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## ***Diverse Group Gathers at the World Bank for Developing a Coordinated Strategy for Addressing a Comprehensive Education Agenda in Africa***

WASHINGTON—In Fall 2008, The World Bank Group-IMF African Society, Leadership Africa USA (LA USA) and the International Foundation for Education and Self-Help co-sponsored as part of the Constituency for Africa's Ronald H. Brown Series. The workshop focused on "Developing a Coordinated Strategy for Addressing a Comprehensive Education Agenda in Africa." An expert group of panelists in the Non-Governmental, Multi-lateral Development Bank and Private Sectors provided perspectives on developing such a strategy.

Some of the recommendations raised by both panelists and participants included a need to:

- examine post-primary education reform;
- continue to recognize the importance of gender equity;
- support African regional institutions;
- focus on smart and efficient development assistance.

LA USA has compiled an overview of the workshop's proceedings (see overview here). A full report is forthcoming.

Forum panelists:

- Dr. Brenda Arrington, Director of Africa Projects, Academy for Educational Development
- Ms. Beldina Auma, Chair, World Bank Group-IMF African Society
- Ms. Vivian Lowery Derryck, Senior Vice President & Chief, Global Strategies, Academy for Educational Development
- Ms. Tracey Duffy, Program Director, World Cocoa Foundation
- Dr. Clarence Hall, Director of the Office of Health & HIV/AIDS, Africare
- Ms. Terri O'Connor, Director of Global Government Affairs & Public Policy, Motorola, Inc.
- Dr. S. Rangarajan, Senior Vice President of Engineering Solutions, World Space
- Dr. Molly Roth, Executive Director, OIC International
- Ambassador Edith Grace Ssempera, Acting Senior Vice President, External Affairs, World Bank
- Mr. Stan Straughter, Board member, Constituency for Africa
- Dr. Julie Sullivan, President, the International Foundation for Education and Self Help (IFESH)
- Dr. Jee Peng Tan, Education Advisor for the Africa Region, The World Bank Group
- Mr. Walker A. Williams, President & CEO, Leadership Africa USA

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