

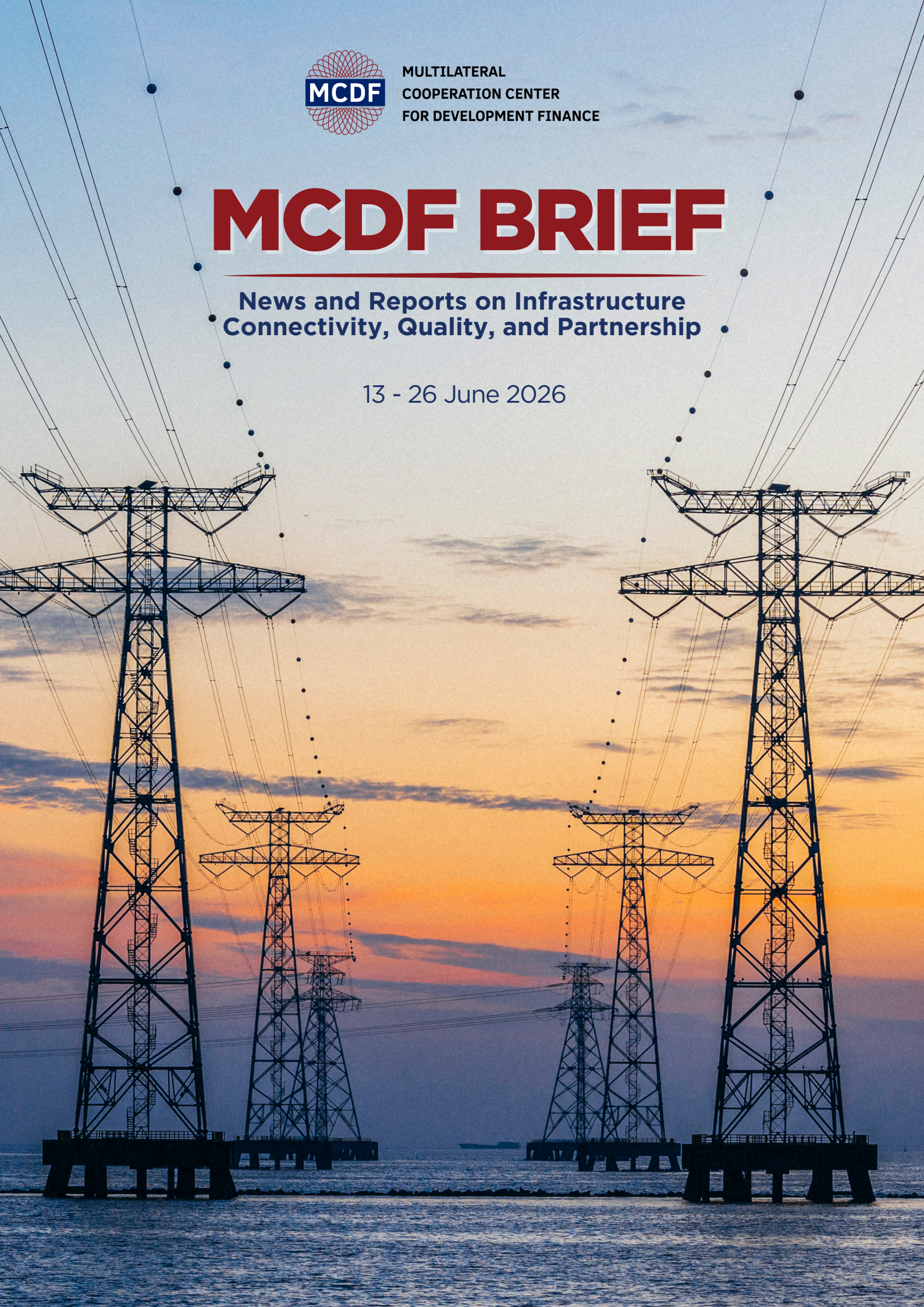


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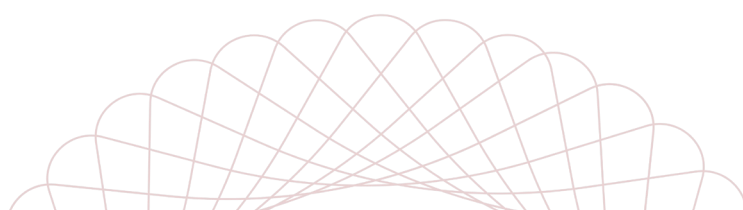
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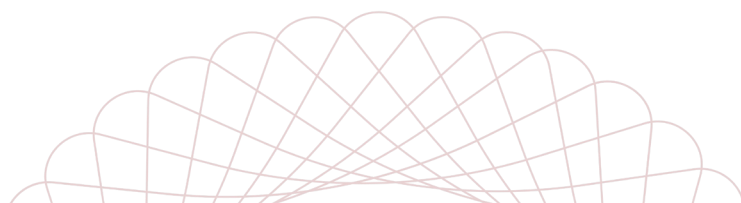
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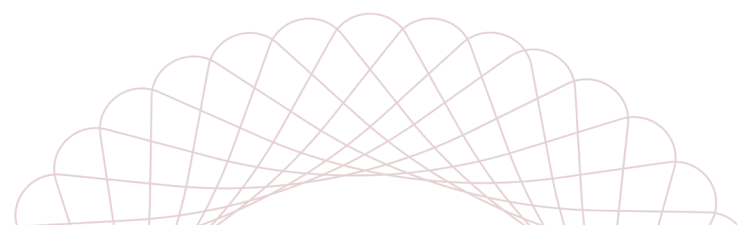
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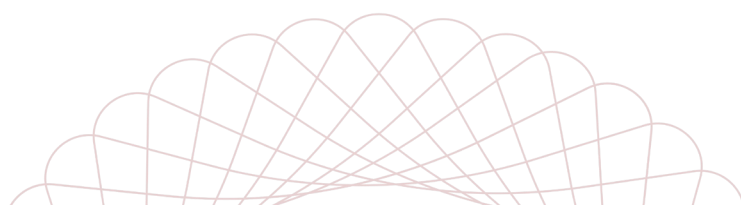
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CONNECTIVITY¹

TRANSPORT

Railway: Saudi Arabian Railways and Italian State Railways sign cooperation agreement

Saudi Arabian Railways and Italian State Railways signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to develop joint rail and mobility projects across the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region, establishing a framework for long-term cooperation in rail infrastructure, sustainability, digitalization, safety and technological innovation. The MoU envisages the development of joint projects with focus on railway and metro infrastructure, intermodal hubs, network resilience and transport decarbonization, digital systems, safety standards, training, and potential railway testing capacity in Saudi Arabia. A joint working group will oversee implementation. [Source: IRJ](#)

