

Dear Colleagues,

The Parliamentary Network on the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund (PN) is happy to announce an upcoming international conference on "Doing business in Africa" to take place on the 14-16 March, 2012 in Kigali, RWANDA.

The high level meeting, organized together with the Parliament and Government of Rwanda, will bring together parliamentarians, senior representatives of the African private sector, multilateral organisations as well as donor countries.

This will be an excellent opportunity for participants to share the doing business reform experiences across Africa and engage in a fruitful debate on the role of Parliament in improving the business climate in the region.

In preparation of the conference, we strongly urge you to ask a parliamentary question in your Parliament to the Minister in charge of the policy reforms for creating a favourable environment for business. <u>We kindly ask you to send the answers to the Secretariat of the PN by the end of the year, if possible.</u> (Question attached)

Recently published, the Doing Business 2012 report is available on the following link, http://www.doingbusiness.org/reports/global-reports//english/DD12-Chapters/Country-PDKM/Doing%20Business/Documents/Annual-Reports/English/DB12-Chapters/Country-Tables.pdf, where you can verify the performance of your country.

The official invitation and the program will follow in the coming weeks. Online registration will soon be possible on www.pnowb.org

Best wishes,

Alain DESTEXHE Chair

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