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EUROPE BOOSTS HUMANITARIAN AID FOR MALI

The European Commission is increasing by €5 million its humanitarian funding in Mali. This will bring new European support to the victims of extreme food insecurity and renewed violence in the north of the country. The new assistance package brings the total humanitarian aid funding to Mali in 2014 to €40 million.

"Hunger and conflict continue to claim lives and keep hundreds of thousands of Malians in desperate crisis. The European Commission is responding to the need to scale up its assistance to food insecure Malians in the north, to the newly displaced populations and to the 140 000 refugees in Burkina Faso, Mauritania and Niger who rely on humanitarian assistance for their survival," said EU Commissioner Kristalina Georgieva, responsible for International Cooperation, Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Response.

The new funding will provide emergency food assistance to more than one million people, including pastoralists who have lost their herds due to this year's particularly long lean season. The newly displaced will also be targeted with aid, including the provision of water and sanitation facilities in the areas where they have found shelter. Malian refugees in the neighbouring countries will also continue to receive humanitarian assistance thanks to the new aid decision.

Part of the European assistance will contribute to the continuation of a humanitarian air service: essential given the frequency of targeted attacks and explosive devices on the roads.

Renewed conflict in northern Mali between the Malian army and armed groups has led to new population displacements since May. Access to basic services remains interrupted due to the lack of progress in the negotiations between the various sides in the conflict.

In parallel, Mali is affected by a lingering food and nutrition crisis: 3.7 million Malians are threatened by food shortages and more than half a million children are at risk of malnutrition.

Access to the people in need of assistance is a growing concern. Security incidents are more and more frequent and hamper the work of humanitarian organisations which attempt to provide vital services such as food assistance and healthcare in the North.

The European Commission has released €178 million to assist Malians since the beginning of the conflict in 2012. (EC 17-09-2014)

TOGO: BIOMETRIC CARDS TO PUBLIC SECTOR WORKERS

Togo is to issue biometric cards to public sector workers in a bid to fight the phenomenon of ghost workers who have been swelling the government's payroll. The card, which will be used by each recognized worker who is paid from the government budget, will be used for administrative purposes, drawing of salaries and application for loans in financial institutions, the minister of Public Service, Gourdigou Kolani, said on Saturday.

According to the minister, Togo would use the biometric cards control the number of public sector workers and also manage the wage bill that should not exceed 35% of the government's overall budget.

Despite the numerous measures and census carried out in Togo, ghost workers remain on the government payroll drawing salaries from the state budget.

An operation to fight against ghost workers launched between 1995 and 2000 did not yield positive results.

In the 2011 census under a programme to reform and modernize the country's public service in a bid to control staff in the administration and the wage bill, 50,400 public sector workers were registered but ghost workers were included and this has continued to cost the government billions of CFAF every year. (Pana 15/09/2014)

ANGOLA AIRLINES AND LUFTHANSA GERMAN SIGN NEW PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

Angolan airline TAAG and Germany's Lufthansa Monday in Luanda renewed their existing cooperation agreement with a view to increasing the number of flights the two airlines offer on the Luanda-Frankfurt route, Angolan news agency Angop reported.

Karl Ulrich Garnadt, chairman of the board of the German carrier said that Lufthansa would add one more flight a week with an Airbus A340-300, which "represents a 50 percent increase in capacity on flights between the two cities."

Noting that the decision to increase the connections between was related to Angola's rapid economic growth, Garnadt said "we want to strengthen this partnership so we can offer our customers an increasing number of destinations."

Passengers who arrive in Luanda from Frankfurt, the chairman said, will have access to the Angolan airline's network of 235 destinations in 78 countries.

Lufthansa launched the Luanda-Frankfurt route in April 2008. (16-09-2014)

CAPE VERDE: AUTHORITIES ORGANIZE SIMULATIONS TO CHECK EBOLA RESCUE PLAN

The Cape Verdian health authorities will, over the next few days, carry out simulations to check the national emergency plan to prevent the entry of the Ebola virus into the island. The tests, meant to check the response capacity of the health centres, was announced at a news conference in Praia by the spokesperson for the Council of the Health ministry, Mr Tomás Valdez, who said that the government had already released 5 million Cape Verdian escudos (about 45,000 euros) to prevent the deadly Ebola virus disease.

