

## **African Infrastructure Project Developers Summit and Awards Launched**

**Johannesburg, South Africa; 23 January 2015:** Africa investor (Ai), a leading international investment and communications group, today announced it will be hosting a unique, CEO-level gathering of Africa's leading infrastructure project developers, financiers and regulators on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of June in Cape Town, South Africa. The Ai CEO Infrastructure Project Developers Summit will take place ahead of the market-leading 8th Ai CEO Infrastructure Investment Summit, which will be held the day before the World Economic Forum on Africa.

Infrastructure investment continues to be the single most catalysing opportunity to boost economic growth and job creation in Africa. Whilst infrastructure development has been the theme for development partners, this has caused a dearth of engagement with project developers on the continent.

This unique Ai Summit is themed *Driving Co-development Partnerships for Africa's Infrastructure Development*, and will be an exclusive, invitation-only event preceding the 8th Ai CEO Infrastructure Investment Summit 2015. The Summit will gather Africa's top project developers on the Ai Top 100 African Project Developers Index, which will also feature in the May-June edition of *Africa investor* magazine.

Commenting on the launch of the Ai CEO Infrastructure Project Developers Summit, Hubert Danso, Africa investor Group CEO and Vice Chairman, commented; "Africa investor recognises the fact that African project developers are critical to ensuring that quality and well-structured projects are brought to market, and recognises the fact that they are often overlooked by the development community, which usually invests its resources and time with African governments, as opposed to the private sector. Africa investor (Ai) will also host a series of one-on-one meetings for attending developers with our institutional infrastructure investment partners."

In addition, Ai will host the first-of-their-kind Ai African Infrastructure Project Developer Awards, designed to recognise and reward excellence amongst Africa's project developers to a pan-African and global infrastructure investment audience. Awards will be presented in the following categories:

Ai African Transport Project Developer of the Year; Ai African Energy Project Developer of the Year; Ai African ICT Project Developer of the Year; Ai African Logistic Project Developer of the Year; Ai African Social Project Developer of the Year; Ai African Renewable Energy Project Developer of the Year; Ai Project Preparation Facility of the Year; Ai Project Development Fund of the Year; Ai Private Sector Co-Developer of the Year; Ai Project Development Advisor of the Year; Ai Public Sector Co-Developer of the Year, and the Ai Project Development Champion of the Year.

The Ai CEO Infrastructure Project Developers Summit will take place in Cape Town, South Africa, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of June 2015, on the eve of the Ai CEO Infrastructure Investment Summit, the day before the official opening of the World Economic Forum on Africa, also in Cape Town.

To receive more information, or to enter the Awards, please contact Precious Nkandu on +27 11 783 2431 or [pnkandu@africaninvestor.com](mailto:pnkandu@africaninvestor.com).

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### **Note to Editors**

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