

ECONOMIC FORUM ON SME FINANCING IN AFRICA

Under the patronage of the Ambassador of the Republic of Benin His Excellency Charles Borromeo Todjinou this Forum, part of strengthening South / South cooperation and the promotion of public and private investments for the benefit of SMEs African, allowed all participants to leave equipped with the tools needed to write a business plan adapted to different local contexts.

Organized by the Pan African Chamber of Commerce, with several African states, this initiative has brought together the public and private sectors around the question ("How to access financing for SMEs ").

Having reinforced this Forum by their presence the African Union, FAGACE (African Fund for Guarantee and Economic Cooperation), the European Investment Bank, the representatives of the embassies of Benin, Central African, Algeria, the Angola, Cameroon, Gabon, Mali, the Islamic Republic of Mauritania, DRC, Francophonie, of Islamic Cooperation and the Holy See have definitely contributed to a new strategy toward private sector development in Africa

Speaking in the names of their Ambassadors, SMEs sector specialists in Africa have presented different business opportunities and analysis of their SME tools made available to project promoters, consultants, law firms and members of different Diasporas to study all possibilities for co-financing and how to realize their most urgent projects in the fields of food, natural resources, energy and infrastructure.

The African continent is enjoying an exceptional growth; this event was a unique opportunity for SMEs, Project leaders, donors and investors to meet around projects.

Indeed, the Economic Forum on Financing of SMEs in Africa is a real platform gathering in the same place at the same time, the various actors and investors.

The objectives of this important meeting are summarized by the objectives of the CCPA :

Build a Pan African partnership focusing its activities on fostering trade between regions, SMEs development.

Initiate support to projects in accordance with each party objective.

Promote equality between men and women in access to education, employment, and entrepreneurship.

Contribute to the fight against all forms of exclusion.

Reducing child mortality by maternal health through access to sanitized water to reduce malaria and other waterborne diseases. Take actions that can contribute to the fight against hunger

The Pan African Chamber of Commerce has demonstrated its ability to provide financial and technical resources for the development of businesses and associations that intends to support projects in Africa in all areas related to health, access to the water, education, employment and empowerment and food for all.

More than 400 people attended constructive debates surrounding the different projects.

Round tables and presentations unveiled how the CCPA will be supported in its private sector development strategy, by the ACP, but also on its ability to successfully present projects within the African Fund for Guarantee and Economic Cooperation (FAGACE) , which already operates in 14 countries in Africa, with the EIB (European Investment Bank) which activated significant funding in Africa and make SMEs access to the European Development Fund (EDF).

The month of March being the one declared "Month of the woman," the emphasis was placed on male / female equality through the creation of a pan-African network of women entrepreneurs

In order to inform its members and SMEs in Africa, videos and presentation made during the Forum are available to all via the CCPA website and social networks, LinkedIn, Facebook and Tweeter.

As a conclusion, we would welcome the opportunity to partner with our work that focus on small and medium enterprises, strengthening intra-African trade.

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