He said the officials at the Health ministry decided to 'move from theory to practice' by carrying out simulations to check the organization of the organs put in place, and called for contribution from all partners to a national fund established to prevent the deadly disease from entering the country.

Mr Valdez, however, stressed that the Council of the Health ministry had underlined 'health control' being developed and updated at the main entry points, especially at the sea ports and airports.

'For now, sensitization actions for communities are being strengthened, a job done by the health centres in several districts of the country,' he said, adding a toll free number had been established for easy communication.

The spokesperson for the council said that the government had decided to maintain the ban on non-resident foreigners from countries hit by the Ebola disease while it is evaluating the entry into the island for humanitarian and economic reasons, among others. (Pana 14/09/2014)

BANK OF MOZAMBIQUE KEEPS KEY INTEREST RATES UNCHANGED

The Monetary Policy Committee of the Bank of Mozambique decided to keep its benchmark interest rates unchanged, including its marginal lending rate at 8.25 percent, the Mozambican central bank said Monday.

Reserve requirement ratios were also kept unchanged at 8.0 percent and the interest rate on the deposit facility at 1.50 percent.

The Monetary Policy Committee also decided to intervene in the interbank market in order to ensure that cash in circulation does not exceed the target of 53 648 million meticals set for September.

Analysing the domestic situation, the Monetary Policy Committee noted positive inflation figures in the month of August, as well as for short and medium term forecasts, which increase the prospects of achieving the target of 6.0 percent set for the end of 2014, (16-09-2014)

IDB GIVES CAMEROON 16.9 BILLION FCFA FOR RURAL ELECTRIFICATION

The Islamic Development Bank (IDB) is to give Cameroon 16.9 billion CFA francs for rural electrification projects in the Central African country. A decree signed by President Paul Biya empowers the Minister of Economy, Emmanuel Djoumessi Nganou, to sign two financing agreements with the IDB for the money.

'The US\$16.9 billion CFA is divided into two respective amounts of 12.2 billion FCFA representing the Istisna agreement and a loan of 4.788 billion FCFA francs,' said Mr Nganou.

The Minister said that the money would be for the implementation of the second phase of the government's rural electrification programme.

IDB, with Eximbank, has become one of the largest donors to the Cameroonian government in recent years, with financial assistance in various sectors such as health, roads, education and rural development.

In June and July, the IDB gave Cameroon 8 billion FCFA for education in undereducated areas and 12 billion FCFA for health care services.

In 2013, the IDB disbursed 8.5 billion FCFA francs to finance the 2013-2014 cotton season in addition to 104.2 billion FCFA francs financed with Eximbank for the development of fisheries, livestock and telecommunications in countries in Central Africa. (Pana 14/09/2014)

INNOVATIONS IN BANANA CROPPING SYSTEMS IN TANZANIA

Some 80% of the Tanzanian population depends on agriculture for a living. In the North-West, near Lake Victoria, banana is the most important staple crop. The majority of production however is through subsistence farming rather than commercial production. By introducing new banana varieties and providing training on technical management as well as marketing skills, the Banana cropping project aimed to improve the livelihoods of banana farmers in the region. Now, after four years, the first results are visible: banana bunches are twice as big and farmers are selling the surplus to other regions in Tanzania and even abroad.

In Kagera Region, in the North-West of Tanzania, drought, pests and diseases lower the levels of production in the banana fields. Production levels are also affected by lack of resources, including fertilizer and restricted access to credit facilities, and by limited processing, entrepreneurial and marketing skills.

To improve livelihoods of banana farmers in the region, BTC's Banana cropping project adopted a push-and-pull strategy. To increase banana production, new banana varieties were introduced and 8,000 farmers were trained on technical skills, for instance to multiply banana suckers (the push-strategy). At the same time, banana commercialization was enhanced by teaching farmers how to process banana into other products, such as flour, and by providing training on marketing and financial skills (the pull-strategy).

