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**MEDIA STATEMENT**

**SPONSORS NAMED FOR UPCOMING U.S.-AFRICA BUSINESS SUMMIT;  
AFRICA'S STRONG ECONOMIC GROWTH TO BE SHOWCASED AT CONFERENCE**

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The **8th Biennial U.S.- Africa Business Summit**, the premier international vehicle to enhance bilateral investment between the U.S. and African economies, will be held in **Washington, D.C., Oct. 5-7**, with nearly 1,200 private and public sector participants from nearly every country in Africa as well as from throughout the United States. The Summit will also include a significant presence from The Corporate Council on Africa's (CCA) sister organizations in South Africa, Europe, Canada and Japan.

CCA is a non-profit organization of nearly 180 U.S. companies representing 85 percent of U.S. private investment in Africa. CCA is the lead organizer of events related to U.S. trade and investment in Africa and is organizing the U.S.-Africa Business Summit. The Summit, a three-day event will include over 32 workshop and plenaries on Africa's most promising sectors.

Currently, 31 major corporations and media organizations have signed on as sponsors for this significant event, including; **ExxonMobil, Chevron, Pacific Architects and Engineers (PAE), Novus International, Inc., South African Airways, Symbion Power, L3-MPRI, Danya International, RTI International, The Boeing Company, AES Corp., Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold, Inc. Acrow Bridges, SEACOM, Emerging Capital Partners (ECP), Millennium Challenge Corp., Advanced African Solutions, Development Finance International, Wal-Mart, Lazare Kaplan International, Mars, Inc., The Coca-Cola Company and Kosmos Energy.**

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Notable ministers from the continent will present, including the Minister of Energy, Nigeria; the Minister of Trade and Industry, Namibia; the Minister of Trade and Industry, Republic of Ghana; Permanent Secretary of the Kenyan Ministry of Transport; the Nigerian Chief of Naval Staff and the Deputy Chairperson, African Union. Many world financial and government experts will speak as well, including from the World Bank, U.S. State Department and Overseas Private Investment Corp.

“This is a particularly important time for U.S. businesses to explore investments in one of the world's key emerging markets, as our sponsors have done,” said Hayes. He noted that businesses of all sizes, representing various industries, will be in attendance, eager to find new opportunities to grow and positively impact their bottom line. The Summit will also address the complex political and economic issues affecting commerce between the U.S. and Africa.

To apply for **Media Credentials** for the Summit, fill out the Accreditation Form, [2011 Summit Media Credentials Form](#), and email to [summit@africacncl.org](mailto:summit@africacncl.org). More details at [www.africacncl.org](http://www.africacncl.org)

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