

**African Investment and Business Leader Awards shortlist announced**

**Johannesburg, South Africa; 24 August 2011:** Africa investor (Ai), a leading international investment and communications group, today announced details for its prestigious Africa investor (Ai) international Investment and Business Leader Awards, designed to shed light on Africa's many investment and business leader success stories.

The prestigious Africa investor Investment and Business Leader Awards will take place on 23 September 2011, on the eve of the World Bank annual meetings in Washington DC. The Ai Investment and Business Leader Awards, the longest standing and most respected international awards of their kind, recognise African business leaders, policy makers, international investors and development partners pioneering investments and improving Africa's investment climate.

Commenting on the shortlist, Hubert Danso, Chief Executive Officer and Vice Chairman said: "Foreign direct investment (FDI) inflows to Africa have increased by more than 80% over the past ten years, and are poised to increase considerably in 2012. Investment into Africa is a powerful development tool and we are therefore honoured to recognize these institutions and public and private sector leaders at the forefront of creating jobs and improving Africa's investment climate and international business profile."

Last year's investors and business leaders rewarded for their exceptional contribution to improving Africa's investment climate include: Citi; McKinsey; Ecobank; African Development Bank; Emerging Capital Partners; ABSA; United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund; The Department of Trade and Industry, South Africa; The Coca-Cola Africa Foundation, Pradeep Paunrana, Managing Director, Athi River Mining; Arnold Ekpe, Group CEO, Ecobank International and Jorgen Ole Haslestad, President and CEO, Yara, amongst others.

**The Ai Investment and Business Leader Awards' prominent judges include:** Mark Mobius, Executive Chairman of Templeton Asset Management; Hubert Danso, Vice Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Africa investor; Barbara Samuels, Executive Director, Global Clearing House and Dr Alhaji Bamanga Tukur, Chairman, NEPAD Business Group.

Ai Investment and Business Leader Awards partners include: the Pan African Employers Confederation and Thomson Reuters.

The Africa investor Investment and Business Leader Awards will be presented on 23 September 2011 in Washington DC, USA, at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel during the Africa investor Investment Climate Summit, held in association with the World Bank Group, during the World Bank-IMF annual meetings.

**Africa investor Investment and Business Leader Awards 2011 - full shortlist:**

### **Best Initiative in Support of SMEs & the Millennium Developments Goals**

- Equity Bank
- SAB Ltd
- Tullow Oil
- WesBank
- AngloGold Ashanti
- GBSN Group
- Barclays Bank Egypt
- Alliance for Green Revolution in Africa
- ABSA
- Citi

### **Investment Climate Initiative of the Year**

- ICT Investment Climate Reform
- African Bank
- Trust Africa
- Frontier 100
- Chayton Capital
- ProInvest
- ACP-EU Funded Business Climate Facility
- African Development Bank
- Microsoft
- Investment Climate Facility

### **Bank of the Year**

- Equity Bank
- United Bank for Africa
- Ecobank
- Standard Bank
- First Bank of Nigeria
- Standard Chartered
- Barclays Bank Egypt
- Kenya Commercial Bank
- Citi

### **Carbon Finance Initiative of the Year**

- Africa Carbon Asset Development Facility
- African Development Bank
- United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
- Africa Carbon Asset Management
- European Investment Bank
- Capital Asset Management
- JP Morgan Asset Management/EcoSecurities
- Overseas Development Institute - Carbon Finance in Africa

### **Venture/Private Equity Capital Deal of the Year**

- Citadel Capital
- African Alliance
- Phatisa
- Chayton Capital
- Helios Investment Partners
- Emerging Capital Partners
- Kingdom Zephyr
- Aureos
- Actis

### **Employer & Human Capital Investor of the Year**

- SABMiller
- Foschini Group
- Microsoft
- ABSA
- Diageo
- Nedbank
- Aon Corporation
- Coca-Cola
- Vodafone

### **Institutional Investor of the Year**

- West Midlands Pension Fund
- New York State Common Retirement Fund
- Baobab Fund
- Public Investment Corporation
- Government Employees Pension Fund
- Development Bank of Southern Africa
- United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund
- KPA