The combination of improved crops, improved technical management and improved marketing proved to be successful. The new varieties are more tolerant to diseases and they produce bigger banana bunches. Enormous bunches of banana are now sold in different parts of Tanzania and even abroad. Three times a week a boat fully loaded with bananas leaves the harbour of Bukoba, the capital of the region. Banana is no longer just a subsistence crop but has become a cash crop for the farmers of Kagera Region.

Quote of a banana farmer: "With the new banana varieties the bunches are so big that you need help to put them on your head. Some bunches even need to be carried by two people."

Facts & Figures

- Four new varieties introduced (FHIA 17, FHIA 23, FHIA 25 and Yangambi Km 5)
- More than 100 new banana nurseries established

- More than 8,000 farmers trained on technical skills
- 24 farmers groups trained on processing, marketing and financial skills
- On average, traditional varieties give banana bunches of 30 to 80 kg, whereas new varieties give bunches of 70 to 180 kg
- In Ngara a bunch of 200 kg was harvested. The farmers would like to register this in the Guinness Book of Records. (Diplomatie.belgium.be 12-09-2014)

CLIMATE CHANGE SUMMIT IN NEW YORK

More than 120 Heads of State and Government will attend the one-day Climate Change Summit to be hosted by UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon on 23 September at the UN headquarters in New York.

A UN statement, obtained by PANA in New York on Sunday, said the summit tagged: 'Climate Summit 2014: Catalyzing Action', is aimed at generating political will toward a meaningful universal climate agreement in 2015, and to advance action on the ground that will reduce emissions and build resilience to the impacts of climate change.

It said that the leaders, and in some cases their representatives, will present 'national action and ambition announcements', at the plenary sessions to be held at the UN General Assembly Hall.

'The Summit will mark the first time in five years that world leaders will get together to chart a bold, new course of action on climate change, and the Secretary-General has asked leaders to announce significant and substantial initiatives to help move the world toward a path that will limit global warming.

'Announcements at the Summit will be aimed at mobilizing finance for climate action, increasing the use of renewable energy, increasing energy efficiency, reducing deforestation, promoting climate smart agriculture, building resilience, reducing pollutants, and promoting climate action in the world's cities,' it stated.

The statement noted that, in addition to the leaders from governments, there will also be strong participation from leaders from business, finance and civil society.

'This includes CEOs and managing directors from companies as varied as the Asia Pulp and Paper Group, Bank of America, Cargill, GDF SUEZ, Golden Agri-Resources Ltd, Ingersoll-Rand plc, KfW Bankengruppe, McDonald's Corporation, Saudi Aramco, Unilever, Walmart, Yes Bank Limited, APG and Credit Agricole,' it said.

It also said that the summit will feature an opening ceremony, announcements by Heads of State and Government, announcements by the private sector, the launch of new initiatives that address key action areas by coalitions of governments, businesses and civil society organizations.

'There will also be sessions that focus on critical aspects of climate change, including science, people living on the frontlines of climate change, the societal benefits of action, and the economic case for action on climate change,' the statement added.

PANA reports that the UN Secretary-General will summarise the outcome of the summit at the closing ceremony. (Pana 15/09/2014)

PECHE : LE CONGO ENTEND SIGNER UN ACCORD DE COOPERATION AVEC LA SOCIETE ESPAGNOLE NORK

Le gouvernement congolais et la société espagnole Nork, spécialisée dans la chaîne de la pêche, envisagent de signer un accord de coopération pour des projets à court terme, à moyen terme et à long termes dans ce domaine.

"Nous avons demandé à la société Nork de nous aider à construire des marchés de poissons avec des chaînes de froid le long de la colonne vertébrale de Pointe-Noire jusqu'à Ouessou, afin de valoriser le poisson et le rendre disponible auprès des consommateurs", a souligné mercredi le ministre congolais de la Pêche et de l'Aquaculture Bernard Tchibambéléla à la suite d'une rencontre avec une délégation de Nork conduite par son directeur général Javier Aramburu.