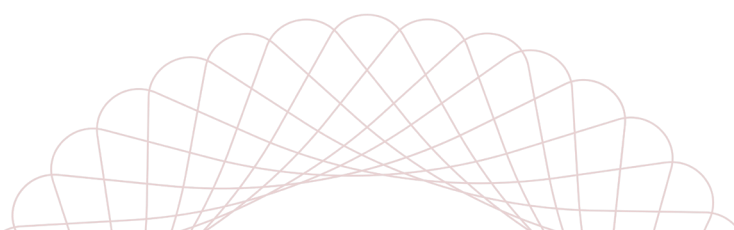
Railway: Saudi Arabia and Türkiye sign railway cooperation MoU

Saudi Arabia and Türkiye signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to deepen railway cooperation, covering standards, technology, research, design, operations and maintenance, alongside infrastructure, safety and transport-integration measures. [Source: Green Street Infrastructure](#)

Railway: Egypt to upgrade main railway lines to value of EUR 690 million

Egyptian National Railways selected an Alstom-led consortium for EUR 690 million in upgrades to the 226 km section of the 6th October–Alexandria line and to the 63.5 km of the Belbes–10th of Ramadan lines. The work is split into four contracts of a combined value of EUR 690 million with Alstom's share of EUR 300 million. The 6th October–Alexandria line upgrade will cost EUR 550 million, and upgrades to the Belbes–10th of Ramadan line are worth EUR 140 million. The works will introduce ETCS Level 1 - a digital signaling and train protection system that operates as an overlay on existing traditional rail infrastructure - modern telecoms, power and control systems, and track and civil rehabilitation works, resulting cutting journey times by 1 hour 20 minutes on the Alexandria corridor and strengthening freight links to ports, dry ports, and industrial zones. [Source: IRJ](#)

¹ 'Connectivity' infrastructure for MCDF refers to the linkage of communities, economies and nations through transport, communications, energy and water networks across countries.



Railway: IsDB loan of EUR 650 million agreed for Ugandan Standard Gauge Railway

The Islamic Development Bank (IsDB) approved EUR 650.75 million for Uganda's EUR 2.7 billion electrified Standard Gauge Railway (SGR) from Kampala to Malaba. The 272 km line will connect Uganda to Kenya's SGR and Mombasa port, aiming to reduce freight transit times from five days to under 24 hours and lower freight costs by up to 40 percent. [Source: IRJ](#)

Road: EIB Global supports Trans-Caspian Transport Corridor with EUR 150 million for road rehabilitation in Kazakhstan

The European Investment Bank's international development arm, EIB Global, will provide a EUR 150 million framework loan, backed by the EU Global Europe framework, to rehabilitate 1,370 km of roads in Kazakhstan along the Trans-Caspian Transport Corridor. Implemented by Kazakhstan's national road operator QazAvtoZhol, the program will improve trade connectivity, road safety, and climate resilience, while supporting 5,900 person-years of employment during implementation and advancing the EU Global Gateway agenda. [Source: EIB](#)

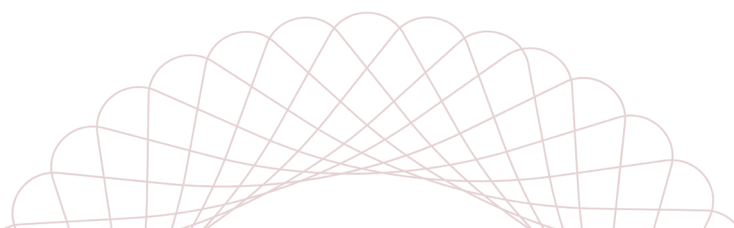
Road: EBRD supports road modernization in western Kazakhstan with EUR 230 million loan

The European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) is providing a loan of up to EUR 230 million in Japanese yen equivalent to help Kazakhstan's state-owned national road operator QazAvtoZhol to finish the modernization of a 234 km section of road between Aktobe and Ulgaisyn cities. This is the second part of the Bank's financing package for QazAvtoZhol, with co-financing provided by the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB).

This work will transform the existing single-carriageway category II road into a dual-carriageway category I road, improving an important motorway that forms part of the Western Europe-Western China Corridor, Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC) Corridor 1 and European Route E38. [Source: EBRD](#)

Road: IDB Invest supports the modernization of São Borja–Santo Tomé International Bridge between Brazil and Argentina with USD 35 million financing

The private sector arm of the Inter-American Development Bank, IDB Invest, will provide a USD 35 million financing package to CS Rodovias Mercosul to modernize the São Borja–Santo Tomé International Bridge between Brazil and Argentina. CS Rodovias Mercosul S.A. (Concessionária CS Rodovias Mercosul SPE S.A.) is a Brazilian special purpose entity owned



by CS Infra, a subsidiary of logistical holding company SIMPAR S.A. The company was formed to manage a crucial binational logistics corridor connecting Brazil and Argentina. The project will rehabilitate the bridge, improve 15.6 km of access roads, and upgrade customs facilities with scanners, scales, truck-yard expansion, and monitoring systems, strengthening border processing, logistics efficiency, and Mercosur regional integration. [Source: IDB Invest](#)

Road: Standard Chartered supports EUR 200 million UKEF-backed financing for Cameroon's Kribi–Ebolowa road upgrade

Standard Chartered arranged a EUR 198.3 million UK Export Finance-backed facility, alongside a EUR 11.9 million commercial loan, for Cameroon's rehabilitation of the 162 km Kribi–Ebolowa road. The project will upgrade the dirt road linking the port city of Kribi to Ebolowa via Akom II into asphalt, reducing transport costs, improving safety, and strengthening a strategic economic corridor connected to Trans-African Highway networks toward Chad and Equatorial Guinea. [Source: Standard Chartered](#)

Airport: Uzbekistan signs PPP agreement for international airport development

Uzbekistan Airports signed a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) agreement with a Saudi Vision Invest-led consortium to develop and operate the new Tashkent International Airport. Phase I, due by end-2030, will add capacity for 20 million passengers and 300,000 tons of cargo annually, strengthening Uzbekistan's connectivity, logistics, trade and tourism. [Source: Trend News Agency](#)

Airport: Kenya signs USD 1.2 billion agreement with China Road and Bridge Corporation to expand Nairobi airport to be financed by TDB and AFC

Kenya signed a USD 1.2 billion agreement with China Road and Bridge Corporation to expand Jomo Kenyatta International Airport in Nairobi. Africa's Trade and Development Bank (TDB) and Africa Finance Corporation (AFC) will finance the project. The project will add a new terminal and modernize airside and landside facilities, aiming to raise annual passenger capacity from 7.5 million to 22 million and preserve Nairobi's role as a regional aviation hub. [Source: Il Sole 24 Ore](#) and [Reuters](#)

