

A Summary of Remarks by the Director, African Department, IMF

The director for African department Ms. Antoinette M Sayeh expressed her appreciation for the Governor's will to invite her to the conference and remarked that the conference will provide the opportunity to build on the resolutions of WB-IMF spring meetings that was held in 2010 which brought together African Governors and Ministers of Finance and Economic planning and the recently concluded training on Monetary and exchange rate policies that was held here in Kigali.

She observed that Sub Saharan Africa has registered robust growth and is expected to remain so if African economies improve on Macroeconomic Management by steering clear of surging oil and food inflation, severe regional droughts and dampening the effects of sovereign debts on global economy by putting in place policy buffers and safety nets.

She also noted that inflation targeting as a choice of monetary policy frame work is just starting to gain credibility in less developed countries due to the weaknesses associated with monetary targeting such as instability of money demand function and money multiplier, and inadequacy of monetary targeting to deal with the aforementioned instabilities.

She concluded her speech by reminding the participants that the conference provides an opportunity to discuss and share experiences of different countries regarding the conduct of monetary policy.