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**Dear ISEE Members and other interested parties,**

Further to our update on the political situation in Kenya dated February 04, 2008, we are heartened to inform you that the two protagonists have on Thursday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, signed a historic grand coalition agreement which has led to a turnaround in the security situation in the country. Both sides have since then been seen working together to restore peace and stability in the country. The convivial nature of the State opening of the Kenyan 10<sup>th</sup> Parliament 6<sup>th</sup> March 2008 that endorsed the peace accord and the subsequent Parliamentary session on the 18<sup>th</sup> of March when the necessary bills to back the grand coalition were passed, have reassured Kenyan people of the resolve by both parties to walk the talk. Threats of political demonstrations and violence in Kenya have dramatically reduced as the public embrace the long-awaited peace deal, greeting each other with a “happy New Year” as the masses view the historic moments which have been described by some print media as “a New Kenya” and “a new dawn”.

In view of the above positive developments, we hereby confirm that the ISEE 2008 Biennial Conference in Nairobi, 7 – 11 August 2008 will be held as scheduled. We ask that all potential participants continue with their plans to attend the conference, submitting abstracts and session proposals in accordance with the Call for Papers available on-line at [www.ecoeco.org/conference08/callforpapers.php](http://www.ecoeco.org/conference08/callforpapers.php). The conference website will be updated regularly with further information on the organization of the conference. We look forward to a great event in Nairobi. Further enquiries can be directed to the conference secretariat at either: [secretariat@ecoecofrica.org](mailto:secretariat@ecoecofrica.org) or [secretariat@ecoeco.org](mailto:secretariat@ecoeco.org)

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