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Chief Executive Officer of MCA-T Attends MCC University in Washington D.C.

Meets with CEOs of other MCA countries to exchange best practices

The CEO of Millennium Challenge Account-Tanzania (MCA-T) Bernard S. Mchomvu returned last Sunday after a week-long visit to the headquarters of the Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) in Washington DC. Mr. Mchomvu, who was accompanied by his Deputy CEO (Mainland), Paschal Assey, attended MCC University 2009, a training that encourages MCA CEOs to exchange knowledge with each other in the areas of compact development, implementation, management, procurement, financial reporting, and monitoring and evaluation.

The MCC-University training terminology is used to reflect the one week exchange of experiences among the relevant countries under the close attention of the MCC leadership and sector specific experts. Both newly eligible and implementing countries attended the University. To all, the University has always been a great opportunity in regards to best practices, implementation challenges, problem solving, including field lessons as experienced by other countries as the implementation process continues.

MCA CEOs were welcomed at a reception by U.S. House Foreign Affairs Committee Chairman Howard Berman, who applauded their leadership in implementing and directing unique and innovative foreign assistance projects. Both Mr. Mchomvu and Mr. Assey joined their counterparts from other MCAs and compact development leaders from the 26 countries implementing or developing MCC-funded poverty reduction programs. Also in attendance were representatives from NGOs, the development community, private sector and other U.S. Government agencies.

“One of the pillars of MCCs innovative model for delivering development assistance is country ownership—through country-led, country-owned, country-driven programs to fight poverty,” said Rodney Bent, MCC Chief Executive Officer. “I am pleased that representatives from all of our partner

countries are here with us-- they are examples of MCC's belief in and commitment to local solutions and capacity as the best way to create growth."

MCC's model of development assistance enables partner countries such as Tanzania to identify and implement their own development priorities after extensive consultations with other stakeholders including civil society. Poverty reduction demands a global response among partners, and MCAs and MCC have built a support network to train and build capacity that facilitates effective poverty reduction through sustainable economic growth.

The MCA CEOs attending MCC University represented the following countries: Armenia, Benin, Burkina Faso, Cape Verde, Colombia, El Salvador, Georgia, Ghana, Honduras, Indonesia, Jordan, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Moldova, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Nicaragua, Philippines, Senegal, Tanzania, Vanuatu, and Zambia.

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