

6TH EU-AFRICA BUSINESS FORUM 2017 INVESTING IN JOB CREATION FOR YOUTH

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The **6th EU-Africa Business Forum (EABF)** will take place on 27 November 2017 in Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire, in the margins of the 5th African Union-European Union Summit of Heads of State and Government. The Forum will be **the business window of the Summit** and will convey practical views and proposals to the political leaders. It will bring together African and European economic operators representing multi-nationals, large corporations, small and medium-scale enterprises and confederations, chambers of commerce and industry, start-ups, private and public financiers, and multilateral and regional institutions, to discuss **practical opportunities** to work together and to improve the business and investment climate.

The Forum in Abidjan **concludes a series of business-related events** held in Africa and Europe in the course of 2017 which pointed at the importance of investment, job creation and public-private dialogue for achieving sustainable and inclusive growth in Africa. On 7 June 2017 in Brussels during the European Development Days, the EABF brought together over 1,400 participants including eminent business leaders, entrepreneurs and policymakers from both continents to discuss how to create more and better jobs. The Africa-EU Agri-Business Investment Forum took place on 1 July 2017 back to back to the AU-EU Agriculture Ministerial Conference of 2 July in Rome and focussed on promoting responsible investment and best practices to enhance the business environment. Another event will be the EU-Africa Youth and Entrepreneurship Forum foreseen in Nairobi on 21-22 November 2017.

The 6th EABF will promote **investment with development impact** in Africa. With its overarching theme "Investing in Job Creation for Youth", the Forum will look at the challenges and opportunities for investment in Africa

along strategic priorities, such as **renewable energy, agriculture** and the **digital economy**. The Forum will aim to provide solutions, particularly for the growing number of **young and women entrepreneurs**. The EABF will also offer space for “investment pitches” and B2B meetings.

A particular emphasis will be put on the links with the **European External Investment Plan**, which will aim at catalysing and enhancing investment flows towards Africa, while optimising job creation and the sustainability dimension. The event will also be an occasion to launch the Sustainable Business for Africa (SB4A) platform as an initiative to systematise interactions between the European and African private and public sectors.

The EABF will provide a unique platform to interact with high-level EU business and political leaders. It will also facilitate contacts between companies around investment projects and will constitute a unique networking opportunity.

*To express interest in participating in the 6th EU-Africa Business Forum in Abidjan, please apply via the EABF website **<https://euafrica-businessforum.com>** before 20 October 2017.*

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