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Africa: Uncovering Entrepreneurial Opportunities

Stanford, CA --Lately, Africa has been garnering attention from the US investment community. The best of the US investment companies such as The Carlyle Group, Bain Capital, KKR and the Blackstone Group are vying for African deals. The Apprentice by Donald Trump, the US coveted business TV show, has found its way into Africa. CNBC is hosting TV shows on investment opportunities in Africa. Why has Africa suddenly taken center stage for top US businesses looking for entrepreneurial opportunities?

On Saturday October 3 2009, The African Network (TAN) will be holding its 4th annual conference, known as TANCon 2009 which will showcase the new entrepreneurship / business opportunities that have sparked so much interest from US investors in the African continent. TANCon 2009 will be held at the beautiful Schwab Hall of Stanford University, Stanford CA.

Confirmed speakers and panelists include:

- **Dr. Lawrence Spinelli**, *Acting President*, Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC).
- **Sean Maloney**, *Executive Vice President Chief Sales and Marketing Officer*, Intel.
- **Frank Greene**, *Founder & CEO*, New Vista Capital
- **Kannan Pashupathy**, *Director of Engineering*, Google.
- **William Guyster**, *Founder*, Good Morning Africa
- **Tricia Chirumbole**, *Founder*, Investors Without Borders
- **Fred Swaniker**, *Founder and Chief Executive Officer*, African Leadership Academy

For additional information on TANCon 2009, please visit <http://www.tanconf.org/usa/index.php>

About The African Network (TAN) Founded in 2004, The African Network (TAN) is the fastest growing nonprofit association in the USA dedicated exclusively to helping entrepreneurs – from Africa and the African Diaspora – build successful businesses, across a variety of technology driven industries through networking, education and mentoring. It also provides professionals with job opportunities in the continent of Africa.

TAN's primary mission is to create the necessary ecosystem to help entrepreneurs succeed in technology. Part of TAN's mission is to also showcase Africa to the world as the next viable economic center and one of the fastest growing emerging markets, with the intention of generating interests and investments in science and technology. For additional information on TAN, please visit www.theafricannetwork.org.