

**ACBF 20th ANNIVERSARY TO BE HOSTED IN KIGALI – RWANDA
8 – 9 FEBRUARY 2011**

BRIEF TO THE DPCG

Who is ACBF: The African Capacity Building Foundation (ACBF), which is based in Harare, Zimbabwe, is an independent development funding institution established on 9th Feb 1991 through the collaborative efforts of three multilateral institutions (the World Bank, the AfDB and the UNDP), African Governments and bilateral donors. Its current membership comprises the three sponsoring agencies, the International Monetary Fund, 43 African countries including Rwanda and 10 non-African bilateral donors (namely, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Ireland, the Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, the United Kingdom and the United States).

What is ACBF's Role? The Foundation currently stands out as one of the leading specialized institutions dedicated to addressing the capacity constraints to Africa's development. It is continuously exploring new ways and means to build sustainable indigenous capacity that is conducive for enabling African countries in their endeavors for good governance and poverty reduction.

Support to the GoR: Since 2001 to date, ACBF has been funding various capacity building initiatives in the areas of *public financial management; strengthening public training institutions (SFB, RLAM & NUR); Policy Analysis & Research through establishment of IPAR; Human and institutional Capacity Development through supporting establishment of HIDA now PSCBS; legislature through supporting capacities of the National Parliament (both Chambers); private sector development (PSF) and strengthening capacity of civil society players to effectively participate in the development process (CCO.AIB).*

ACBF 20th Anniversary Celebrations: In recognition of Rwanda's commendable strategic capacity development approach, ACBF requested H.E President Paul Kagame to have the celebrations hosted in Rwanda which H.E gladly accepted. Follow up preparatory meetings have kicked off between officials of GoR and ACBF counterparts. The event is going to attract over 500 guests who include approximately 12 African heads of state, heads of multilateral agencies and other high level dignitaries.

The Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning is working closely with PSCBS and other Government institutions plus a team from ACBF to organize for the high profile event.