



2018 Development Finance Forum

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Unlocking Investment Opportunities in the East African Community



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About the 2018 Development Finance Forum

Trillions of dollars of under-invested capital in the developed world are seeking higher returns at the same time as developing countries seek capital as well as expertise, knowledge and implementation capacity to grow. What can we do now to accelerate these linkages in housing, agribusiness and tourism in East African Community (EAC) countries, three sectors with significant growth and job creation potential? This year's Development Finance Forum in Kigali will bring together business leaders, policy makers, thought leaders and financiers from private and public sectors in the EAC and beyond to drill down together on what can be done to start to address some of the biggest challenges to scaling up private investment in these areas.

Objectives

The DFF aims to bring together the stakeholders that can change the risk-return landscape in developing countries - both to achieve clarity on the roles each has to play, and to explore promising ideas, initiatives, and partnerships that need extra impetus to become successful. Through its focus on action and the identification of specific constraints and opportunities in Africa, the DFF aims to offer a pre-investment platform for the public and private sector to explore market-building alliances and opportunities in Africa.

Focus Themes

Unlocking Large Scale Housing Supply to Provide Housing for All

Every country in East Africa suffers from a shortage of affordable housing. Eliminating the housing shortage would create hundreds of thousands of jobs, many of them suitable for young workers, boost economic growth, and improve the lives of millions. This event will bring together thought leaders and executives from both public and private sectors to look at regulatory, supply, construction, and financing issues across the housing value chain. The event will explore solutions being taken within and outside East Africa that encourage private investment. The role of public-private partnerships and new and/or green technologies may also be featured.

Agribusiness: Increasing Competitiveness with Private investment

Agribusiness is one of the largest sectors in the region with great potential to contribute even more to growth, jobs, and food security. This forum will build on past regional initiatives to catalyze public and private sector collaboration in agricultural value chains to unlock opportunities for effective investment, increase competitiveness and achieve development objectives. Using the World Bank Group's "[Maximizing Finance for Development](#)" approach as a framework, these sessions will dig into areas such as Regulation/Policy, Infrastructure, and Financing to share lessons of what has worked, what has not, and what can be done better when aligning interests in the agribusiness sector. Technology and regional cooperation will be cross-cutting issues.

Growing Tourism Through Destination Development

Tourism is a powerful vehicle for economic growth and job creation. What are the keys to building a stronger and more resilient tourism sector across the sub-region? The Forum will bring together international experts, private sector operators and policy makers to look at successful experiences from the region and beyond in destination development, and keeping destinations competitive over their lifecycle.

Format and Organizing Principles

As in previous years, the 2018 DFF will be organized as a purpose-driven, design forum. Unlike a traditional conference, the format will be interactive, facilitated by “[The Value Web](#)” and designed to help participants identify and forge a shared understanding of the most practical and promising actions that participants can implement to effect change. The DFF will be organized around 3 sectors - Housing, Agribusiness, and Tourism. The focus will be on identifying solutions and creating an environment where the primary stakeholder groups can align to address constraints, so creating the conditions where private investment is mobilized and can flourish.



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The fourth in a series of annual events convened by the World Bank Group, the 2018 Development Finance Forum (DFF) builds on the previous events held in Rotterdam (2015), Dublin (2016) and West Africa (Ghana, Senegal and Côte d'Ivoire, 2017). The West Africa events brought together local and international stakeholders with the capacity to change the risk-return landscape and align the public and private sectors around shared objectives - both to achieve clarity on the roles each has to play, and to explore promising ideas, initiatives, and partnerships that needed extra impetus. In [Dublin](#), participants called for improved alignment between the public and private sectors to radically change the risk-and-return landscape in FCS and to provide the basis for increased private investment. The [first DFF in Rotterdam](#) in May 2015, contributed to the World Bank Group's inputs to the Addis Ababa Action Agenda, notably by calling for functional models for crowding in private finance.



Registration

To register for the DFF, please visit: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2018-development-finance-forum-tickets-43706352878>. You will be prompted for a password: “Sustainability”.

Conference Venue

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Logistics

Transport

The DFF will also be running a shuttle bus between the Marriott Hotel and the Kigali International Airport. This will be at the airport to meet the major incoming flights (it is 25 minutes to the hotel). Alternatively, the hotel has a shuttle bus (\$35) and taxis are available. Uber does not operate in Kigali. Where possible, we ask that you share your flight details with the organizers to facilitate a smooth arrival.

Language

All presentations, meetings and materials at the event will be in English.

Meals

If staying at the Marriott, breakfast is included as part of your lodging arrangements. Lunch and refreshments will be provided for all participants on September 11th and 12th. The Conference Dinner is on September 11th and is open to all participants.

General Information about Rwanda / Kigali

Safety & Security

- Kigali is relatively safe. As with other major cities, discretion is advised.

Currency

- The local currency is the Rwandan Franc. Major currencies can be exchanged at the hotel, banks or exchange bureaus. Exchange with the US Dollar is around 860 RWF = \$1 (as of 6/26/2018)

Mobile Phone

- Your mobile phone should roam in Rwanda. Local sim cards, that can cut roaming fees, are available at the airport

Water

- It is not recommended that you drink tap water during your stay in Kigali; bottled water is readily available.

Electricity:

- The power supply in Rwanda is rated 220-240V/50Hz. Plugs/sockets in Rwanda are the two-pin "Type C, E or F" Europlug

Entry Visas:

As of January 1 2018 Rwanda will issue a 30-day visa free of charge on arrival without prior application ([see announcement](#))