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**VICE PRESIDENT**

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On behalf of the African Development Bank (AfDB), I am delighted to invite and welcome you to the First African Public Private Partnership Conference taking place in Tunis from 1<sup>st</sup> to 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2009.

The conference is designed to examine the challenges and opportunities in Energy, Transport and Water sectors in Africa. It will also build on the experience of PPPs in Africa and elsewhere, to critically examine the underlying principles needed to establish the legal, institutional and economic framework necessary for the implementation of such initiatives.

As an institution, we are committed to supporting the creation of a credible PPP framework for Africa as this is essential, not just for the overall economic growth of the continent, but is also a fundamental tool for achieving the Millennium Development Goals.

This event will create the perfect platform for all stake holders from both the Public and Private Sectors to engage each other in meaningful discussions while also listening to a panel of distinguished speakers from both the AfDB and other institutions on the way forward for African PPP.

I am therefore writing to confirm our support to this event and look forward to welcome guests and delegates to this important meeting.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, consisting of several loops and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Bobby J. Pittman  
**Vice President, Operations:**  
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