

**MEDIA ADVISORY**

Press Conference

**AFRICA'S INFRASTRUCTURE: A TIME FOR TRANSFORMATION**

**Date:** Thursday, November 12, 2009  
**Place:** Development Bank of Southern Africa (DBSA)  
1258 Lever Road, Headway Hill, Midrand, South Africa  
**Time:** 10:00 AM for 10:30 AM  
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The World Bank, African Development Bank, and Development Bank of Southern Africa (DBSA) are hosting a press conference to launch a major new study – *Africa's Infrastructure: A Time for Transformation* – that summarizes the main findings of the Africa Infrastructure Country Diagnostic (AICD). You are cordially invited to attend the media launch of this ground-breaking, comprehensive and vitally important study at DBSA headquarters.

*Africa's Infrastructure: A Time for Transformation* holds no punches in its analysis of the state of Africa's infrastructure in 24 nations, and the financing gap and efficiency gains required to bridge the continent's infrastructure needs. It presents a wealth of new information and analysis to inform governments, utilities, private investors, donors, and civil society. The report is embargoed until November 12, 2009 at 10:00 AM.

The press conference will be moderated by Tim Modise of SAFM's After Eight show, and speakers include the report's authors (Vivien Foster and Cecilia Briceno-Garmendia, World Bank), Admassu Tadesse (Executive Vice President, DBSA) and other international experts. There will be a Q&A and opportunities for one-to-one interviews with the key figures attending. The full AICD study will be available, together with an overview.

**Please confirm your participation by sending an email to Mmenyane Seoposengwe and Zena John at The World Bank.**

The African Infrastructure Country Diagnostic initiative – which grew out of the Infrastructure Consortium for Africa – is the result of a partnership between the African Union, the New Partnership for Africa's Development, the African Development Bank, the Development Bank of Southern Africa, the Regional Economic Communities, a number of major donors and the World Bank.

