

Press release

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PlaNNet Finance joins EMRC and FMO at the Africa Finance & Investment Forum 2009

The Africa Finance & Investment Forum (AFIF09) will be held on the 13th - 15th December 2009 at the **ABN AMRO Headquarters** in Amsterdam, the Netherlands. In anticipation of the forum's core focus of **Partnerships for Growth & Development**, **PlaNNet Finance** will partner organiser's **EMRC International** and the **FMO** (Netherlands Development Finance Company) at this year's edition.

PlaNNet Finance will be represented by **Arnaud Ventura** and **Sébastien Duquet** who will address the topics of **Effective Financial Programmes by key Players and Supporting the micro, small and medium enterprises**.

Africa Finance & Investment Forum (AFIF) 2009 is the venue where financiers, bankers, government officials, private sector investors and entrepreneurs will meet with public and private financial institutions to discuss financing of projects in Africa. We expect over 250 professionals, from around the world, all keen to invest in Africa in view of the growing potential for development and who wish to turn the continent into a more attractive place.

Other keynote speakers include **Nanno Kleiterp**, CEO, **FMO**; **Martin Curwen**, Director General at the **European Investment Bank**; **José Briosa e Gala**, Personal representative for Africa to the **European Commission** President; **Andrew Alli**, CEO, **Africa Finance Corporation**; **Thomas de Man**, President Africa Middle East, **Heineken** and **Loic Sadoulet**; Head of Africa Initiative, Professor of Economics at **INSEAD** Business School.

EMRC invites delegates from the PlaNNet Finance community to take up **their reduced registration fee** and to join them at AFIF09 in Amsterdam. December is one of the peak tourist periods in the Netherlands capital city, interested delegates are therefore urged to register with EMRC as soon as possible to take advantage of the current discounted travel arrangements we have on offer.

Further information and full programme details are available on EMRC's website: <http://www.emrc.be>

About EMRC

Established in 1992 in Brussels, **EMRC** is a non-profit International Association composed of a network of entrepreneurs, financiers, consultants and officials based throughout the world. EMRC's mission is to lead the private sector in Africa in sustainable economic development and to drive regional change through partnerships.

About Africa Finance & Investment Forum

An annual business event gathering key policy makers, financiers, bankers and private sector entrepreneurs interested in securing financing for projects and project partnerships in Africa. The forum is the ideal venue to network with the right profile of financiers who seek new investment opportunities in Africa and is the center stage for government authorities to highlight policies which affect the investment climate

About PlaNNet Finance

PlaNNet Finance is an international non-profit organization with the mission to alleviate poverty through the development of microfinance, therefore increasing the unbanked and underbanked's access to financial services. Based in Paris, PlaNNet Finance's international network holds activities in close to 80 countries around the world.

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