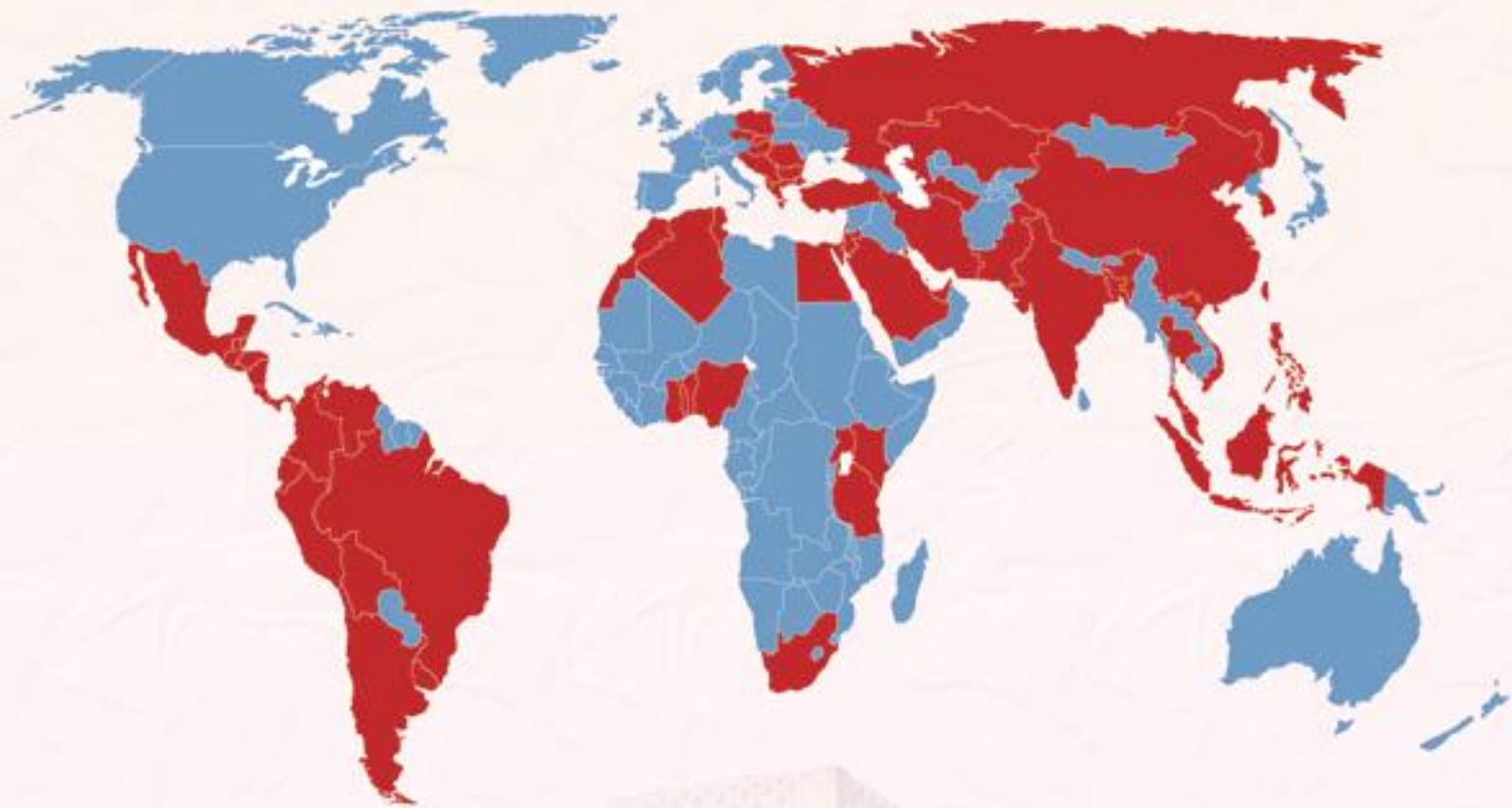


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## Welcome



As your Hosts for the Africa Emerging Markets Forum, we wish to extend a very warm welcome to you and are delighted that you will be joining us in Rabat this April 7-9, 2008. We are gratified that His Majesty has granted His High Patronage to the Forum.

This initiative will allow us to look deeper into the economic and social challenges facing the African continent. It will further reinforce the role of the Forum as a bridge that connects emerging market economies within and across different regions of the world.

The pressing issues that will be discussed are *trade and finance, infrastructure and climate change*. Regional cooperation between African countries will be an underlying theme. The intended outcome of this forum is to agree on and promote concrete solutions and approaches towards these issues and to pursue them to the best of our mutual capacities.

This forum provides a unique opportunity for us to explore these challenges through informal and honest engagements with each other's ideas. The success of the Forum rests with each one of us. The degree to which we each openly engage in the sessions and participate in shaping the outcomes will critically determine success.

We have high expectations that the dialogue we shall share in Morocco will lead to a high degree of convergence on the crux of the issues, the relative priorities and the likely solutions. We very much hope you will find the debates stimulating, the company of your fellow participants—both in and out of meeting rooms—congenial and productive and that you will, at the end of the meeting, consider the three days spent in Rabat well worth your time and effort.