Airport: AfDB approves EUR 156 million to upgrade Uganda's Arua Airport to boost regional trade and tourism

The African Development Bank (AfDB) approved EUR 155.99 million to upgrade Uganda's Arua Airport under Phase 1 of the Uganda Airports Development Programme. The project will

build a 3.5 km paved runway, new terminal capacity for 700,000 passengers, a 25,000-ton cargo terminal, and modern safety systems, improving West Nile connectivity with South Sudan and the Democratic Republic of Congo and benefiting 500,000 local residents and 3.3 million people regionally. Of the total program cost of EUR 157.76 million, AfDB will provide a loan of EUR 141.15 million, and a EUR 14.84 million loan from the African Development Fund, the Group's concessional lending arm. The Government of Uganda will provide an in-kind contribution of EUR 1.77 million. The Uganda Civil Aviation Authority will implement the project. [Source: AfDB](#)

Airport: DFC signs USD 100 million financing plan for Cambodia airport

The U.S. International Development Finance Corporation and Overseas Cambodian Investment Corporation (OCIC) signed a letter of intent for USD 100 million financing for Cambodia's Techo International Airport. The facility will support the airport's multi-phase expansion, including additional runways, passenger terminal capacity and cargo handling, while reinforcing governance, transparency, and environmental and social standards expected by development finance institutions. [Source: Green Street Infrastructure](#)

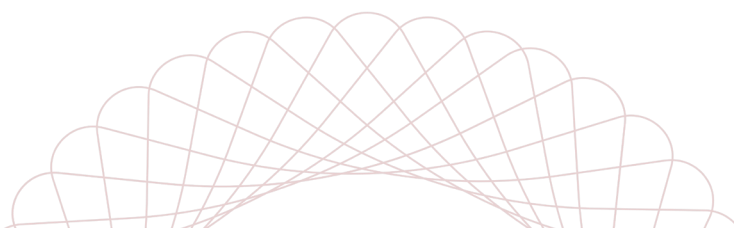
Multimodal: IDB supports modernization of Les Cayes Airport and NR2 road in Haiti with USD 70 million

The Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) approved up to USD 69 million in non-reimbursable financing to modernize Les Cayes Airport and rehabilitate priority sections of National Route 2 in southern Haiti. Works will improve aviation safety, widen the runway, add lighting and operational facilities, and rehabilitate 11 km of the NR2 corridor, benefiting 61,000 annual air users and 6,500 road users while strengthening regional connectivity and emergency response. [Source: IDB](#)

ENERGY

Power pool: CDB launches USD 1.5 million technical assistance project to assess Caribbean grid interconnection and renewable energy scaling

The Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) launched the USD 1.5 million Caribbean Regional Electricity Grid Interconnection and Renewable Energy Scaling Technical Assistance Project, (CREGI-RES), an initiative designed to help the region assess how renewable energy resources, electricity demand, interconnection opportunities and investment pathways can be brought together into a viable regional roadmap. Many Caribbean countries remain highly dependent on imported petroleum, despite the region's vast potential in geothermal, offshore wind, solar and hydropower. Running through early 2028, with first roadmap outputs expected in 2027, the initiative aims to reduce dependence on imported fuels, lower



electricity costs, strengthen climate resilience, and identify bankable clean-energy investments. The Technical Assistance is financed through CDB's Special Funds Resources, with support from the European Union Caribbean Investment Facility (EU-CIF) Geothermal Risk Mitigation programme, Agence Française de Développement, and the Government of Canada. [Source: CDB](#)

Storage: ADB supports Cambodia's renewable energy transition's battery storage project with USD 63 million finance package

ADB approved a USD 63.44 million package for Cambodia's first major utility-scale battery storage project, including a 250 MW/500 MWh system at Takeo substation. The project will strengthen grid stability, support Cambodia's 70 percent renewable energy capacity target by 2030, facilitate cross-border power trade with Vietnam and the ASEAN Power Grid, and avoid up to 27,700 tons of greenhouse gas emissions annually. The financing package includes a USD 40 million concessional loan and a USD 5 million grant from ADB through the Asian Development Fund, along with USD 18.44 million in cofinancing from the Green Climate Fund and the United Kingdom through the ASEAN Catalytic Green Finance Facility. [Source: ADB](#)

Power pool: World Bank approved USD 1.6 billion financing for Regional Energy Transmission, Trade and Decarbonization program for Eastern Africa

The World Bank approved a USD 1.6 billion financing package for the Regional Energy Transmission, Trade and Decarbonization program for Eastern Africa (RETRADE-EA), a 10-year initiative to accelerate regional power integration, expand energy access, and unlock economic opportunity. RETRADE-EA will finance both infrastructure and institutional capacity development needed to enable efficient regional power trade. The program will strengthen cross-border connectivity, improve system resilience, and facilitate the integration of countries that remain outside the regional grid. It will also support the launch of the Eastern Africa Power Pool (EAPP) Day-Ahead Market.

The first phase of the program includes the Uganda-Tanzania Interconnector Project (UTIP), supported by USD 250 million in concessional finance from the International Development Association for Uganda. The project will finance the construction of a new high-voltage electricity transmission line connecting Uganda to Tanzania, creating a critical connection between Uganda's surplus clean energy resources and regional electricity markets.

The first phase of the RETRADE-EA program includes a USD 10 million IDA grant and a USD 3.5 million grant from the Energy Sector Management Assistance Program (ESMAP) to the Eastern Africa Power Pool (EAPP) for the Regional Power Trade and Market Project (RTMP).

The project will strengthen regional market coordination and institutional capacity, resulting in more than 5,000 GWh of cross-border electricity trade annually by 2031, greater market integration between the EAPP and the South African Power Pool, and enhanced energy security and affordability for member states. [Source: World Bank](#)

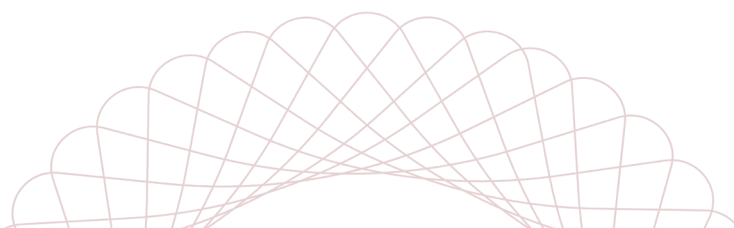
Distributed renewable energy: World Bank supports expansion of Türkiye's distributed renewable energy market with EUR 400 million financing to two Turkish banks

The World Bank approved EUR 400 million in additional financing to expand Türkiye's distributed renewable energy market through two EUR 200 million International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) loans to Development and Investment Bank of Türkiye A.Ş. (TKYB) and the Industrial Development Bank of Türkiye A.Ş. (TSKB), guaranteed by the Republic of Türkiye. This investment expands the Accelerating the Market Transition for Distributed Energy Program, which was approved in 2024 and is successfully catalyzing the country's low-voltage distributed solar market. Operating as a results-based financing program, this new phase will include onshore wind generation projects alongside new types of distributed solar and Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) investments, enabling 1,579 MW of renewable capacity, 392 MWh of storage, and up to USD 405 million in private capital mobilization under the ECARES regional platform.

