

**STAKEHOLDERS CONSULTATIONS' MEETING  
ON THE WORLD BANK'S  
REGIONAL INTEGRATION ASSISTANCE STRATEGY  
Saturday, October 20th, 2007  
Conference Room JB1-080  
AGENDA**

**12:30 – 14:00**    *Registration and Coffee*

14:00 – 14:10

**Introduction**

- Mr. Mark Tomlinson, Director, Regional Integration

**Opening and Welcome**

- Ms. Obiageli Katryn Ezekwesili, Vice President AFR, World Bank

14:10 – 15:00

**RoundTable of Ministers on Regional Integration: Goals, Means and Roles?**

- Roundtable of African Ministers, chaired by Ms. Obiageli Katryn Ezekwesili, Vice President AFR

15:00 – 15:10

**Recapture and Setting the Stage for the Afternoon**

- Mr. Alan Gelb, Director, Development Policy, World Bank: Chair. Recapture of roundtable discussion to set the stage for the afternoon sessions

15:10 – 15:50

**Integrating Africa Regionally and Globally: Challenges & Achievable Goals?**

- Introductory Remarks by Ms. Benedicte Christensen, Deputy Director, African Department, IMF
- Panel Discussants: Professor John Igué, LARES Director;  
Mr. Jacques Wunenburger, DG Trade Head of Unit, EPA2, European Commission
- Plenary Discussion

15:50 – 16:30

**Connecting Regional Planning and National Programs—What's Missing?**

- Introductory Remarks by Mr. Chukwuma Soludo, Governor, Central Bank of Nigeria  
Panel Discussants: Mr. Goodall Gondwe, Minister of Finance, Malawi;  
Dr. Mohamed Ibn Chambas, President, ECOWAS Commission
- Plenary Discussion

**16:30—16:45**    *Coffee Break*

16:45 – 17:30

**Accelerate Regional Programs: Comparative Advantage of the World Bank?**

- Introductory Remarks by Honorable Amina Salum Ali, AU Ambassador to the USA
- Panel Discussants: Ambassador Stephen Olukorede Willoughby, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, NEPAD; Mr. Louis Kasekende, Chief Economist, African Development Bank Group
- Plenary Discussion

17:30 – 18:00

**Wrap up and Closing**

- Brief Summary of Proceedings by Ambassador Paul Tony Kandiero
- Closing Remarks by Mr. Mark Tomlinson

**Reception 18:15 – 20:00**