We do hope that your spouse would join you in Morocco. The Forum is organizing a special Spouses Program on April 8 and 9. And after the Forum, we will facilitate an optional trip to Marrakech.

We look forward to welcoming you personally in Rabat in a few weeks time.



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## Preliminary Program

### Monday, April 7, 2008

- 19:00 – 22:00            Opening Reception and Dinner
- Opening Remarks by Hosts and Forum Co-Chairs
- Welcome on Behalf of the Kingdom of Morocco

### Tuesday, April 8, 2008

- 09:00 – 10:30            *Implications for African Economies of Recent Global Developments, Including the Banking and Credit Crises and Commodity Price Movements: Near Term Prospects and Risks*
- 10:30 – 11:00            Networking Break
- 11:00 – 13:00            *Enhancing Trade and Investment: Creating Regional Markets for Goods and Services*
- 13:00 – 14:30            Lunch  
Remarks by Guest Speaker
- 14:30 – 16:00            *Enhancing Trade and Investment: Developing Regional Financial Markets and Tapping International Finance*
- 16:00 – 17:30            *Enhancing Trade and Investment: Removing Hurdles to Cross-Border Investments*
- 17:30 – 18:15            Networking Break and Visit to Royal Academy's Art Collection
- 20:00 – 22:30            Formal Reception and Dinner  
Remarks by Guest of Honor



**Wednesday, April 9, 2008**

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| 09:00 – 10:30 | <i>Infrastructure: Promoting Cross-Border Infrastructure Investments</i>   |
| 10:30 – 11:00 | Networking Break   |
| 11:00 – 12:30 | <i>Infrastructure: Public-Private Partnerships in Transport and Energy</i> |
| 13:00 – 14:30 | Lunch<br>Remarks by Guest Speaker  |
| 15:00 – 17:00 | <i>Climate Change: Opportunities for Africa and Private Sector</i>         |
| 17:00 - 17:30 | Networking Break   |
| 17:30 – 18:30 | <i>Concluding Session: Forum Recommendations and Future Plan of Action</i> |
| 20:00 – 22:30 | Gala Dinner: A Taste of Morocco  |



## Background Papers

The Inaugural Meeting of the Founding Council of the Africa Emerging Markets Forum in October 2007 agreed to focus attention on three main topics at the first meeting of the full Forum. In broad terms, these topics are:

1. Trade and Investment
2. Infrastructure
3. Climate Change and Potential Business Opportunities for Africa

At the Inaugural Meeting it was agreed that it was critical that the focus of the background work, and the discussion itself, be Africa-centered. Consistent with that objective, most of the offers to prepare background material came from participants from within Africa. It was further agreed that a mix of approaches would be appropriate in the background papers, some taking a more analytic approach and some focusing on case studies.

### 1. Trade and Investment:

- The Challenges of Regional Integration in Africa and Policy Options  
Author: Anupam Basu
- Legal and Regulatory Barriers to Cross Border Trade and Investment  
Author: Lesetja Kganyago
- Trade Facilitation  
Author: Rolf Jeker
- Hurdles faced in Pan-African Investments  
Author: Sir Samuel Jonah
- Regional Cooperation in Financial Sector  
Author: Massimo Russo and Piero Ugolini
- Prospects of Cross-Border Banking in Africa  
Author: Jaloul Ayed
- Prospects, Modalities and Issues in Securing International Finance, and related Issues of Debt Management  
Author: Paul Acquah

### 2. Infrastructure

- Issues in Infrastructure Investment in Africa  
Author: Maria Ramos
- The Emerging Role of China in Infrastructure Development in Africa  
Author: Heinz Hauser

### 3. Climate change.

- Environmental Issues and Carbon Trading  
Author: Rolf Jeker
- Climate Change: Opportunities for Africa  
Author: Maria Ramos
- Climate Change: Opportunities for Private Sector  
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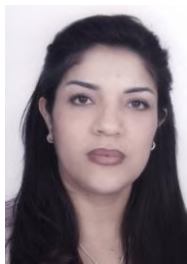
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The Registration and Information Desk will open from 10:00 to 19:00 at the Hotel Hilton Rabat on Monday 7 April for participants to get the latest information on the meeting and a badge. There will also be a Registration and Information Desk at the Royal Academy on Tuesday 8 and Wednesday 9 April 2008.



### **Program**

The program has been designed to allow maximum interaction among participants. Each session will be run by a chairman/moderator who will ensure that the debate remains focused and integrates as many comments and reactions as possible from participants. To stimulate the discussions, participants will receive by e-mail background papers for each session at least one week before the start of the Forum. The final program and printed copies of the background papers will be available during registration at the Hotel Hilton Rabat.

### **Participants**

You will receive the final list of participants and profiles with photos during registration at the Hotel Hilton Rabat.

