



EU-AFRICA BUSINESS FORUM

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PALAIS DE LA CULTURE
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At the 6th EU-Africa Business Forum, on 27 November 2017 in Abidjan, business leaders from Africa and Europe will have the opportunity to raise their voice and convey their vision to political leaders of both continents. This high-level Forum is a unique opportunity to:

- **Develop financially attractive and mature projects and investment opportunities**
- **Catalyse collaboration** with the most relevant companies and governments on sector-specific challenges and opportunities to enhance investments in digital economy, sustainable energy and agri-business
- **Learn** more about the European External Investment Plan (EIP), an innovative approach to generate massive, sustainable investments to boost SMEs and job creation in Africa
- **Discover the most innovative startups in Africa and Europe** and find opportunities to invest in future generations
- **Engage in a structured dialogue** with European and African private sector under the Sustainable Business for Africa (SB4A) platform to create a more predictable and conducive investment climate that integrates development, environmental and social dimensions
- **Find practical answers** to common questions and **provide solutions**, with the focus on job-creation for **young and female entrepreneurs**.

Are European and African leaders ready to join forces around public-private partnerships to boost sustainable investments, collaboration and entrepreneurship?

PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS

Networking
and
Exhibition
Stands for
Businesses
and
Countries

08.30 - 09.30 **Official Welcome by Hosts**
Cote d'Ivoire, African Union and European Union

09.30 - 10.50 **High-Level Panel on “Investing in Job Creation for Youth”**

11.00 - 11.15 **Launch of Digital Startup Fair**
European and African Digital Startups share their innovative business models, experiences and opportunities in an interactive marketplace.

11.15 - 12.45 **Facilitating Investments in Africa**
Introducing the European External Investment Plan's new generation financial instruments, technical assistance and structured dialogue to facilitate investment flows in Africa.

Projects and startups pitch for investment and partnerships that promote inclusive growth, job creation and sustainable development.

12.45 - 14.00 **Networking Lunch**

14.00-15.30 **Interactive Dialogue**
Leaders discuss sector-specific challenges and opportunities to advance investments, job-creation and **entrepreneurship** in **agriculture** and agri-business, **digital economy** and **sustainable energy**.

15.30 - 16.00 **Coffee Break**

16.00- 18.10 **Practical Sessions**
Two consecutive rounds of interactive meetings with the goal of providing practical answers to questions such as how to promote African quality products, how to improve business environment using e-solutions, how to benefit from the EIP, how to finance and scale up digital startups, how to integrate innovative technologies into agribusiness, how to export to the EU, and many more.

18.30 - 19.30 **Official Closing**
The Business Declaration is presented for delivery to the EU-Africa Heads of State Summit.

19.30 - 21.00 **Networking Cocktail and Awards**