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Engaging New Generation African Entrepreneurs for Global Competitiveness

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1. The first ever Pan African Enterprise Network's Millennium Conference, will be held at UNECA, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, on 14, 15, 16 October 2000. The two main objectives of this conference are: (1) to Launch of the African Enterprise Network, grouping the 500 members of the West African Enterprise Network (WAEN), East African Enterprise Network (EAEN) and the Southern African Enterprise Network (SAEN) and (2) Business networking among Africa's new generation entrepreneurs and potential commercial, technical and investment partners from the U.S., Europe and Asia.

2. The Theme of the Conference, "Engaging the New Generation African Entrepreneur for Global Competitiveness", recognizes the challenges African entrepreneurs face in their quest for globalization and the opportunities available for such globalization. The conference therefore seeks to create a platform where these opportunities can be discussed and more importantly, be realized.

3. The Millennium Conference is expected to be attended by approximately 300 delegates, which includes members from the West, East and Southern African networks and guests from around the world, that have a stake in promoting entrepreneurship in Africa, including, prominent guests from the business world (CCA, CIAN), senior government officials (Prime Minister of Ethiopia and the US Deputy trade Representative), and heads of international organizations (Secretary General of OAU) as well as representatives of Multilateral agencies (World Bank, MIGA...), and regional organizations (COMESA, SADC, ECOWAS, UNECA...).

4. The three-day programme addresses the environment that informs Global Competitiveness in regard to:

- The macro environment - Policy, strategy, best practice and profile.
- The specific environment - strengthening network businesses to take advantage of global opportunities and thereby enabling their global competitiveness.
- The fundamentals of an African Enterprise Network.

5. Presentations will be made by global leaders followed by questions and answers, and round table discussions that result in continuing engagement and a commitment to monitor progress.