The additional financing is part of the broader Europe and Central Asia Renewable Energy Scale-up (ECARES) Program, a World Bank regional initiative designed to increase renewable energy capacity across participating countries. The financing for Türkiye is part of a proposed USD 2.96 billion increase in the ECARES program envelope, enabling further expansion of renewable energy investments across Europe and Central Asia. [Source: World Bank](#)

Grid: EIB, Egypt and EU join forces on EUR 690 million clean-energy grid investment

The partnership will modernize the national electricity network and accelerate renewable-energy integration in the context of the Trans-Mediterranean Renewable Energy and Clean-Tech Cooperation Initiative (T-MED). The initiative is part of the Pact for the Mediterranean Financing package and combines a EUR 600 million European Development Bank (EIB Global) loan with up to EUR 90 million in EU grants, supporting a national program led by the Egyptian Electricity Transmission Company. Investment will help integrate solar and wind power, improve grid reliability, and support the country's role as a regional clean-energy hub. [Source: EIB](#)



IEA-IRENA-UN-World Bank-WHO report: *Tracking SDG 7: The Energy Progress Report*

This report is published by the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 7 custodian agencies, the International Energy Agency (IEA), the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA), the Statistics Division of the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA), the World Bank, and the World Health Organization (WHO), and aims to provide the international community with a global dashboard to register progress on energy access, energy efficiency, renewable energy and international cooperation to advance SDG 7.

The report finds that global progress on universal energy access remains off track: 655 million people still lacked electricity and 2 billion relied on polluting cooking fuels in 2024, with Sub-Saharan Africa most affected. Renewable capacity reached a record 544 watts per person, but renewables accounted for only 18 percent of final energy consumption in 2023, while international public finance for clean energy in developing countries rose only slightly to USD 24.6 billion in 2024.

The authors stress that the global energy transition is unfolding against a backdrop of compounding crises that have repeatedly disrupted progress and whose full implications remain uncertain at the time of publication. Successive shocks have underscored the fact that progress toward SDG 7 depends not only on ambitious policy, but also on geopolitical stability and the resilience of international cooperation. In this context, accelerating renewable energy deployment and improving energy efficiency in line with SDG7 provide a critical opportunity for strengthening energy security by diversifying energy sources, reducing dependence on fossil fuel imports and bolstering macroeconomic resilience. [Source: IEA, IEA press release, IRENA and IRENA](#)

DIGITAL

ADB issues USD 100 million inaugural digital solutions bond to open new digital connectivity pathways in Asia and the Pacific

ADB issued its first digital solutions theme bond, a USD 100 million three-year note arranged by Crédit Agricole CIB and listed in Luxembourg. Proceeds will support eligible digital connectivity projects across Asia and the Pacific, including broadband, cybersecurity, digital government, public services, and trusted data systems. The bond follows ADB's USD 20 billion Asia-Pacific Digital Highway initiative, which aims to expand broadband access for 650 million people and create 4 million jobs by 2035. [Source: ADB](#)

Data center: IFC partners with Indian Sify to support expansion of data centers and strengthen digital economy through USD 371 million sustainability-linked package

The International Finance Corporation (IFC), the private sector arm of the World Bank, will provide a USD 371 million-equivalent sustainability-linked financing package to Indian company Sify Infinit Spaces, including a USD 71 million direct loan and up to USD 300 million in mobilized debt, to develop AI-ready data centers in Navi Mumbai and Chennai in India. The two Indian Green Building Council (IGBC) Platinum-rated facilities – that comply with the highest standard of sustainability excellence of IGBC – will add 103 MW of capacity, supporting India's fast-growing digital economy, where internet users exceed 1 billion and AI could contribute up to USD 500 billion by 2030. [Source: IFC](#)

Data center: Selangor Industrial and DC Union partner on data centre in Malaysia

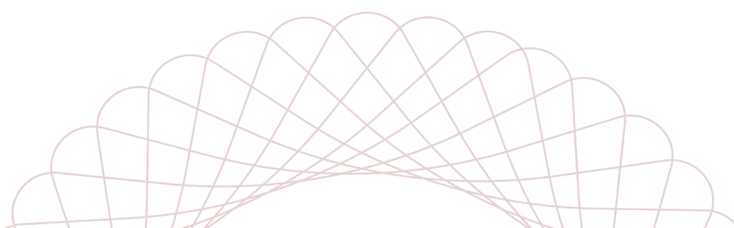
Selangor Industrial Corporation, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Selangor State Development Corporation, and Data Centre Union will jointly develop a 65 MW data center in Cyberjaya, Malaysia, supporting Selangor's digital-economy strategy through AI infrastructure and annual training of 500 Nvidia-certified engineers. [Source: Green Street Infrastructure](#)

Data center: Malaysian property developer Malton inks MoU with American Ricloud AI to build AI compute centers in Malaysia

Malaysian property developer Malton signed a 12-month Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with US-based Nvidia cloud partner and AI cloud infrastructure provider Ricloud AI to develop AI compute centres in Malaysia and later Southeast Asia, combining Ricloud's technology, investor outreach and possible project financing with Malton's site development, permitting and construction role. The initiative follows Malton-linked land acquisitions in Johor Bahru and Pahang, positioning Malaysia for AI infrastructure investment. [Source: Green Street Infrastructure](#)

Data center: CAF II Invests in Racks Central to advance Southeast Asia Data Centre Corridor

ESR, an Asia-Pacific focused real asset owner and manager, acting as sub-investment advisor to the USD 1 billion China-ASEAN Investment Cooperation Fund II (CAF II), announced a strategic investment by CAF II into Racks Central, a Singapore-headquartered data center platform with a growing regional footprint. The investment will support Racks Central's overseas expansion, starting with Johor, Malaysia, building on its established colocation



operations in Singapore. The investment will strengthen Racks Central's ability to deliver large-scale, AI-ready and energy-efficient data center capacity to hyperscalers, cloud service providers, and enterprises across Southeast Asia. [Source: Rack Central](#)

TRADE AND REGIONAL INTEGRATION

Corridor: World Bank adds USD 45 million new financing to strengthen Djibouti's Regional Economic Corridor

The World Bank approved USD 45 million in additional financing for the Horn of Africa Initiative: Djibouti Regional Economic Corridor Project. The support will help strengthen regional connectivity, enhance logistics efficiency, and improve road safety along the Djibouti-Addis Southern Corridor.

