

**Nepad Initiative Support Conference
"For a continental infrastructure policy"**

**Thursday 6 and Friday 7 March 2003
"Centre de conférences internationales"
5, avenue des Portugais, 75016 Paris**

Agenda

Thursday 6 March 2003

13.30 Welcome

14.00 Opening session

14.00-14.15 *Introduction by the Chairperson*: greeting and work agenda.

14.15-14.45 *Nepad Secretariat*:

Overview of the implementation of the Nepad agreement since the Kananaskis summit; account of current thinking, concertations and achievements surrounding institutional framework implementation (investment environment, peer group reviews, etc).

14.45-15.00 French delegation's *address*

Nepad and the Millennium Development Goals.

Business environment and conditions favouring private investment.

Infrastructures at the heart of the Nepad process and objectives.

Financial directives - assuring sustainable development (Johannesburg) and PRSP process commitments are met.

15.00-15.45 *Discussion*

15.45-16.00 *AfDB*

Identification of infrastructure programs and projects. Investment project and program preparation procedures. The constituent criteria of the Nepad process.

16.00 Break

16.30 Discussion

20.30 Dinner at the French Senate, presided over by its President, Mr. Poncelet, in the presence of Mr. Camdessus, the President of the Republic's special representative for Africa.

Friday 7 March 2003

9.00 Presentation of the "emblematic" projects of the Nepad process

From the list of infrastructure projects set by the AfDB, presentations of three representative projects (*10 to 15 mins each*):

1. West African Power Pool (World Bank)
2. Nigerian Basin (France)
3. MOTRACO (EIB)

9.45 Discussion

11.00 Break

11.30 Financial tools

Introductory roundtable: chairperson and five contributors (AFD, DFID, Germany, USAID, World bank group-MIGA).

12.00 Discussion

13.00 Lunch in situ, presided over by the Minister delegate for Cooperation and Francophony

14.30 Closing session, presided over by the Minister delegate for Cooperation and Francophony

14.30-15.00 Presentation of the main points emerging from discussion by the Chief Executive Officer of the AFD

15.00-15.45 Commentary and discussion

15.45 Closing address by the Minister