La société Nork est un groupe d'entreprises spécialisée dans la construction des nouveaux halls de pêche, la fabrication des bateaux de pêche continentale et maritime, la fabrication des usines de congélation et les glaces pour la congélation des poissons et la construction des marchés de poissons.

Nork pourrait construire au Congo une unité de fabrication de pirogues en fibres verre, ainsi que des bateaux de pêche à fond plat pour intensifier la pêche au niveau continental.

Le Congo dispose de 205.000 km² de territoire hydraulique, 60. 000 km² de zone économique explosive et 11.000 km² de plateau continental, a affirmé M. Tchibambéléla, qui a souhaité que tout ce potentiel soit exploité dans le sens de l'intensification du capital en vue de la modernisation de la pêche au Congo. (23-08-2014)

TOURISM'S CONTRIBUTION TO MOZAMBIQUE'S GDP FALLS

The political and military tension seen in central and northern Mozambique led to the contribution of the hospitality and tourism industry to GDP falling by 4.1 percentage points between 2011 and 2013, Mozambican daily newspaper Correio da Manhã reported.

The newspaper cited the secretary general of the Union of Hospitality and Tourism Industry Workers, Luis Macuácu, who said that in 2013 the weight of the sector in GDP was 7.9 percent versus 12 percent in 2011.

Given the recent peace agreement signed between the two main political parties in Mozambique, Macuácu predicted that the sector will return to its previous contribution to the Gross Domestic Product of the country.

Figures from the union showed that the hospitality and tourism industry has created about 52 000 jobs in at least 5,819 hotel and tourism establishments throughout 2013, representing an increase of more than 7,000 jobs over the previous year. (17-09-2014)

EBOLA CRISIS SPIRALLING OUT OF CONTROL, SAYS OBAMA

US President Barack Obama issued a global call to action to fight West Africa's Ebola epidemic on Tuesday, warning the deadly outbreak was unprecedented and "spiraling out of control", threatening hundreds of thousands of people.

Speaking as he unveiled a major new US initiative which will see 3,000 US military personnel deployed to West Africa to combat the growing health crisis, Mr Obama said the outbreak was spreading "exponentially". "Here's the hard truth. In West Africa, Ebola is now an epidemic of the likes that we have not seen before," Mr Obama said.

"It's spiraling out of control. It is getting worse. It's spreading faster and exponentially. Today, thousands of people in West Africa are infected. That number could rapidly grow to tens of thousands.

"And if the outbreak is not stopped now, we could be looking at hundreds of thousands of people infected, with profound political and economic and security implications for all of us." As well as the military deployment, the US will also set up a command and control centre in the capital of Liberia, the hardest-hit country, build new treatment centres and train health workers.

Precise timing on deployment was still unclear.

"No deployment in the coming days. The troops have to be properly trained and equipped," a Pentagon official said privately. Among the US soldiers sent to West Africa will be doctors and also engineers to set up the field hospitals, the official said.

Meanwhile, the US moved to fund these plans.

Specifically, the Department of Defense plans to ask Wednesday to have reprogrammed "an additional \$500m in Fiscal Year 2014 Overseas Contingency Operations (OCO) funds to provide urgent humanitarian assistance to fight Ebola," an administration official said.

This is separate from the funds already put toward the effort, including the \$175m already dedicated, and the \$88m requested through a continuing resolution.

The Ebola epidemic has killed more than 2,400 people in Guinea, Liberia, Nigeria and Sierra Leone this year.

The virus can fell its victims within days, causing severe fever and muscle pain, weakness, vomiting and diarrhoea — in some cases shutting down organs and causing unstoppable bleeding.

No licensed vaccine or treatment exists.

The United Nations Security Council is poised to adopt a resolution on Thursday exhorting countries to provide more field hospitals and urgent aid to the crisis-stricken region.

Likely passage of the resolution marks only the third time that the Security Council will vote on a public health crisis after resolutions on AIDS in 2000 and 2011.

"This has gone beyond health issues," UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon said.

"It has gone to areas affecting social and economic situations. It may even affect political stability if not properly contained and treated." The United Nations said nearly \$1bn would be needed to beat back the worst-ever outbreak of the disease, which is on track to infect 20,000 people by the end of the year.

