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Registration for the Development Marketplace for African Diaspora in Europe: Now Open!

The World Bank and its partners, the **Belgian Development Cooperation**, the **Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs**, the **French Development Agency**, the **German Federal Ministry for Economic Co-operation & Development** and **Brussels Airlines** are pleased to invite you to the final of the Development Marketplace for African Diaspora in Europe (D-MADE) grant competition. Entitled “*Promoting Diaspora Investment Projects and Innovative Entrepreneurial Activities in Africa*”, the competition invited innovative project ideas from entrepreneurial African diaspora in Europe that generate employment, business support, training and incomes for the poor and disadvantaged.

Come take advantage of the opportunity to meet and talk with representatives from 68 finalist projects for 22 countries in Sub-Saharan Africa at this first development marketplace targeted at African Diaspora in Europe. These finalists bring to Brussels new and creative ways of contributing to the development of their home countries.

At the Marketplace, the finalists will showcase their projects and an international jury of distinguished development professionals will decide which projects will share the roughly €570,000 in grants to implement the projects.

Coming to the event to meet the project teams will expose you to the breadth of finalists' ideas, which tackle numerous development activities from processing of raw cashew nuts for export in Ghana to introducing high-technologies to remote rural areas for use in medical situations in DR Congo. *You will also have the chance to vote for your favorite project that will win the People's Choice Award.*

The Marketplace is open to the general public. Attendance is free, but requires online registration by June 18th. **To register, click on the following link: [D-MADE Registration](http://dmade.eventbrite.com/)** (<http://dmade.eventbrite.com/>).

Event :	The Development Marketplace for African Diaspora in Europe (D-MADE)
Venue :	Crowne Plaza Brussels City Centre "Le Palace" Rue Gineste 3, 1210 Brussels
Date :	June 24, 2008
Time :	14:00 – 18:30 (Awards ceremony at 18:30)

Visit the D-MADE website at www.dmade.org for more information about the event and the finalists.