### **Investment Promotion Agency of the Year**

- Mozambique Investment Promotion Center
- Agence Marocaine de Développement des Investissements
- Kenya Investment Authority
- Ghana Investment Promotion Center
- Rwanda Investment Promotion Agency
- The Board of Investment Mauritius
- APIX Senegal
- ANIP Angola

### **Leadership in Sustainable Investment in Africa**

- United Nations Environment Programme
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### **Africa's Innovation Leader of the Year**

- Naguib Sawiris, Executive Chairman, Orascom Telecom Holdings
- Evans Kidero, Managing Director, Mumias Sugar
- Godwin Emefiele, CEO, Zenith Bank
- Dr Ashifi Gogo, CEO, Sproxil
- Aliko Dangote, President, Dangote Group
- Amadou Diallo CEO, DHL Global Forwarding
- Tshepo Mahloele, CEO, Harith
- Abdeslam Ahizoune, Chairman and CEO, Maroc Telecom

### **Leading African Woman in Business of the Year**

- Evelyn Ndali Oputu, Managing Director, Bank of Industry
- Philisiwe Buthelezi, CEO, National Empowerment Fund
- Nombulelo (Pinky) Moholi, CEO, Telkom Group
- Cora Fernandez, CEO, Sanlam Private Equity
- Brutawit Dawit Abdi, President and CEO, Zemen Bank
- Funke Opeke, CEO, Main One Cable Company
- Futhi Mtoba, President, Business Unity SA
- Genevieve Sangudi, Managing Director, The Carlyle Group

### **Africa Business Leader of the Year**

- Jubril Adewale Tinubu, CEO, Oando
- Tidjane Thiam, Chief Executive, Prudential
- Arnold Ekpe, Group CEO, Ecobank
- Sifiso Dabengwa, President and CEO, MTN
- Sim Tshabalala, CEO, Standard Bank
- Godwin Emefiele, CEO, Zenith Bank
- Naushad Merali, Chairman, Sameer Group

### **International Business Leader of the Year**

- Paul Walsh, CEO, Diageo
- Muhtar Kent, Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer, The Coca-Cola Company
- Sunil Mittal, Chairman and Managing Director of Bharti Group
- Cynthia Carol, CEO, Anglo American
- Sunny Verghese, Group Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, Olam International
- Sheikh Ahmed bin Saeed Al Maktoum, Chairman, Dubai World
- Shishir Kumar, CEO, Bharti Airtel
- Vikram Pandit, CEO, Citibank

### **Up & Coming Future Leader of the Year**

- Genevieve Sangudi, Managing Director, The Carlyle Group
- Dambisa Moyo, International Economist
- Nkuli Mkhize, Business Development and Stake Holder Relations Manager, Development Bank of Southern Africa
- Badr Jafar, Executive Director, Crescent Petroleum
- Babatunde Soyoye and Tope Lawani, Co-Founding Partners, Helios Investment Partners
- Elsie S Kanza, Economic Advisor to the President of Tanzania
- Nazmeera Moola, Head, Macro-Strategy, Macquarie Bank
- Kola Karim, CEO, Shoreline Energy

### **Finance Minister of the Year**

- Honourable Pravin Jamnadas Gordhan, Minister, Ministry of Finance, Republic of South Africa
- Honourable Lassina Bouare, Minister, Ministry of Economy and Finance, Republic of Mali
- Honourable Dr Kwabena Duffuor, Minister for Finance and Economic Planning, Republic of Ghana
- Honourable, Uhuru Muigai Kenyatta, Kenya Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance, Republic of Kenya
- Honourable, Mustafa Mkulo, Minister, Ministry of Finance & Economic Affairs, United Republic of Tanzania
- Honourable John Rwangombwa, Minister, Ministry of Finance & Economic Planning, Rwanda
- Honourable M. Abdoulaye Diop, Minister, Ministry of Economy and Finance, Republic of Senegal
- Honourable Syda Bbumda, Minister, Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development, Republic of Uganda

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