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The second African Fiscal Forum was hosted in Johannesburg, South Africa in March 2013. The purpose of this forum was to provide a regional platform for the discussion of relevant fiscal issues facing the economies and governments on the African continent. The conference aimed to provide directors-general and permanent secretaries from African ministries of finance an opportunity to engage with one another on these fiscal challenges. The theme of this year's conference was **"Building sustainable public finances in an uncertain world"**.

The Fiscal Policy Unit at the National Treasury was the lead on this project. Due to budget constraints within National Treasury to host a conference of this magnitude, applications for donor funding were made. The EU Commission and USAID after having assessed the proposal, kindly provided the financial resources necessary to enable the successfully hosting of the event. We are grateful to the EU Commission for coming on board as a co-sponsor and to USAID for once again availing resources to realise this project.

With the exception of the development partners in this conference that were self-funded, the financial resources provided by the EU Commission and USAID were used to pay for accommodation, conferencing, air and ground transportation and per diems of the conference participants. The National Treasury has cultivated a reputation of prudent financial management, so great efforts were taken in minimising the related costs.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our sponsors for their assistance with this forum, without which the success of this conference would not have been realised. Their assistance is greatly appreciated and we hope to collaborate with them on future forums.

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