

MEDIA ALERT

Trevor Manuel, MP, Minister of Finance, will host a briefing on the report of the Commission for Africa. The report is a culmination of a year long process initiated by the British government, involving Commissioners from both Africa and the developed world. It highlights the need for action on Africa's development and was launched in London on Friday 11 March 2005.

This follows a series of consultative meetings including the meeting on the economic chapter of the Commission for Africa that was hosted by Minister Manuel in January 2005. Recommendations made in the report will form part of the agenda of the G8 Summit and the European Union (EU) later on this year.

Venue: 120 Plein Street (Media Centre)

Cape Town

Date: 16 March 2005 Time: 12h30 until 14h00

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The full report is available on the Commission for Africa website: www.commissionforafrica.org

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