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AGENDA FOR WEDNESDAY 18TH OCTOBER, 2023

09:00 – 09:15 | THE AI VIEW ON THE INVESTMENT LANDSCAPE IN FRANCOPHONE WEST AND CENTRAL AFRICA

09:00 - 09:15 | KEYNOTE OPENING: UK GOVERNMENT MINISTER

09:15 – 10:30 | MINISTERS' FIRESIDE CHAT: AFRICA'S FRANCOPHONE OFFER

Chair: Dr Mabouba Diagne, Vice President, ECOWAS Bank for Investment & Development

Panellists:

- HE Romuald Wadagni, Minister of Economy & Finance, Benin
- HE Alamine Ousmane Mey, Minister of Economy, Planning and Regional Development, Cameroon
- HE Souleymane Diarrassouba, Minister of Commerce and Industry, Côte d'Ivoire
- HE Vital Kamerhe Lwa Kanyinginyi Nkingi, Vice Prime Minister, Minister of National Economy, Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)
- Gabon tbc
- HE Moussa Cisse, Minister of Economy and Finance, Guinea
- Ministry of Economy Senegal
- HE Rose Kayi Mivedor, Minister of Investment Promotion

10:35 – 11:35 | FIRESIDE CHAT: THE STRENGTH AND DEPTH OF THE UK OFFER

Chair: John Humphrey, HM Trade Commissioner for Africa

Panellists:

- Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO)
- UK Export Finance (UKEF)
- British Chambers of Commerce (BCC)
- TheCityUK

11:35 - 11:50 | REFRESHMENTS AND NETWORKING

11:50 - 12:35 | SECTORS: ENERGY — ACCESS TO FINANCE — EDUCATION & HEALTHCARE

ENERGY	ACCESS TO FINANCE & CROSS BORDER TRANSACTIONS	EDUCATION & HEALTHCARE
Chair: Ola Sorunke, Sector Director Energy, Africa, DBT	Chair: Tania Eyanga, Founding Co-Chair, Central Africa Markets Venture Capital & Private Equity Association (CAMPEA)	Chair: Tamir Ismail, Sector Lead, Africa, DBT
Panellists: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• UKEF• Private sector representative	Panellists: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• UKEF/DBT• Investec• Elizabeth Rossiello, CEO, AZA Finance• Geoffrey de Mowbray, CEO, Via Trade	Panellists: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• UKEF• Mike Brown, King's College Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

12:40 – 13:25 | SECTORS: INFRASTRUCTURE & WATER — AGRICULTURE — MARKET STANDARDS & STANDARDISATION

INFRASTRUCTURE & WATER	AGRICULTURE	MARKET STANDARDS & STANDARDISATION
Chair: Radwa Sultan, Sector Director Infrastructure, Africa, DBT	Chair: David Burton, Sector Director Agriculture, Africa, DBT	Chair: The British Standards Institute (tbc)
Panellists: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• HE Elhaji Gamdo Barry, Minister for Infrastructure, Guinea• UKEF	Panellists: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grant Merrick, Head Agriculture and Food, Tony Blair Institute (TBI)• UKEF	Panellists: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• UKEF• Jérémy Gaspard, Vice President, Intertek GTS

- Leonard Grott, COO, ERG International Group
- Philip Foster, CEO, Aqua Africa

- Cleber Guarany, Agriculture and Climate Change, CIITTA

- Rebecca Schneider, Agriculture, Food & Drink Attaché for Africa, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA)

13:25 – 14:30 | NETWORKING LUNCH

14:30 – 15:30 | COUNTRY SESSIONS: BENIN — CAMEROON — CÔTE D'IVOIRE

BENIN

Chair: HM Ambassador Harriet Thompson

Panellists:

- HE Olushegun Adjadi Bakari, Minister of Foreign Affairs
- HE Romuald Wadagni, Minister of Economy & Finance
- Benin Investment and Export Promotion Agency (APIEx)

CAMEROON

Chair: HM High Commissioner Barry Lowen

Panellists:

- HE Alamine Ousmane Mey, Minister of Economy, Planning and Regional Development
- Dr Diane Acha-Morfaw, Chairperson, Cameroon Investment Promotion Agency (CIPA)
- Brice Beumo, Founder & CEO, Beko Capital Advisory

CÔTE D'IVOIRE

Chair: HM Ambassador Catherine Brooker

Panellists:

- HE Souleymane Diarrassouba, Minister of Commerce and Industry
- Côte d'Ivoire Investment Promotion Centre (CEPICI)
- Investec
- Managing Partner, M&H Consulting Africa

15:35 – 16:35 | COUNTRY SESSIONS: DRC — GABON — GUINEA

DRC

Chair: HM Ambassador Alyson King

Panellists:

- HE Vital Kamerhe Lwa Kanyinginyi Nkingi, Vice

GABON

Chair: HM High Commissioner Barry Lowen

Panellists:

- Lead Minister (tbc)

GUINEA

Chair: HM Ambassador John Marshall

Panellists:

- HE Moussa Cisse, Minister of Economy and Finance

Prime Minister, Minister of
National Economy

- Private sector
representative

- National Investment
Promotion Agency (ANPI
Gabon)

- Private sector
representative

- Ismael Nabe, Advisor to the
Prime Minister in charge of
Investments and PPP

- Agency for the Promotion of
Private Investments (APIP)

- Private sector
representative

16:40 – 17:40 | COUNTRY SESSIONS: SENEGAL — TOGO

SENEGAL

Chair: HM Ambassador Juliette John

Panellists:

- Minister of Economy
- Abdoulaye Balde, Director General,
National Agency for the Promotion of
Investments and Major Projects (APIX)
- Chris Antonopoulos, CEO, Lekela

TOGO

Chair: HM High Commissioner Harriet Thompson

Panellists:

- HE Rose Kayi Mivedor, Minister of Investment
Promotion
- Togo Invest
- Hitech Construction

17:45 – 18:00 | VOTE OF THANKS - JANET ROGAN, CHIEF EXECUTIVE, ROYAL AFRICAN SOCIETY & HM GOVERNMENT MINISTER

18:00 – 19:30 | NETWORKING RECEPTION