The world body has set a goal of stopping the spread of Ebola within six to nine months but aid agencies are complaining that help has been too slow.

Mr Ban is planning a "high-level event" on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly next week to draw attention to the crisis.

UN humanitarian chief Valerie Amos told reporters in Geneva the Ebola crisis faced a "huge funding challenge". The capacity of Guinea, Sierra Leone and Liberia to provide even the most basic necessities is "on the brink of collapse," she warned.

The United Nations said the response to the crisis would require \$987.8m, with about half needed for Liberia.

The World Bank meanwhile approved a \$105m grant, part of a \$200m pledge made in early August aimed at helping people cope with the economic impact of the crisis and strengthening public health systems.

"The world needs to do much, much more to respond to the Ebola crisis in these three countries," World Bank president Jim Yong Kim said in a statement.

The UN said if the international community and affected countries respond swiftly and energetically, transmission should begin to slow by the end of the year and halt by mid-2015.

"The level of surge we need to do is unprecedented. It is massive," the United Nations' Ebola coordinator David Nabarro told reporters.

China will send a 59-person mobile laboratory team from its Centre for Disease Control to Sierra Leone, including epidemiologists, clinicians and nurses — bringing the number of Chinese medics in the country to 174, the WHO said.

The EU, Britain, France and Cuba have also pledged to send medical teams and other aid to the region. But this is far from enough, warned Joanne Liu, head of the Doctors Without Borders (MSF) charity.

Noting that the known Ebola toll "represents only a fraction of the real number," she stressed that "the ground response remains totally and lethally inadequate."

"The window of opportunity to contain this outbreak is closing," she warned. (AFP 17-09-2014)

MOZAMBICAN OIL AND GAS COMPANY POSTS PROFIT OF US\$37.8 MILLION

Mozambican state oil and gas company Companhia Moçambicana de Hidrocarbonetos (CMH) in 2013 posted a profit of US\$37.8 million, a year on year increase of 29 percent, according to the company's report and accounts for last year.

Also according to the CMH report cited by the Mozambican press, in 2013 the company posted revenues of US\$94 million, 25.6 percent more than the US\$74.8 million recorded the previous year.

The company's assets increased from US\$341 million to US\$375.7 million, liabilities rose from US\$178.7 million to US\$187.4 million and shareholder equity grew from US\$162.4 million to US\$188.3 million.

The board of CMH, a public company responsible for Mozambique's oil and gas interests, said that the results were satisfactory as the company had been able to pay dividends to shareholders totalling US\$11.95 million.

"Our shareholders are beginning to receive adequate amounts of dividends, in accordance with good levels of financial performance," said the annual report and accounts.

According to the document, one of the factors that led to the "good results achieved," was that in 2013 the company completed negotiations to sell about 27 million gigajoules of gas for the domestic market and the beginning of the provision of that gas, resulting in "higher volumes of gas supplied to the domestic market." (17-09-2014)

LE PLUS GRAND ACHETEUR DE CACAO DU GHANA REPORTE UN EMPRUNT DE 30 MILLIONS \$ DE L'AFD

D'après *Bloomberg*, la Produce Buying Co (PBC), le plus grand acheteur de cacao du Ghana a récemment reporté un emprunt de 30 millions de dollars auprès de l'Agence française de développement (AFD), en raison de la chute du cedi.

« Nous devons nous protéger contre les frais de remboursements élevés qui seront liées à la détérioration du taux de change. Mais nous sommes toujours en discussions et nous verrons comment se comporte le taux de change l'année prochaine. » a déclaré Joseph Osei Manu, le directeur-adjoint en charge de la gestion financière de l'entreprise.

L'emprunt était destiné à financer l'achat des fèves et la construction de hangars et de dépôts durant la campagne en cours. En attendant, l'acheteur se tournera vers le Conseil Ghanéen du Cacao (COCOBOD) pour obtenir 50 millions de cedi, faisant passer son endettement auprès de l'institution de 400 à 450 millions de cedis.

