UNEP FI and WWF Workshop:

Innovative Financing for Sustainable Small & Medium Enterprises (SMEs) in Africa

International Environment House, Geneva, Switzerland
Wednesday 26th September 2007,
0900 – 1630 hrs

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Registration and Coffee 0830

Welcome and Introduction 0900
Paul Clements Hunt Head, UNEP Finance Initiative
Oliver Karius Event Chair, Managing Director, Vantage Point Global

Plenary: Innovative SME investment in Africa 0915
Bruno Wenn, Senior Vice President, KfW
Amdu Alem Tegegne Former Secretary General, Ethiopia Chamber of Commerce
Barbara James Executive Director, African Venture Capital Association
Jen Morgan Manager Sustainable Finance, World Wildlife Fund (WWF)

Coffee 1015

Presentations 1040
Successful models for financing
Chris Venter Chief Operations Officer, GroFin
Paul van Aalst Director, E+Co
Nate Schaffran Investment Officer, RootCapital

Workshop Session I: Challenges and solutions 1145
Facilitated by Dr. Jem Bendell, Associate Professor, Griffith Business School, Australia

Lunch 1245

Presentations 1400
Mitigating risk
Andrew Gaines Managing Partner, DeRisk Advisory

Workshop Session II: Actions and next steps 1430
Facilitated by Dr. Jem Bendell

Coffee 1515

Awards and announcements 1545
Oliver Karius Event Chair, Managing Director, Vantage Point Global

Workshop Findings Summary 1600
Facilitated by Dr. Jem Bendell

Summary and Closing remarks 1615
Dupe Adelaja Director General, SME Development Agency of Nigeria
Oliver Karius Event Chair, Managing Director, Vantage Point Global
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Event Location
International Environment House 2
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Directions

Public transport

From GARE Cornavin – Geneva Central Station
Take bus 6 or bus 19 from Stop 22-Cantons (50 m West of the station), in the direction of Vernier-Village or Gare ZIMEYSA.

From the UN HQ – Palais de Nations
Take bus 22 from the Palais des Nations in the direction of Tours-de-Carouge.

Get off at the bus stop "Châtelaine-Ecole"

Walk up to the corner by the Pont de l'Ecu, turn right onto Ave.du Pailly, and walk two short blocks.

Bus ticket costs CHF 3.20.

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