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Rwanda to Host the Third African Ministerial Conference on Financing for Development

SRO-EA (Kigali), January 25th 2008- A Joint ECA/ADB mission has just completed a four-day mission to Rwanda from 21 to 25 January 2008 in connection with the Third African Ministerial Conference on Financing for Development scheduled to take place in Rwanda in May-June 2008.

At the Second Conference, which took place in Accra, Ghana, in May 2007, the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) and the African Development Bank (ADB) were mandated to set up a permanent Secretariat to support and advise this conference series. During that conference, the Republic of Rwanda offered to host the third conference, which will focus on: *“Climate Change, an additional challenge for meeting the MDGs in Africa”*.

The joint ECA/ADB exploratory mission’s objectives were to determine the scope of work, strategize on a work plan and responsibilities until the holding of the Conference. The Government of Rwanda will issue invitations to invited countries and organizations, outlining the expected outcome of the conference, and the ECA will draft a concept paper of the meeting to be circulated among the members of the secretariat and the host government. The Sub-regional Office for Eastern Africa of the ECA, based in Kigali and the ADB country office in Rwanda will follow-up all preparatory activities and liaise with the Government of Rwanda.

