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Africa Governors Meeting

The President of the Republic of South Africa, Mr Thabo Mbeki, will deliver the opening address at the Consultative Meeting of African Governors on Voice and Participation of Developing Countries in the Bretton Woods Institutions. The Minister of Finance, Mr Trevor Manuel, will open the meeting at 08h30 today 12 March 2004. Please note that this will be a closed session.

The media are invited to a press conference at 12h30, Level Four, the Sandton Convention Centre, in Johannesburg.

The press conference will be hosted by Deputy Minister of Finance Mandisi Mpahlwa, and in attendance will be the Finance Ministers of Sudan, Al-Zubair Ahmed Al-Hassan; Burkina Faso, Jean-Baptiste Marie Pascal Campaore; and Côte d' Ivoire, Paul Bohoun Bouabre.

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