



# Securing Africa's Future

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## A One-Day Conference on the Problems and Prospects for Socio-Economic Development and Poverty Alleviation in Africa

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September 30, 2006 ♦ Kennedy School of Government ♦ Harvard University

### Conference Details:

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When - Saturday, September 30, 2006  
8:45 am - 5:00 pm

Where - Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University  
Taubman Building, Wiener Auditorium  
JFK Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts

Who - The Conference will bring together development professionals, members of the business community, civil servants, academics, teachers and university students.

### Conference Background:

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Africa is a continent of immense natural and human resources and great cultural, ecological and economic diversity. Over the past 40 years, however, weak governance, poor leadership, corruption, civil unrest and war have prevented Africans from capitalizing on these resources. For Africa as a whole, per capita income has stagnated, and poverty and lack of basic food security remain priority concerns for most Africans. On the other hand, about half of the sub-Saharan countries of Africa have recently been experiencing economic growth rates of 5 percent or more, and new leaders are emerging in some countries committed to pressing ahead with economic, social, political and civil service reforms. At the same time, Africa has taken on new strategic geo-political and economic importance. The United States and other countries of Europe and East Asia have focused on Africa for its oil and other natural resources, its potential as a breeding ground for international terrorism and because of the prevalence of HIV/AIDS and other infectious diseases that have broader global implications. This Conference will focus on some of the critical needs facing African countries and the corresponding requisites for longer term sustainable development and poverty reduction.

### Topics:

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The Conference will consist of five panel discussions addressing the following topics:

New Leadership and Ideas in Africa: Promoting Conditions for National Development and International Cooperation  
Strategies for Economic Growth and Poverty Alleviation  
Mobilizing Oil Revenues for Human Development: the Case of Angola  
Importance of Women in African Leadership Roles  
Requisites for Civil Conflict Resolution in Africa

### Confirmed Speakers:

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James Bevan, Deputy Director, Africa and Commonwealth, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, UK  
Arthur N. Holcombe, President, UNA-GB, former Resident Representative with the UN Development Programme  
Swanee Hunt, Director of the Women and Public Policy Program, JFK School of Government  
Olivier Lambert, Acting Country Director for Angola, World Bank  
Charles Mann, former Lecturer in Public Policy, Center for International Development, JFK School of Government  
Raymond Offenheiser, President, Oxfam America  
John Prendergast, Advisor to International Crisis Group  
Jane Rosser, World Education  
Robert I. Rotberg, Program on Intrastate Conflict, Belfer Center, JFK School of Government

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For further information, or to request an invitation, please contact Erica Sanger at  
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These conferences explore pressing international issues from both a business and a development perspective, encouraging a vigorous private-public sector dialogue.

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- 2005 - Microcredit in Support of Poverty Alleviation
- 2004 - Priority Goals for Women in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century
- 2003 - Water Scarcity: Averting a Global Crisis
- 2002 - Realizing the Vision: The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria
- 2001 - Reaching Across the Digital Divide

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