### **Badges**

At registration all participants will receive a badge containing their names, companies' names and countries of residence. To access all activities participants are asked to wear their badges throughout the meeting. This will also help you get to know your fellow participants.

### **Language**

Simultaneous interpretation into Arabic, French and English will be provided for all sessions.

### **Meals**

The opening reception and dinner on Monday 7 April 2008 will take place at the Hotel Hilton Rabat. The lunch on Tuesday 8 April will be at the Royal Academy and on Wednesday 9 April at the Hotel Hilton Rabat. There will be a formal dinner on Tuesday 8 April 2008. The Forum will close on April 9 with a Gala Moroccan Evening that will include a reception, a dinner and traditional music and performance.

For logistical reasons, we kindly ask participants and spouses to confirm their participation for meals.

### **Spouse Programme**

Spouses are invited and welcome to join all meal sessions of the official program. A special cultural program for the spouses for Tuesday 8 April and Wednesday 9 April is being designed to highlight Moroccan historical and artistic heritage. Further information will be available at registration on Monday 7 April.

### **Transport**

Participants will be received by the government protocol staff on their arrival at the Rabat and Casablanca airports, and will be provided transport to the Hotel Hilton in Rabat. We encourage participants to arrive, if convenient, at the Rabat Airport since there is an hour drive from Casablanca to Rabat.

Participants are requested to send us at least one week in advance their flight details as indicated in the registration form.

At the Registration and Information Desk during the Forum, participants will be able to arrange their pick-up time from the hotel to go back to the airport. Transport will also be provided for participants going to Marrakech for the excursion after the Forum.

### **Dress Code**

We suggest business casual wear for all sessions. Formal and national dress is requested for the dinners.



### Visa

Please find a list of countries whose citizens *do not need* to apply for an entrance visa to Morocco:

Andorra, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahrain, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Congo, Denmark, Finland, France, Greece, Hungary, Indonesia, Ireland, Island, Italy, Ivory Coast, Japan, Kuwait, Libya, Liechtenstein, Luxemburg, Mali, Malta, Mexico, Monaco, Netherlands, Nigeria, Norway, New Zealand, Oman, Peru, Philippines, Puerto Rico, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Guinea, Romania, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Singapore, Slovak Republic, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, United States of America, Venezuela.



## Post Forum Travel: Marrakech



For participants interested in plunging into one of Morocco's most magnificent and ancient cities, we invite you to join an excursion to Marrakech. Known as the "Red City", it has a rich cultural heritage and exotic flair, located at the backdrop of the majestic Atlas Mountains.

We have arranged for a two night stay at the Meridien N'Fis on 10 and 11 April 2008 at a preferential rate of 1618,10 Moroccan Dirham (216 USD) per night including breakfast. The hotel is nestled in five-and-a-half hectares of lush parkland in the Menara district.

You will be able to relax and enjoy the Spa facilities at the Meridien. The hotel is walking distance to the major attractions located in the city. The Ministry of Culture of Morocco has designated a representative to accompany us for a tour of the historical monuments. You will also be able to wander around the largest traditional souk in Morocco and also the busiest square in the entire continent of Africa, called the Djemaa el Fna.

We will leave the Hilton Rabat hotel at 08:30 by bus to travel to Marrakech on Thursday 10 April 2008. Should you like to join us, please fill in the registration form and indicate how many nights you would like to spend in Marrakech so that we can make arrangements with the hotel. Payment for the stay in Marrakech will be cleared by participants directly with the hotel during check-out.



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## Morocco & Rabat



Between the Mediterranean and Atlantic, Europe and Africa, Morocco has always been a land of exchanges and encounters. Here Berber, Arab, Jewish and Christian cultures have learnt to live together. Each has contributed its genius, making Morocco a land of tolerance and shared beauty. Great dynasties have built majestic religious edifices and palaces. Not forgetting the medinas with their magical colours, real labyrinths protected by their ramparts, organised around souks and market squares, like the world-renowned

Djemaa el-Fna in Marrakech. This heritage has many jewels, like the architectural treasures of the ramparts of Essaouira, Asilah, the Roman ruins of Volubilis, the Arab-Andalusian constructions of Tétouan, the more cosmopolitan urban style of Rabat, the Tangiers, the imposing beauty of large fortified villages, the ksours and the great valleys of the south.

The climate in Morocco is Mediterranean. It becomes more extreme towards the interior regions where it is mountainous. The weather during the month of April is normally around 21C.

In this modern country, with its rich living traditions, time quickly takes on another dimension. As travelers are constantly given opportunities to discover and escape, they will naturally find the haven of peace of their dreams, ideal for relaxation and rest, in this generous land.

### Rabat



Rabat is the capital of the Kingdom of Morocco. The city is located on the Atlantic Ocean at the mouth of the river Bou Regreg. On the facing shore of the river lies Salé, Rabat's bedroom community. Together the two cities account for a population of 1.7 million.

Amongst the major attractions to visit include the Mausoleum of Mohammed V, the Mohammed V University which is located in the city, the Hassan Tower, Chellah necropolis and the Oudaya.

