Nairobi to host banking technology conference

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Africa's banking sector will gather in Nairobi from 15 - 22 February 2008 to share knowledge on technological developments and best practices.

Over 50 expert speakers, 10 sponsoring companies, 40 exhibiting companies, five Masterclasses, an intensive three-day conference and a full-day course in innovative banking will all add up to an event that is going to have a major impact on Africa's finance sector: The African Banking Technology Conference, to be held at Nairobi's top conference venue, the Kenyatta International Conference Centre.

Asked about the potential impact of the current political crisis in Kenya on the conference, John Mwangi, MD of AITEC East Africa, said: "As tragic as the current political crisis is in Kenya, we believe it is necessary for the business community to demonstrate its resilience in the face of such difficulties, thus sustaining individual business levels as well as the national economy. So we are resolved to continue with the Banking Technology Conference as scheduled. It is an important opportunity for Kenya's business community to reassert its economic leadership position in the region and Nairobi as a conference destination. The situation is steadily improving in Kenya and we are confident the conference will be held in an atmosphere of restored stability and business confidence."

The conference was last held in Nairobi in February last year and has become the leading forum for the continent's banking industry to share knowledge on latest technological innovations and best practices across the region and internationally.

One of the keynote speakers at the conference will be Joe DiVanna from the UK, a world-renowned speaker, author and consultant on a range of key issues in banking and will kick off the six-day event with a full-day 'Mini-MBA' course on Innovative Banking.

The event will also include presentations by industry experts on various topics that include 'Project Management for Effective Systems Implementation', and many more.

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