

# Progressive Governance Summit 2006

## MEDIA FACT SHEET

### 2006 Progressive Governance Summit

The **2006 Progressive Governance Summit** takes place in South Africa on 11 – 12 February 2006 at Didimala Game Lodge, Hamanskraal; Gauteng.

This will be the first time that the Summit takes place in the developing world. The Summit will be structured around two main themes:

- ***Development and Africa - what progressives should do following the New York Summit***
- ***Policy Challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century relating to economic growth, new security threats and building cohesive societies.***

### Round Table

The Summit will be preceded by a small high level Round Table, on Saturday, 11 February 2006 drawing together the Heads of State/Government attending the Summit with a group of progressive leaders as well as a number of key international figures. Two key themes will be discussed:

- ***What progressives can do to ensure the success of global trade negotiations***
- ***Development***

### Africa Regional Conference

In preparation for the Summit and February Dialogue, the Africa Regional Conference was held at the Sandton Convention Centre, Johannesburg on 28-29 July 2005 as the main show case of the activities of 2005.

The theme of the July 2005 conference was *Putting the people first: Towards a common progressive agenda.*

### Who is attending

The leaders of New Zealand, UK, Republic of Korea, Sweden, Ethiopia, Brazil, South Africa.

### Media Opportunities

Media pool arrangements will be constituted for the following opportunities:

Friday, 10 February 2006 Airport arrivals and transfers of delegates to the Summit  
Schedule to be advised  
Venue : International Arrivals Terminal  
Johannesburg International Airport  
Kempton Park  
(Please present press cards)  
(Parking in parking lot for journalists own cost)  
Contact : Manusha Pillai on 082 389 3587

Harold Maloka on 082 847 9799

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Dinner hosted by President Mbeki to welcome delegates to the Summit

Venue : Sheraton Hotel  
Church Street  
Tshwane

Contact : (Please present press cards)  
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Saturday, 11 February

Venue : Family Photograph  
Didimala Game Lodge  
Hammanskraal  
Gauteng

Contact : (Accreditation required)  
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Sunday, 12 February

Venue : Media Briefing  
Didimala Game Lodge  
Hammanskraal  
Gauteng

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## ***Background information on the Progressive Governance Network***

The Network for Progressive Governance was set up in 1999 by a few heads of state/government who shared a progressive vision for their countries and for the world. The primary rationale for the existence of the network, as set out in the Berlin Communiqué, is to provide a platform to exchange views and learn from each other about how to tackle the challenges and opportunities emerging in the 21st century. The network provides a unique opportunity for like-minded leaders from five continents to discuss matters of common concern in an open and frank manner. Members of the network are bound together by common values, committed to solidarity and social fairness and share in the belief of the equal worth of all and in mutual responsibility. The understanding reached in the meetings assists its members to deal with their own challenges and enables them to intervene more effectively in multilateral fora.

Since 1999, the Network has been meeting once a year in an informal setting to discuss matters of common interest.

Previous Summits were held in Florence, Berlin, Stockholm and London. A meeting was also hosted by President Clinton in New York during the 2000 sitting of the United Nations General Assembly. In 2004 the 6th Progressive Governance Summit meeting was hosted by Hungary. At this meeting South Africa was selected to host the 2006 meeting of the Summit.

Membership of the network is by invitation only. The membership changes from time to time as heads of state/government changes. Some of the countries that are or have been members of the network are: ***United States of America, France, Portugal (regained in the meantime), the Netherlands and Italy, Argentina, Brazil, Canada, the Czech Republic, Chile, Ethiopia, Hungary, Germany, New Zealand, Poland, South Africa, South Korea, Spain, Sweden and the United Kingdom.***

Since the last summit of the network, ***India, Dominican Republic, Portugal and Uruguay*** have been invited to participate in the summit.