La PBC dont l'action a perdu 18% de sa valeur au Ghana Stock Exchange cette année, a déjà acheté 285 000 tonnes de cacao depuis le lancement de la principale campagne de commercialisation et compte acheter 35 000 tonnes supplémentaires durant la petite campagne. Le cedi a perdu 30% de sa valeur face au dollar en 2014. (15-09-2014)

MOZAMBIQUE HAS FOREIGN RESERVES EQUIVALENT TO 4.5 MONTHS OF IMPORTS

Mozambique's net international reserves increased by US\$4 million to US\$3.2438 billion at the end of August, according to information released Monday by the Bank of Mozambique.

The Mozambican central bank also reported that the amount recorded at the end of August was equivalent to 4.5 months of imports of goods and services, excluding commercial transactions related to major projects.

Changes to net international reserves are essentially explained by the inflow of funds for various state projects, to a total of US\$13.4 million and to provisions by commercial banks in the amount of US\$13.6 million.

These inflows were offset by sales of foreign currency by the Bank of Mozambique on the Interbank Foreign Exchange Market in the amount of US\$13.7 million, by foreign debt servicing in the amount of US\$16.7 million and potential foreign exchange losses of US\$6.7 million. (17-09-2014)

SOUTH AFRICA: POULTRY IMPORT RESTRICTIONS UNDER ATTACK

Major players in the South African poultry industry are asking Namibia's High Court to set aside the restrictions on the importation of poultry products that the Minister of Trade and Industry, Calle Schlettwein, announced in April last year.

With a review application that the South African Poultry Association and five companies involved in the South African poultry industry lodged against the Minister of Trade and Industry, the government and Namib Poultry Industries in the Windhoek High Court still in its early stages, preliminary skirmishes in the case have started to crop up in court.

No date has been set yet for the hearing of the main case, in which the South African Poultry Association and South African poultry exporters Crown Chickens, Supreme Poultry, Rainbow Farms, Astral Foods and Afgri Poultry are asking the High Court to review and set aside the import restrictions on poultry products announced in the Government Gazette on 5 April last year.

Schlettwein announced the import restrictions in terms of the Import and Export Control Act.

He announced that the importation of poultry products into Namibia would only be allowed in accordance with an import permit issued by the Ministry of Trade and Industry, and that no more than 900 tons of poultry products may be imported into Namibia per month.

The import restrictions provide protection to the Namibian poultry industry, which had been complaining that it was battling to compete with more established producers of poultry products that have been able to market their products in Namibia at lower prices than Namibian producers - mainly Namib Poultry Industries - could match without suffering financial losses.

In one of the preliminary brushes between the parties involved in the case, Judge Harald Geier postponed an urgent application by the South African Poultry Association and the five South African poultry exporters to an undetermined date yesterday.

The postponement was accompanied by an agreement by the law firm representing Namib Poultry Industries, Theunissen, Louw & Partners, to treat ten files with documents coming from the association and the South African companies as confidential, not to disclose it to Namib Poultry Industries or anyone else, and to use the documents only for the pending review application.

The five poultry exporters and the association initially wanted the court to order Theunissen, Louw & Partners to hand the ten files to the registrar of the High Court for safekeeping and not to disclose any of the documents or information in it to Namib Poultry Industries or anyone else.

The files were handed over to Theunissen, Louw & Partners after Namib Poultry Industries had filed an application in which it asked to be provided with documentation that it claimed was relevant to the main case.

According to lawyer Ian Petherbridge, who is representing the South African companies and the South African Poultry Association, the documents contain confidential trade information, were meant only for the use of the lawyers of Namib Poultry Industries, and were not to be disclosed to the Namibian company.

With the urgent application about the documentation postponed, another preliminary hearing in the main case - about the provision of a record of the decision that Schlettwein took when the import restrictions were approved - is due to take place in the Windhoek High Court on 29 September.