This support builds on the original USD 70 million project approved in December 2021 and a USD 90 million in additional financing approved in September 2024, bringing total World Bank financing for the project to USD 205 million. The new package will finance the widening of high-risk sections of National Road 1 between Arta and Doudoubala to a dual carriageway with median separation, alongside targeted safety measures in selected areas. It will also strengthen drainage systems, pavement structures, and climate resilience to withstand extreme heat and intense rainfall.

A new component is focused on safe access and road safety management. It will support stronger institutions, enhanced speed management and enforcement, and improved vehicle safety regulations. By 2033, the project aims to rehabilitate 70 km of resilient roads, benefit over 250,000 people, and reduce traffic fatalities by 30 percent. [World Bank](#)

Corridor: World Bank approves USD 200 million for Togo's logistics competitiveness by modernizing its transport infrastructure

The World Bank approved USD 200 million in financing from its concessional lending arm, the International Development Association (IDA), for Togo to improve the country's transport and logistics systems. Through an integrated territorial development approach, the project aims to link agricultural production and peri-urban development areas to market areas and urban logistics centers.

The program will finance: the rehabilitation of the railway line between the Autonomous Port of Lomé and the Adetikopé Industrial Platform in order to allow the transfer of containers by rail; the improvement of urban mobility in Greater Lomé; and strengthening the connectivity of high-potential agricultural areas, including Planned Agricultural Development Zones, to

local, regional and international markets. The project is expected to benefit 2.2 million urban residents and 400,000 rural people, 51 percent women. [World Bank](#)

Corridor: World Bank approves USD 1.12 billion program to modernize the Douala–Bangui Economic Corridor in Central Africa

The World Bank approved a USD 1.12 billion multiphase program to modernize the Douala–Bangui corridor, with a first phase of USD 525 million targeting priority infrastructure rehabilitation, road safety, and maintenance reforms in Cameroon, the Central African Republic (CAR), and at the regional Economic and Monetary Community of Central Africa (CEMAC) level.

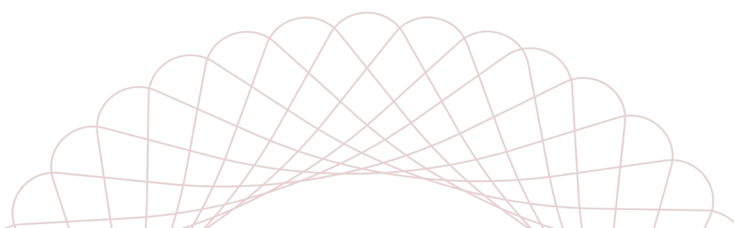
Phase 1 will direct USD 407 million from International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) and USD 18 million from International Development Association (IDA) to Cameroon, USD 90 million from IDA to the CAR, and USD 10 million from the IDA GROW window to CEMAC. Investments will rehabilitate priority road sections to climate-resilient standards, establish axle-load control stations, develop logistics hubs and feeder roads, strengthen value chains, and advance trade facilitation and institutional reforms. [Source: World Bank](#)

Afreximbank report: *Leveraging Geopolitics for Trade and Industrialisation in Global Africa*

Afreximbank’s 2026 African Trade Report argues that geopolitical fragmentation and supply-chain reconfiguration can create a strategic opening for Africa to deepen industrialization and regional trade. Africa’s real GDP growth rose from 3.4 percent in 2024 to 4.5 percent in 2025, while merchandise trade expanded 6.1 percent to USD 1.5 trillion and inflation declined from 21.6 percent to 13.1 percent. The report highlights persistent constraints, including an estimated USD 74 billion trade finance gap in 2025, limited foreign-exchange liquidity, weaker correspondent banking links, logistics disruptions, and infrastructure bottlenecks. It calls for faster African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) implementation, stronger regional value chains, expanded intra-African trade finance, greater use of the Pan-African Payment and Settlement System, and coordinated reforms to position African institutions and industries for a more resilient, value-added trade ecosystem. [Source: Afreximbank, Afreximbank](#) and [Afreximbank report](#)

Afreximbank report: *African Trade Heatmaps 2026*

This report maps Africa’s 2025 merchandise trade by partner, product and region, providing a visual diagnostic of trade concentration, shifts in bilateral intensity and emerging diversification opportunities. The report highlights how African Continental Free Trade Area



(AfCFTA) implementation, changing global demand and new trade corridors are reshaping Africa's trade geography, while also exposing vulnerabilities linked to narrow product bases and uneven market integration. It provides policymakers and financiers with a practical evidence base for targeting value addition, regional supply-chain development and trade resilience. [Source: Afreximbank](#) and [Afreximbank report](#)

ODI Global report: Implementation of the AfCFTA Protocol on Investment: a stocktake of promotion and facilitation provisions and potential effects on textiles and garments value chains

An Overseas Development Institute (ODI) Global stocktake finds that the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) Protocol on Investment, adopted in 2023, could help translate continental commitments into cross-border investment and stronger regional value chains, but implementation remains uneven. Using textiles and garments as a case study, the report highlights progress in National Focal Point designation and digital facilitation reforms, while noting persistent constraints in intra-African investment, institutional coordination, investor aftercare and sector-specific delivery. With intra-African investment representing only 10 percent of total inward foreign direct investment to Africa, the report argues that operational reforms—empowered focal points, Africa-focused investment strategies, stronger facilitation systems and closer alignment with industrial policy—are needed to convert the Protocol's legal architecture into bankable regional value-chain outcomes. [Source: ODI](#) and [ODI Report](#)

ODI Global report: Undertaking AfCFTA gap analyses: what are we learning?

