



Africa Diaspora  
Investment  
Forum  
13-17th Sept  
2005

**Africa Diaspora Investment Forum 2005: Exploring the Role of Telecommunications/ICT and Transport in Bridging the Gap –Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2005**

**Venue**

Commonwealth Secretariat  
Marlborough House  
Pall Mall  
London SW1Y 5HX

**Time: 10am –4pm**

**Background:**

Providing effective infrastructure to facilitate and enable trade and investment within Africa as well as with the rest of the world has resulted in new markets and investment into Africa in the last few years. Transportation and ICT/Telecomm industry has seen an increased growth, providing jobs as well as investment into the continent estimated at billions of dollars.

Moderator for the Day: **Janet Narh GFM Radio**

10.00-10.30 Registration and early morning refreshments

10.30 – 10.35 **Opening Remarks and Introduction**

10.35 – 12.30

- Mr Gary Munroe, MD Active Intel- **ICT in Africa**
- Mr Simon Harford, CEO Virgin Nigeria Airways: **Investment Environment in Africa: The Case of Virgin Nigeria Airways**
- Kenya Club: **The Role of ICT in Connecting the Diaspora**
- Mr Gordon Torr European Representative, Roundabout Outdoor, South Africa: **Phone Card Linking the Diaspora**
- Ambassador John Fashunu: **Infrastructure Development and Investment: special reference to transport**
- Dr Egbe Osifo: Manager Human Development World Bank Institute: **African Institute of Science and Technology**

12.30- 1.30pm  
1.30- 3.00pm

**Lunch**

- Mr Ladi Okuneye, Chief Marketing Officer Suburban- **Telecommunication as an Instrument of Change in Bringing a Different Perspective to Commerce in Africa - Myth or Fiction - The Suburban experience**
- Mr Abayomi Ojetunde, CEO-Ark View Airlines- **Transport Enabling Investment in Central Africa**
- Mr George Swatole, Bailey Chairman AfriTel- **Telecomm/ICT bridging the gap for investment**
- Mr Taroon Japal, Regional Director East/Mid Africa Oracle: **ICT an Enabling Tool for E-commerce**
- Mr Alex Amosu, CEO Ringtones- **Mobile phone and ringing tones in Africa**

3.00- 4pm  
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**Open interactive session and conclusions**