



INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES IN SUB SAHARAN AFRICA

Thursday, 21 November, 2019

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OVERVIEW

Sub-Saharan Africa is one of the world's next major growth markets. While in the past, investment opportunities have been underestimated, Europe is becoming increasingly aware of the need to build its presence in the region to catch up with other global leaders. OMFIF, supported by the German state-owned development bank, KfW, and the Trade and Development Bank, convene a seminar to share expertise with European investors on opportunities and experiences of investing in Sub-Saharan Africa.

The first session will cover the region's macroeconomic outlook. There will be a particular focus on the role of the private sector in leading growth and ensuring the success of the African Continental Free Trade Area through sustainable infrastructure. The second session will reflect on the success of high impact projects. It will include a discussion on rates of return, reconciling short-term investment demands with long-term development projects, and improvements in legal and regulatory frameworks.

GENERAL ARRANGEMENTS

This meeting is scheduled to attract around 40 participants, from both the public and private sector. The aim of the meeting is to achieve interactive dialogue, with as many participants as possible contributing to proceedings. The meeting is off-the-record to encourage interactive dialogue.

MEETING AT A GLANCE

21 November 2019

09:00 - 09:30 Registration and refreshments

09:30 - 09:45 Opening remarks

09:45 - 10:45 Session I: Navigating Africa's investment landscape

10:45 - 11:15 Refreshments

11:15 - 12:15 Session II: Success stories in African investment

12:15 - 12:30 Closing remarks

12:30 - 13:30 Lunch and Keynote

*Denotes unconfirmed

MEETING PROGRAMME

09:00 - 09:30 REGISTRATION AND REFRESHMENTS

09:30 - 09:45 OPENING REMARKS

Joachim Nagel, Member of the Executive Board, KfW

09:45 - 10:45 SESSION I: NAVIGATING AFRICA'S INVESTMENT LANDSCAPE

- Continued private sector expansion: Leading growth and investment opportunities
- Growth in regional trade through sustainable infrastructure and trade finance
- Examining the relationship between foreign direct investment, trade and growth
- Steering inclusive growth and managing external debt and bad credit-to-GDP ratios
- Improvements to transparency and availability of micro and macroeconomic data

Moderator:

David Marsh, Chairman, OMFIF

Speakers:

Admassu Tadesse, President and Chief Executive Officer, Trade and Development Bank

Christiane Kraus, Advisor to Commissioner for Africa, German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)

Martin Habel, Acting Deputy Treasurer and Head of Client Services, International Finance Corporation Treasury

Simon Howie, Co-head of SA & Africa fixed income, Investec Asset Management

10:45 - 11:15 REFRESHMENTS

11:15 - 12:15 SESSION II: SUCCESS STORIES IN AFRICAN INVESTMENT

- Capitalising on growing sectors; outlining best corporate practises
- Reflecting on high impact projects and given rates of return
- Reconciling short term investment horizons with long term development projects
- Comparing high rates of return on foreign investment to other regions
- Adopting international legal and regulatory standards

Moderator:

Danae Kyriakopoulou, Chief Economist, OMFIF

Speakers:

Diederick Zambon, Head of Division Public Sector Africa, European Investment Bank

Christopher Marks, Managing Director, Head of Emerging Markets, MUFG

Isabelle Bebear, Head of International & European Affairs, Banque Publique d'Investissement

Richard Byarugaba, Managing Director, National Social Security Fund, Uganda (NSSFU)*

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12:15 - 12:30 CLOSING REMARKS

Admassu Tadesse, President and Chief Executive Officer, Trade and Development Bank

12:30 - 13:30 LUNCH AND KEYNOTE: FUTURE OF AFRICA

Speakers:

Benedict Oramah, President, African Export-Import Bank*