Overseas Development Institute (ODI) Global's synthesis of African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) gap analyses shows how countries can align domestic investment regimes with the AfCFTA Protocol on Investment, which was adopted in February 2023 and requires progressive national alignment within five years of entry into force. Developed with the AfCFTA Secretariat, the methodology is now embedded in the Protocol on Investment Implementation and Support Programme and identifies recurring implementation gaps, including weak National Focal Points, limited investor aftercare, fragmented mandates, insufficient digitalization, unresolved dispute-settlement issues and uneven sustainable-development provisions. The report frames gap analyses as practical reform tools for sequencing legal, institutional and operational changes needed to convert the AfCFTA's 1.4 billion-person market opportunity into stronger intra-African investment, bankable regional value chains and more credible investment facilitation systems. [Source: ODI](#) and [ODI Report](#)

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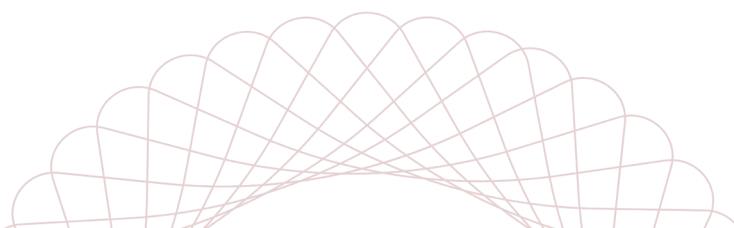
CLIMATE AND ENVIRONMENT

GEF approves USD 4 million grant for AfDB to accelerate the Great Green Wall initiative in Southern Africa

The Global Environment Facility (GEF) approved a USD 3.98 million grant for the African Development Bank (AfDB) to implement the Southern Africa Great Green Wall Accelerator across the 16 Southern African Development Community countries. Executed over three years with the UN Convention to Combat Desertification's Global Mechanism, the program will establish a regional coordination platform, prepare a costed investment plan, and build a pipeline of projects around water access, renewable energy, resilient ecosystems, climate-resilient infrastructure, sustainable agriculture and inclusive economic development. The initiative extends Great Green Wall approaches from the Sahel—where restoration efforts have rehabilitated 20 million hectares and created 350,000 jobs—to the Kalahari and Namib Desert regions, strengthening landscape resilience, green value chains and climate adaptation in Southern Africa. [Source: AfDB](#)

Vulnerability to Viability: New compact will unlock affordable finance for climate-vulnerable countries

The OPEC Fund for Development (OPEC Fund) and Barbados, as Chair of the Climate Vulnerable Forum and Vulnerable 20 Group (V20) Finance Ministers, launched the Vulnerability to Viability Compact to expand affordable, long-tenor development finance for 74 climate-vulnerable economies representing 1.7 billion people. The open platform brings together more than 15 development finance partners, including the Arab Coordination Group, African Development Bank (AfDB), Asian Development Bank (ADB), Caribbean Development Bank, Development Bank of Latin America and the Caribbean (CAF), Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), Islamic Development Bank (IsDB), International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and the World Bank, to align finance and expertise behind country-led priorities. Focused initially on water, education and health, the Compact aims to combine predictable concessional finance, private capital mobilization and shock-responsive tools to sustain essential services and build resilience. A White Paper on implementation mechanisms is expected during the World Bank and IMF Annual Meetings in Bangkok in mid-October 2026. [Source: OPEC Fund](#)



IFC-AXA Climate-Scientific Climate Ratings report: *Low Cost, High Yield: The Adaptation and Resilience Investment Opportunity for Infrastructure*

A joint report by International Finance Corporation (IFC), AXA Climate, and Scientific Climate Ratings finds that targeted adaptation and resilience investments can materially protect infrastructure asset value and improve bankability in emerging markets. Natural hazards cost low- and middle-income countries USD 390 billion annually, equivalent to 1–2 percent of GDP and could put 43 million jobs at risk across 49 countries by 2050. Drawing on transmission and distribution, water and sanitation, and road case studies, the report shows that resilience measures costing 2.4–8 percent of asset value can deliver high benefit-cost ratios, including up to USD 8.60 in protected value per USD 1 invested. It highlights longer financing tenors, concessional and blended finance, and better project preparation as critical tools for crowding in private capital for climate-resilient infrastructure. [Source: IFC](#)

PROCUREMENT, ANTI-CORRUPTION, TRANSPARENCY AND DISCLOSURE

CMI U4 Anticorruption Resource Centre article: *Re-centering anti-corruption in resource frontiers*

This article argues that conventional anti-corruption tools in natural-resource governance—transparency, accountability and participation—often fail in resource frontiers such as borderlands, forests and pastoral rangelands where state authority, land rights and investment interests are contested. Drawing on evidence from Brazil, Peru, Kenya and Tanzania, it shows how administrative manipulation, permit systems, conservation initiatives and elite capture can legalize dispossession, weaken Indigenous and community rights, and redirect benefits from green or extractive investments. The article calls for anti-corruption strategies that move beyond technical compliance toward stronger tenure security, legal empowerment, strategic litigation, and protection for land and environmental defenders. For development finance, the analysis underscores the need for frontier-sensitive governance due diligence, rights-based safeguards and accountability systems that address power asymmetries before natural-resource and climate investments are scaled.

The U4 Anti-Corruption Resource Centre is a permanent, donor-funded research center based at the Chr. Michelsen Institute (CMI) in Bergen, Norway. Established in 2002/2003, U4 operates as an institutional partnership funded by bilateral development agencies to bridge the gap between academic research and practical anti-corruption strategies in international development. [Source: CMI U4](#)

PARTNERSHIP

MCDF NEWS AND ACTIVITIES

2026 MCDF PPP Hot Topics Workshop Series Session 2 focuses on innovative transaction designs

The second session of the 2026 Multilateral Cooperation Center for Development Finance (MCDF) Public-Private Partnership (PPP) Hot Topics Workshop Series, held online on 17 June, focused on innovative transaction designs that can mobilize private capital and improve infrastructure delivery in developing economies. Co-organized by MCDF with Egypt's Ministry of Finance, African Development Bank (AfDB), Asian Development Bank (ADB), CAF–Development Bank of Latin American and the Caribbean, the Eurasian Development Bank (EDB), Public-Private Infrastructure Advisory Facility (PPIAF), and World Association of PPP Units and Professionals (WAPPP), the workshop examined how non-traditional PPP models can address infrastructure services that do not fit standard long-tenor concession structures.

Case examples covered ADB's pilot template for PPP operation and maintenance contracts; performance-based road operation and maintenance (O&M) models that can reduce asset management costs by 20–40 percent within five years and 60 percent within ten years; Egypt's 10th of Ramadan Dry Port; Grenada's sea-water air-conditioning project, expected to cut electricity use by 83 percent; Kazakhstan's Atyrau street-lighting PPP, which reduced energy use by 80 percent, O&M costs by 36 percent and nighttime road accidents by 44 percent; and rooftop solar aggregation models that can make distributed assets bankable.