Beatrix de Jager and senior counsel Andrew Corbett, instructed by Martin Strydom, represented the South African companies and the association in court yesterday. The other parties in the case were not represented. (The Namibian 15-09-2014)

KUVELAI RIVER WATERSHED MANAGED BY ANGOLA AND NAMIBIA

The watershed area of the Kuvelai River will be managed by a commission founded in Windhoek by the governments of Angola and Namibia, the Ministry of Energy and Water Angola said Tuesday in a statement.

The river basin is shared by Angola and Namibia and covers an area of thousands of square kilometres, 32 percent of which is in Angola and 68 percent in Namibia.

The commission, which will ensure the management of water resources of the basin with a view to "optimal management," will pay particular attention to that river's floods in Cunene province.

This joint management committee was formally established on Monday in Windhoek, capital of Namibia, by the Angolan Ministry for Energy and Water and the Namibian Ministry for Agriculture, Water and Forestry.

The new committee was launched on the sidelines of the celebrations of the twentieth anniversary of Okacom, a body responsible for development and use of another basin in southern Angola, in this case the Kubango/Okavango basin, which also involves Namibia and Botswana. (17-09-2014)



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(by invitation only)

Thursday, September 25

Luncheon in honor of H.E. Uhuru Kenyatta, President of the Republic of Kenya

12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. | Grand Hyatt Hotel, Park Avenue at Grand Central Station

CCA Members: Complementary (2 per organization please)

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Thursday, September 25

Dinner in honor of H.E. Alassane Ouattara, President of the Republic of Ivory Coast

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. | Metropolitan Club, One East 60th Street

(one hour reception preceding dinner)

CCA Members: Complementary (2 per organization please)

Non-Members: \$150.00

Government: \$50.00

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Friday, September 26

Luncheon in honor of H.E. Peter Mutharika, President of the Republic of Malawi

12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. | Grand Hyatt Hotel, Park Avenue at Grand Central

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Trade Mission to Mauritania: 26 to 30 October 2014

NABC and the Netherlands Embassy in Dakar (accredited in

Mauritania) organize a trade mission to Mauritania from October 26-30. Mauritania is an excellent place to start a profitable business venture; mining and petroleum are the country's main sources of revenue. The government grants licenses to foreign companies for research and exploration of minerals (gold, iron, copper). Fisheries and agriculture (potatoes, onions, milk powder) also offer ample opportunities, with fish reserves estimated at 1.5 million tonnes per year and rainwater crop growing areas in the south of the country, along the Senegal River.

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Practical information:

Dates: October 26-30, 2014

Location: Nouakchott & Nouadhibou, **Mauritania**

Sectors: maritime sector, energy, fisheries, agriculture, mining, & construction

For **more information**, please click [here](#)

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Trade mission to Cameroon 7-12 Dec. 2014 - extension of the program to Kribi!

The **trade mission to Cameroon** is organized by NABC in close cooperation with the Embassy of the Republic of Cameroon in The Hague and the [CCoLA](#). **This trade mission will take place in Cameroon's three most important cities: Yaoundé, Douala and Kribi.** The mission gives you access to government authorities and unparalleled networking opportunities with the business community of Cameroon. The development of **Kribi and its deep sea port** offers ample opportunities not only for companies active in the maritime sector (port development), but also for related companies (construction, energy, water, transport). Besides, Cameroon has a great agricultural outlook with one of the most varied natural features, also including large reserves of natural resources (minerals, oil & gas). Moreover, due to its strategic position, it is the trade hub for the region.

What we offer you:

- Tailor-made bilateral meetings (in Yaounde; Douala & Kribi)
- Sector-cluster program elements (company visits)

- Meetings with government authorities
- Visit PROMOTE 2014, one of the largest international trade fair in the region
- Networking reception
- Doing Business in Cameroon seminar with key local stakeholders

Practical information:

Dates: 7-12 December, 2014

Cities: Yaounde, Douala & Kribi

Sectors: Maritime & logistics; Agriculture (vegetables/fruits & livestock) ; construction; mining & energy

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NABC's other Outgoing Trade Missions:

[21-26 September](#): Dairy Mission to Kenya

[2-7 November](#): Poultry Mission to Nigeria

[23-28 November](#): Spices, Herbs and Aromatics mission to Ethiopia

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