



African Union Mission to the U.S.A.

Overcoming Africa's Infrastructure Development Constraints: Lessons from Chile's Public-Private Partnership Experience

Thursday - June 11, 2014, 2:30-4:45PM

*African Union Conference Room
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Washington, D.C. 20007*

Infrastructure development is now a major priority in Africa. Limited access to energy, water and good transportation is constraining economic growth and poverty reduction, and keeping high the cost of doing business. Several countries in Latin America and Asia have used public-private partnerships (PPPs) to mobilize additional infrastructure financing, expertise, and built momentum for accelerating infrastructure development. One of the most successful countries in the world to apply such PPPs for infrastructure development is Chile.

The African Union Mission to the USA and the Partnership to Cut Hunger and Poverty in Africa cordially invite you to this special briefing with Hon. Sergio Bitar, former Minister of Public Works in Chile, who managed Chile's strong institutional, policy and human capacity for PPPs that allowed the country to attract significant private finance to modernize its infrastructure. He and others will share useful lessons for our African countries.

AGENDA

2:30 PM - Welcome Remarks: - African Union Host

- Introductory Remarks:

- *Peter McPherson*, Board Chair - Partnership to Cut Hunger & Poverty in Africa & former USAID Administrator

- *H.E. Juan Gabriel Valdés*, Ambassador of Chile to the United States

2:45 PM - Keynote Remarks:

- *Hon. Sergio Bitar*, Former Minister of Public Works - Chile: "Foundations for Successful Infrastructure PPPs: Lessons from Two-Decades of Chile's Experience"

- Discussants:

- *Doug Tinsler*, Board Member, Partnership to Cut Hunger & Poverty in Africa

- *Amadou Sy*, Director, Africa Growth Initiative, Brookings Institution

- *Hajime Takeuchi*, Chief Representative, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), US Office

4:15 PM - Q & A: Discussions with African Ambassadors and Staff

4:45 PM – Adjournment

Moderated by Daniel Karanja, Executive Director- Partnership to Cut Hunger & Poverty in Africa