[View the Recordings of the Workshop on Innovations in PPP Transaction Design](#)

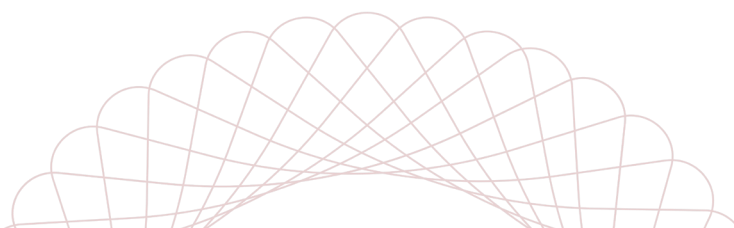
[Download the Workshop Speakers' Presentations](#)

The final session of the series will be held virtually on 22 July 2026 and will focus on data center PPPs. [Source: MCDF](#)

INFRASTRUCTURE FACILITIES, FUNDS AND INITIATIVES

Zafiri announces USD 176 million commercial launch to accelerate energy access via the private sector across sub-Saharan Africa

Inspired Evolution, an African climate investment firm launched Zafiri, a blended permanent-capital vehicle with USD 176 million in initial commitments to expand private-sector distributed renewable energy across Sub-Saharan Africa. Backed by International Finance Corporation (IFC), African Development Bank, Rockefeller Foundation, Trade and



Development Bank, Nordic Development Fund, MacArthur Foundation and FirstRand, Zafiri will provide patient equity² to mini-grid, solar home system, productive-use energy and clean-cooking companies, with at least 50 percent of capital expected to support mini-grids, solar home systems and clean cooking. The platform aims to connect 10 million people by 2030 and 30 million over its lifetime, supporting Mission 300's goal of electricity access for 300 million people in Sub-Saharan Africa by 2030. Following its USD 176 million commercial launch, Zafiri targets a USD 300 million final close within 12 months and a longer-term scale-up to USD 1 billion, addressing the long-term equity gap for off-grid and beyond-grid energy access businesses. [Source: IFC, AfDB and TDB](#)

IFIS TOGETHER

EBRD, EIB and EU support Tunisia's energy transition and resilience with EUR 67 million package

The European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), the European Investment Bank (EIB) and the European Union (EU) are supporting Tunisia's energy transition through up to EUR 61.3 million in financing for the Scatec-Aeolus joint venture 100 MW solar photovoltaic plant in Sidi Bouzid, complemented by EUR 5.5 million in EU grant funding for associated transmission infrastructure under a broader EUR 35.8 million Global Gateway package. The plant will be built by Scatec Khobna PV Power, a special-purpose vehicle established in Tunisia. The project is expected to generate 252 GWh of renewable electricity annually, reduce lifetime annual CO₂ emissions by 107,000 tons, and support Tunisia's objective of reaching 35 percent renewable energy by 2030 under its 1.7 GW concession program. The EBRD's financing package will be supported by a first-loss guarantee under the European Fund for Sustainable Development Plus (EFSD+), while the EIB's participation will be covered by the Connectivity Component of the EFSD+ Open Architecture Guarantee Agreement. [Source: EBRD](#)

IFIS AND DEVELOPING COUNTRY FINANCIERS

ADB supports Converse Bank with USD 15 million financing in Armenia and İLBANK with USD 175 million loan in Türkiye

Asian Development Bank (ADB) signed the following financing agreements in Armenia and Türkiye:

² In development finance, patient equity refers to long-term investment capital with no strict or rapid payback timeline. Investors prioritize sustainable, long-term economic, social, or environmental returns over immediate profit. It gives developers and businesses the runway to survive economic cycles and mature.

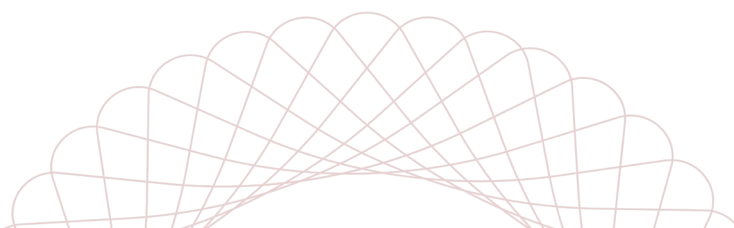
- **Up to USD 15 million in financing with Armenia’s Converse Bank:** to expand access to longer-term credit for micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs), women-owned businesses and sustainable household and MSME investments. The package comprises up to USD 13 million from ADB and USD 2 million from the Canadian Climate and Nature Fund for the Private Sector in Asia. [Source: ADB](#)
- **USD 175.48 million results-based loan to Türkiye’s state-owned İLBANK:** to scale renewable energy use by municipalities under the Municipal Renewable Energy Transition Program, complemented by USD 43 million in İLBANK counterpart financing and guaranteed by the Government of Türkiye. The program will finance solar and wind infrastructure, substations, switchgear, switchyards and access roads for metropolitan, provincial and district municipalities, helping decarbonize municipal buildings and utilities, reduce energy costs, ease pressure on power networks and strengthen local capacity for renewable-energy investment. The operation supports Türkiye’s 2053 net-zero target, National Energy Plan 2022 and Twelfth Development Plan 2024–2028. [Source: ADB](#)

EBRD is providing USD 170 million package to Khan Bank in Mongolia and 50 million to SQB in Uzbekistan

The European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) entered in the following agreements with banks in Mongolia and Uzbekistan:

- **Up to USD 170 million loan to Mongolia’s Khan Bank:** The package comprises three senior loans: up to USD 80 million under the Green Climate Fund and EBRD Greening Financial Systems framework to help micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs) adopt green technologies; up to USD 50 million under the Women in Business program, supported by the Women Entrepreneurs Finance Initiative; and up to USD 40 million under the Youth in Business program for MSMEs owned or led by people under 35. The operation combines long-term finance with technical assistance to strengthen MSME resilience, expand inclusive entrepreneurship and scale green investment. [Source: EBRD](#)
- **Up to USD 50 million loan to Uzbekistan’s O’zsanoatqurilishbank (SQB):** The financing, available in US dollars or synthetic Uzbek som³, will support MSMEs owned or led by people under 35, helping expand access to finance and job opportunities in a country where more than 61 percent of the population is aged 35 or below. [Source: EBRD](#)

³ A Synthetic Uzbek Som (Synthetic UZS) is a specialized financial structure in which a loan or transaction is denominated and priced in the local Uzbekistan currency but is entirely settled in a major foreign currency like the US Dollar (USD).



