

## **South African Embassy: Vienna**

### **Ambassador Mabhongo at the opening of the Austrian Development Agency information container at the Museumsquartier Vienna: 8 June 2010**

Ambassador Mabhongo and the Austrian Minister of European and International Affairs, Mr Michael Spindelegger, shared a stage at the opening of the Austrian Development Agency information container at the Museum Quarter in Vienna. The container exhibited development programmes that Austria is supporting in the African continent. The event was organised as part of nation-wide Ke Nako Africa programme aimed at utilisation of the 2010 FIFA World Cup 2010 to create positive image of Africa in Austria. This programme is championed by different structures of the African Diaspora in partnership with municipalities in different parts of Austria and it is funded by the Austrian Development Agency (ADA). Addressing the event, Ambassador Mabhongo acknowledged the role of the ADA in funding the national-wide Ke Nako Africa programme. He mentioned that the 2010 FIFA World Cup created positive legacy for Africa. In this regard, the World Cup presents South Africa with an opportunity to showcase its capabilities and capacities through eventless games. Other than the games, the World would see excellence in South Africa. From the genesis, South African Government had declared the World Cup as an African World Cup. As a World Cup that has to leave a legacy for African continent as a whole. Ambassador Mabhongo mentioned the Mission is thankful for the role that Austrian authorities had played in utilising the World Cup to present a positive image of the continent in Austria. Even though Austria will not be part of the games, what he had seen in Austria since his arrival is a great excitement through Ke Nako campaign and other events that are happening all over Austria.



From left to right: Ambassador Dr. Brigitte Oepfinger-Walchshofer, Head of Austrian Development Cooperation, H.E. Dr. Michael Spindelegger, Austrian Minister of European and International Relations, H.E. Ambassador Xolisa Mabhongo