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The 2008 International Lecture and Dinner  
**Africa Works –**  
with technology, good governance and a little  
help from our friends

Speaker:  
Dr Mo Ibrahim,  
Founder of Celtel International  
and the Mo Ibrahim Foundation

Venue:  
Royal Society of Medicine  
1 Wimpole Street  
London W1G 0AE

5 November 2008  
6.00pm for 6.30pm



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## The 2008 International Lecture

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**The Academy is delighted to announce that the third International Lecture will be delivered by Dr Mo Ibrahim, a singularly innovative and successful businessman and philanthropist. This lecture is made possible by the kind support of the ERA Foundation.**

Dr Ibrahim is a global expert in mobile communications with a distinguished academic and business career. Sudanese by birth, he is the founder of Celtel International, one of Africa's most successful companies.

The company now operates in 15 African countries, under licenses that cover more than a third of the continent's population. The company has invested more than US\$ 750 million in Africa, helping to bring the benefits of mobile communications to millions of people across the continent. In 2005, Celtel International was sold to MTC Kuwait for US\$ 3.4 billion, making it one of Africa's most successful commercial ventures.

In 2006 he set up the Mo Ibrahim Foundation to support great African leadership. The Foundation focuses on two major new initiatives to stimulate debate around, and improve the quality of, governance in Africa. The Ibrahim Prize for Achievement in African Leadership - the world's largest prize in monetary terms - recognises and celebrates excellence; and the Ibrahim Index of African Governance provides civil society with a comprehensive and quantifiable tool to hold governments to account.

In 2007, Dr Ibrahim was awarded the GSM Association Chairman's Award, the telecommunication industry's highest accolade, for "helping the world to hear Africa's voice", and in 2008, was presented with the BNP Paribas Prize for Philanthropy and listed by TIME Magazine as one of the 100 most influential people in the world.

In his lecture, Dr Ibrahim will share the story behind these achievements. He will discuss his experiences of doing business in Africa and his motivations and ambitions for his work promoting good governance within the continent. An engineer by background, Dr Ibrahim will also address the impact of mobile telecommunications in Africa, as well as the wider role that engineers can play in contributing to development, and the scope for further innovation in approaches to reducing global poverty.

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### Programme:

**6.00pm** Registration

**6.30pm** Address by Dr Ibrahim  
Q & A session

**8.00pm** Drinks reception

**8.20pm** Dinner

**Chair:** Lord Browne of Madingley FEng FRS,  
President, The Royal Academy of  
Engineering

**Dress:** Lounge suit

Following the lecture, which is open to all, there will be a drinks reception and optional dinner. To reserve a place, please complete the attached form. Places at the dinner, priced at £50.00 each (inclusive of VAT), will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

*NB: We regret that a refund will not be possible for cancellations received after 29 October unless the place can be reallocated.*

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Registration Form

I wish to reserve  ticket(s) for the lecture on Wednesday 5 November 2008

I wish to reserve  ticket(s) for the dinner at £50.00 each

Title  First name

Surname  Honours

Position

Organisation

Address

Postcode

Telephone  Email

Dietary requirements

### I would like to bring a guest

Title  First name

Surname  Honours

Position

Organisation  Email

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