

May 6, 2009

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Dear Ms. O'Brien:

The African continent continues to show great potential as a leading foreign direct investment destination for American businesses, despite the prevailing global economic downturn. Africa's emerging markets provide U.S. companies with a wealth of opportunities to create new business that is vital to America's highest interest.

The Corporate Council on Africa (CCA) would like to work together with you to strengthen and facilitate the commercial relationship between the United States and the African continent. As the leading U.S. - Africa non-profit, business membership organization, CCA is the go-to resource for U.S. companies doing business on the continent. Among many programs for U.S. - Africa business trade and investment, none is more important than our flagship program, the biennial U.S. - Africa Business Summit.

From September 29 - October 1, 2009, CCA will host the 7th *Biennial U.S. - Africa Business Summit: Realizing the Investment Power of Africa*, at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center in Washington, D.C. CCA in past years has collaborated with American Chambers of Commerce throughout the continent to promote African trade and investment opportunities to U.S. companies. On behalf of the 7th Biennial U.S. - Africa Business Summit Planning Committee, I would like to invite you to join us at the summit this year to continue growing the U.S. - Africa private sector relationship.

CCA has built a reputation for providing businesses with access to, and relationships with, key private and public sector leaders from the U.S. and Africa. This summit provides comprehensive information on the latest trade and investment opportunities across Africa's most promising sectors including agribusiness, extractive industries, financing, health, power, and all infrastructure-related sectors. More than 2,000 conference attendees convene at the summit to learn about and discuss best practices and challenges related to doing business in Africa.

We urge you to share this information with the companies you serve who might benefit from attending the summit and, if possible, to make your own plans to attend the summit. Please visit www.africacncl.org for more information.

Sincerely,



Stephen Hayes
President and CEO