

**IMMEDIATE
ATTENTION**

EBAP/08/8

February 5, 2008

To: Members of the Executive Board

From: The Managing Director

Subject: **African Department—Appointment of Acting Director**

Further to my earlier notification regarding the selection of Mr. Bio-Tchané to the position of President of the West African Development Bank, this is to inform you that, pending the appointment of Mr. Bio-Tchané's successor, Ms. Benedicte Christensen will serve as Acting Director of the African Department (AFR), effective February 5, 2008. Mr. Bio-Tchané will relinquish his official responsibilities as AFR's Director, but will remain in the Fund as a Special Advisor to the Managing Director until April 30, 2008. He will take up his appointment as President of the West African Development Bank on May 1, 2008.

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Department Heads