



FONDAZIONE BANCO DI SICILIA RELAUNCHES THE DIALOGUE ABOUT AFRICA

While awaiting for the fourth edition of the Forum of Taormina, Fondazione Banco di Sicilia meets the African Ambassadors

Milan, January 26, 2010 - It was held in Rome last Friday January 22, the annual meeting with the African Ambassadors organized by Fondazione Banco di Sicilia and preliminary to the Forum "Developing Africa: an opportunity for Europe, Italy and Sicily", whose fourth edition will be held in Taormina on October 7 – 8, 2010.

Sponsored by Fondazione Banco di Sicilia and organized in collaboration with The European House - Ambrosetti, the Forum summons up decision-makers, politicians and economists from around the world to give life, once a year in Sicily, to a debate focused on Africa and its potential economic capacity which can stimulate exciting entrepreneurial participations and directly involve international players.

At the meeting last Friday Giovanni Puglisi, President of Fondazione Banco di Sicilia, and Valerio De Molli, managing partner of The European House - Ambrosetti, could rely on the participation of diplomats from several African countries who showed widespread interest in respect of issues that characterize the Forum of Taormina.

"Next October in Taormina, we'll be back to talk about Africa, focusing our attention on more concrete prospects of development for the Continent. The Ambassadors present at this meeting in Rome, unanimously asked us not only to continue to do so but they also encouraged us to involve more African media in our Forum. "

The meeting on Friday 22 in Rome, sponsored by Fondazione Banco di Sicilia, in addition to **Stefano Pontecorvo**, Deputy Director General for the Countries of the Sub-Saharan Africa at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, **Maurizio Serra** Permanent Representative of Italy at the UNESCO and **Lucio Alberto Savoia** General Secretary of UNESCO Commission, there were diplomatic representatives of:

- Republic of Algeria
- Republic of Angola
- Arab Republic of Egypt
- Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia
- Republic of Ghana
- Kingdom of Lesotho
- Republic of Madagascar
- Kingdom of Morocco
- Republic of Tunisia
- Republic of Uganda
- Republic of Zambia
- Republic of Kenya

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