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# 7th US-Africa Trade & Investment Forum & Expo

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**DATELINE:** April 6, 2012

**CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, USA** – The Continental Africa Chamber of Commerce USA announces that its **7**<sup>Th</sup> **US- Africa Trade & Investment Forum, Conference and Exhibition** will be held **May 16-18, 2012**, Hilton Chicago Hotel, 720 S. Michigan, Chicago.

Africa, the new face of emerging markets, offers great potential for American businesses and investors. The Forum will provide a dynamic platform that:

- Presents to American corporate and public-policy makers the wide array of investment opportunities in Africa
- Discusses the ways in which these opportunities can be realized
- Meets participants' strategic interests by creating networking opportunities and an avenue for the development of bilateral investment possibilities
- Provides one-on-one negotiation opportunities
- Encourages American companies to exhibit their products and services; and
- Invites African businesses to exhibit their products under AGOA

The Forum will include the following business sectors:

- African Agricultural Production and Processing
- African Infrastructural Finance
- Job Creation Programs
- Oil / Gas
- Power / Energy
- Alternative Financing Mechanisms
- ICT / Telecommunication
- Quality Education

- SME Development
- Marine / Port Development
- Tourism / Hospitality
- Environment
- Solid Minerals / Mining
- Aviation / Transport
- Foundation / Private Sector
- African Women Empowerment Program

- Safe Water for All
- Housing Development

- Health
- AGOA Renewal

Expected at the Forum are many stakeholders in trade, commerce and government from the USA and Africa including:

- US companies with emphasis on operations from Illinois and Midwestern states
- African companies, entrepreneurs and banks
- Major US trade-related agencies, banks, businesses, and trade specialists
- African Ministers of Trade and Investment, Agriculture, Infrastructural Development, Ambassadors and Governors
- African Union

In August 2010, several successful engagements and relationships resulted from participation in the 6<sup>th</sup> US-Africa Trade & Investment Forum. Africa is growing, and significant opportunities exist for US businesses. With US jobs at stake and the increasing reach and competition by Asian nations in Africa, this Forum provides an important opportunity for US companies to understand and engage business interests across the vast and diverse markets of a new Africa. Join us!

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