



## **African Regional Conference on the Right of Access to Information**

*Accra, Ghana  
February 7-9, 2010*

### **Sunday February 7**

10:30 am **Registration and Coffee – *La Palm Conference Centre, outside Afayhe Secretariat***

#### **Plenary Sessions – *Adae Kesie Hall***

11:30 am **Opening Session**

Samuel O. Ablakwa, Deputy Minister of Information, Ghana  
Jimmy Carter, Former President of the United States of America  
Sanjay Pradhan, Vice President, World Bank Institute  
Laura Neuman, Manager Access to Information Project and Associate Director, The Carter Center

12:45 pm **Photo**

1:00 pm **Luncheon – *Royal Dragon Chinese Restaurant, La Palm Hotel***

2:00 pm **Panel 1: Does Transparency Matter?**

Chair: Minister Natty Davis, Minister of State, Development and Reconstruction, Liberia  
Respondents: Minister Vitoria Dias Diogo, Minister of Public Service, Mozambique  
Minister Lambert Mende Omalanga, Minister of Communication and Media,  
Democratic Republic of the Congo

Akere Muna, Vice-Chair of the Board, Transparency International  
Owen Barder, Director, AidInfo, Development Initiatives, Ethiopia  
Chris Anderson, Director, Corporate & External Affairs Africa, Newmont Ghana Gold Ltd.

3:45 pm **Panel 2: If Transparency Matters, Why is Africa Lagging Behind?**

Chair: Minister Ronnie Shikapwasha, Minister of Information and Broadcasting Services, Zambia  
Respondents: Minister Moustapha Guirassy, Minister of Communications and Government  
Spokesperson, Senegal  
Deputy Minister Shemelis Kemal, Office of Government Communication Affairs,  
Ethiopia

Faith Pansy Tlakula, Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Expression & Commissioner, African  
Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights, African Union  
Rick Snell, Senior Lecturer in Law, University of Tasmania, Australia  
Rakesh Rajani, Executive Director, Twaweza, Tanzania

5:15 pm **Break**



