

## + The High Level Contact Group

Aid Transparency successfully convened in Dakar (20-23 April, 2008) a regional meeting with relevant stakeholders (African librarians, conservators, researchers and decision takers) to prepare a regional Conference on Managing and Analyzing Africa's Ancient Manuscripts. This High Level Contact Group Meeting was attended by some of the most senior public and private managers of manuscripts as well as historians and African heritage scholars. Several important decisions were taken with regard to the setting up of an inter-institutional information exchange mechanism, the venue and date of the conference, the list of participants and specific panels and thematic areas as well as the anticipated publication of a book on ancient manuscripts in Africa. HLCG are:

### Egypt

Prof. Dr. Youssef Ziedan, Director, Manuscripts Center & Manuscripts Museum; The Library of Alexandria;

Dr. Abla Abd El Salam, General Director of Conservation, Egyptian Museum, Cairo;

### Ethiopia

Mr. Demeke Berhane, Director Manuscripts Section, Institute of Ethiopian Studies; Addis Ababa;

### Ghana

Dr. Seiny Moumouni, Director of Manuscripts, University of Accra

### Mali

Mr. Abdel Kader Haidara, Director Savama-DCI; Timbuktu ;

### Morocco

Prof. Benebine , Director, Royal Library; Royal Palace; Rabat ;

Mr. Ahmed Chokri, African Studies Institute, Rabat ;

### Niger

Dr Moulaye Hassane, Director of Manuscripts, IRSH Mohamed Moumouni, Niamey;

### Nigeria

Prof. Mahmoud Hamane; Prof. of History, Director Arewa House, Ahmadu Bello University, Kaduna, Nigeria;

### Senegal

Prof. J. Habib Sy, Director, Aid Transparency, Dakar, Senegal;