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MEDIA ADVISORY

Bestselling author and one of *TIME* Magazine's 100 most influential people to address event

Dambisa Moyo, well-known economist and author of the bestseller *Dead Aid: Why Aid is Not Working and How There is a Better Way for Africa* will headline a special reception at the Law Society on February 10 in celebration of Black History Month.

Hosted by the Canadian Association of Black Lawyers and the Law Society of Upper Canada, the reception is part of the Law Society's Public Education Equality and Rule of Law Series, and is held annually as part of Black History Month to create dialogue on equity and equality issues and celebrate the achievements and contributions of Black lawyers.

Moyo, who was born in Zambia and educated at Harvard and Oxford, contends in her book that government-to-government aid to Africa has made African governments unresponsive to the real needs of their people, props up corrupt governments, and has backed regimes that have destroyed some African countries.

In 2009, *TIME* Magazine named Dambisa Moyo one of the 100 most influential people in the world. As described by *TIME*, Moyo's book is an indictment of the "development industry" for creating destructive aid dependency in Africa.

Public Forum

Prior to the reception, a panel of leading scholars and lawyers will examine the interconnection of law, commerce and development in different regions in Africa, and discuss how Africa has shaped international law, democratic building, and human rights. They will also debate the effectiveness of current and past aid strategies in tackling widespread poverty and achieving sustainable human development in different regions of Africa.

Panellists include:

- **Kim Bernhardt**, Barrister and Solicitor (moderator)
- **Hon. David MacDonald**, Former Canadian Ambassador to Ethiopia and Sudan and Canadian African Famine Co-ordinator
- **Dr. Obiora C. Okafor**, Professor of Law, Osgoode Hall Law School, York University, Toronto
- **Mark A. A. Warner**, Legal Director, Ontario Ministry of Economic Development & Trade and Ministry of Research & Innovation.

Both the forum and reception are **free**. To attend, **please register by February 8, 2010** by calling 416-947-3413 or 1-800-668-7380, ext. 3413, or by email at rticzon@lsuc.on.ca.

Event Details

Date: February 10, 2010
Panel Discussion: 4 to 6 p.m.

Location: Donald Lamont Learning Centre
Law Society of Upper Canada
130 Queen St. West (enter through east doors facing Toronto City Hall)

Reception: 6 to 8 p.m.

Location: Convocation Hall - Keynote Speaker: Dr. Dambisa Moyo
Enter through east doors facing Toronto City Hall.
Refreshments and light snacks will be served at the reception.

Media interested in attending are encouraged to **confirm their attendance in advance** to help ensure adequate space and audio requirements.

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