



# **AGOA FORUM 2005**

## **JULY 18-21, 2005**

### **DAKAR, SENEGAL**

#### **2005 U.S.-Sub-Saharan Africa Trade and Economic Cooperation Forum “AGOA Civil Society Forum” Dakar, Senegal**

The AGOA Civil Society Network Session of the Fourth US-sub-Saharan Africa Trade and Economic Forum will examine the impact of AGOA, and discuss the contributions that civil society organizations can make to the success and effectiveness of AGOA.

**Organizers:** The Foundation for Democracy in Africa AGOA Civil Society Network Secretariat is the lead U.S. organizer. CONGAD, an umbrella organization of Senegalese NGOs is the Senegalese organizer.

**AGOA Civil Society Forum Attendees:** Attendees will include African and U.S. non-governmental organizations (e.g. nonprofit organizations, chambers of commerce, and other groups). Approximately 100-150 participants are expected.

#### ***Civil Society Discussion Topics: Provisional***

##### **Trade Improvement**

- Role of Civil Society in Monitoring Compliance with AGOA Eligibility Criteria
- Designing Standardized Tool Kits to Measure Compliance With AGOA Eligibility
- Agreement on Textile and Clothing

##### **Investment & Finance**

- Millennium Challenge Corporation

##### **Education**

- Importance of Education and the Contribution of the Youth to the Success of AGOA