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Greetings:

I am pleased to announce that the United States will host a portion of the Ninth United States-Sub-Saharan Africa Trade and Economic Cooperation Forum (AGOA Forum) in Kansas City, Missouri, August 5–6, 2010. Mandated by the Africa Growth and Opportunity Act, this annual forum facilitates trade and economic discussions between sub-Saharan African countries and the United States. This year's forum features a two-city format that will provide U.S. businesses a unique opportunity to discuss broader trade and capacity-building opportunities with decision makers from across Africa.

Beginning in Washington, D.C. from August 2–3, 2010 with senior government trade officials from 38 African nations, the forum will continue in Kansas City, Missouri from August 5-6, 2010 with additional participants from the African private sector. I would like to cordially invite you to participate in the forum in Kansas City.

The format will highlight the U.S. private sector in the American heartland, with a particular focus on expanding agri-business linkages and include face-to-face networking time with African ministers and business leaders. Your participation is crucial to the success of this portion of the forum, as well as the AGOA mandate as a whole. Please contact Chris Ausdenmoore, International Economist in our Office of Economic Policy Staff, at (202) 647–4076 or ausdenmoorecm@state.gov with any questions.

We look forward to your participation in this year's AGOA Forum.

Sincerely,

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