“Bridging the Atlantic, Brazil and Sub-Saharan Africa. South-South Partnering for Growth” is the title of a recent report produced jointly by the Capacity Development and Partnership Unit of the Africa Region at the World Bank (WB) and the Brazilian Institute for Applied Economic Research (IPEA).

As the report points out, Brazil and Africa are natural partners with strong historic and cultural links. Complementing these links, Brazilian technology seems to be easily adaptable to many African nations because of geophysical similarities in soil and climate. Brazil’s recent successes on the social and economic fronts have attracted attention from many African countries. They have requested Brazilian cooperation in areas such as tropical agriculture, tropical health, vocational training, energy and social protection among others. Brasilia hosts now 33 African embassies, the largest concentration in the Southern Hemisphere. Brazil has 37 Embassies in Africa, up from 17 in 2002.

This half-day seminar organized by the WB Africa Region aims at presenting Brazilian cooperation experiences in the areas of agriculture, social protection and vocational training.

**AGENDA  (Washington D.C time --- 08:00 AM – 10:30 AM)**

08:00 AM  **Welcoming Remarks**
Tijan Sallah, Manager, Capacity Development and Partnerships Unit, Africa Region. The World Bank

08:05  **The Role of Brazil in South-South Knowledge Sharing**
Boris Utria, Country Operations Adviser, Brazil. The World Bank

08:10  **Introduction to the Sessions**
Susana Carrillo, Senior Specialist, Capacity Development and Partnerships Unit Africa Region. The World Bank
08:20  Brazil and Sub-Saharan Africa: The New South Atlantic
Jose Flavio Sombra Saraiva, Director General, Brazilian Institute of International Relations and Professor, University of Brasilia

08:35  Vocational Training in Brazil and Emerging Partnerships in Africa
Frederico Lamego Teixera Soares, Executive Director, SENAI

08:50  Q&A (facilitated by Susana Carrillo)

09:20  Brazilian Cooperation in Agriculture: The Role of EMBRAPA
Andre Nepomuceno Dusi, Structuring Projects Coordinator, EMBRAPA

09:35  Brazilian Social Protection Program: Lessons Learnt from Implementation
Aline Soares, Director, International Programs, Ministry of Social Development

09:50  Q&A

10:20  Brazil and the Africa Region Strategy: Next Steps
Tijan Sallah.