EIB Global signs EUR 50 million investment agreement with Wema Bank in Nigeria and USD 200 million loan agreement with Development Bank of Nigeria

The European Investment Bank's international development arm, EIB Global signed the following agreements in Nigeria:

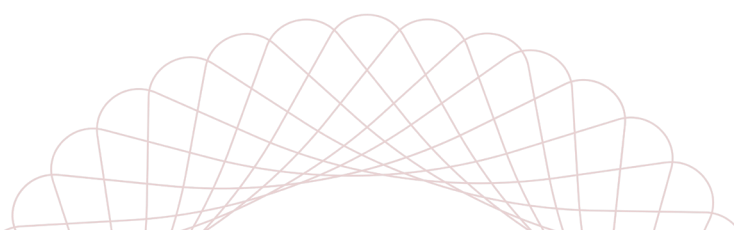
- **EUR 50 million SME credit line to Wema Bank:** to expand access to finance for youth- and women-focused businesses in Nigeria. The facility is complemented by EIB technical assistance under the Greening Financial Systems Programme to strengthen green lending and climate-risk practices, including for clients linked to the Team Europe Investing in Young Businesses in Africa initiative. The operation supports Nigeria's Financial Inclusion Strategy, which aims to increase women's access to financial services by 15 percent annually. [Source: EIB](#)
- **EUR 200 million loan to Development Bank of Nigeria:** for financing MSMEs and midcaps investing in Nigeria's green and digital economy. The facility will channel long-term finance through local financial institutions to enterprises in agriculture, renewable energy, digitalization and innovation, supporting private-sector development, job creation, local supply chains, food security and clean-energy access. The operation aims to ease financing constraints for small-scale investments while strengthening climate resilience and inclusive growth in Africa's largest economy. [Source: EIB](#)

AfDB approves USD 100 million to support EBID's activities in West Africa region

The African Development Bank (AfDB) approved a USD 100 million package for the ECOWAS Bank for Investment and Development (EBID) to strengthen regional development finance in West Africa. The operation combines a USD 30 million equity investment with a USD 70 million long-term credit facility for clean-energy projects. The financing is expected to expand electricity access for 250,000 households, benefit 1.4 million people, avoid 355,500 tons of annual CO₂ emissions, and generate permanent jobs, with youth representing 70 percent of new positions. Aligned with the New African Financial Architecture for Development, the package is intended to reinforce EBID's capital base, mobilization capacity and regional role in financing clean energy and inclusive growth. [Source: AfDB](#)

Afreximbank signs USD 500 million term loan facility with the Central Bank of Tunisia to support the realisation of strategic goals

Afreximbank signed a USD 500 million term loan facility with the Central Bank of Tunisia to support Tunisia's priority socio-economic objectives. The facility builds on USD 1.2 billion



previously disbursed to the Central Bank and will help meet maturing trade debt obligations, finance essential imports including fuel, fertilizers and food, and strengthen foreign-currency liquidity. [Source: Afreximbank](#)

IDB Invest supports Banco Macro with up to USD 200 million financing line to expand financing for SMEs in Argentina

IDB Invest, the private sector arm of the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), will provide up to USD 200 million to Banco Macro to expand medium- and long-term financing for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in Argentina, including firms in the Norte Grande region. The package comprises an A loan of up to USD 100 million from IDB Invest and an expected B loan of USD 100 million mobilized from institutional investors. The operation will help Banco Macro extend longer-tenor credit for productive investment, business expansion and productivity gains, while advisory services will strengthen corporate governance and management systems. [Source: IDB Invest](#)

DEVELOPING COUNTRY FINANCIERS

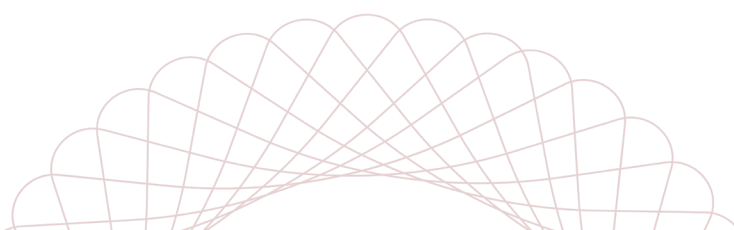
Development Bank of Kazakhstan signs USD 922 million international financing to develop Kazakhstan’s transport and logistics potential

The Development Bank of Kazakhstan (KDB) signed international financing agreements totaling USD 922 million, including a USD 785 million syndicated loan backed by the World Bank’s Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA) and a EUR 120 million European Investment Bank’s letter of intent. The financing will support road, port, and logistics upgrades across 17 regions, including sections of the Middle Corridor and North–South corridor, improving safety, travel times, jobs, and access to transport infrastructure. [Source: KDB](#)

OTHER NEWS AND ANALYSES ON PARTNER IFIS

Uzbekistan joins NDB

Uzbekistan joined the New Development Bank (NDB), becoming the Bank’s first Central Asian member and bringing total membership to ten countries. [Source: NDB](#)



AFC and leading Italian institutions sign strategic cooperation agreements at AFC-Italy forum to mobilize capital and accelerate industrial development across Africa

Africa Finance Corporation (AFC) signed strategic cooperation agreements with Italian institutions at the AFC-Italy Business Forum in Rome to translate Italy-Africa cooperation into bankable infrastructure and industrial projects. The agreements with Italy's national promotional institution and public development bank Cassa Depositi e Prestiti (CDP), Italy's official export credit agency SACE, the Italian manufacturing and service companies representative Confindustria Assafrica & Mediterraneo and IMAGRO, an Italian global procurement, supply chain management and trade finance company, establish cooperation on co-financing, project preparation, export credit support, guarantees, risk-sharing, procurement, business matchmaking and private-sector participation in AFC-supported projects.

The partnerships align AFC's African project pipeline and risk-mitigation capabilities with Italy's Mattei Plan, development finance instruments and industrial networks, targeting power and renewable energy, transport and logistics, critical minerals, natural resources, manufacturing, technology-enabled infrastructure and regional trade corridors. The cooperation builds on EUR 400 million in CDP facilities to AFC, including a EUR 250 million loan in 2025 backed by an 80 percent SACE guarantee, and is expected to deepen commercially viable investment, including along the Lobito Corridor. [Source: AFC](#)

HARNESSING PRIVATE FINANCE

Blue Dot Network interview: *Building Trust in Global Infrastructure: A Conversation with Christopher Reeves*

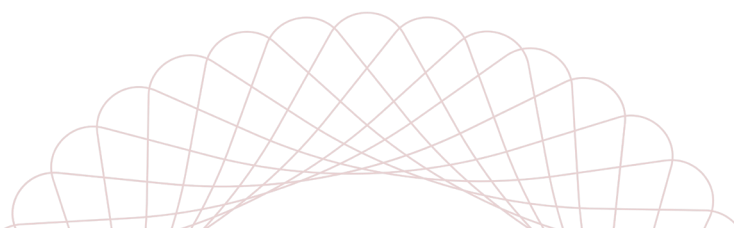
A Blue Dot Network (BDN) Leadership Series interview with Christopher Reeves, BDN Executive Consultation Group Vice Chair, argues that the global infrastructure gap is driven not only by capital scarcity but by weak trust signals that prevent private investors from distinguishing bankable projects from merely strategic ones. While global infrastructure needs are estimated at USD 106 trillion by 2040 and annual requirements at USD 4.2 trillion, private infrastructure assets under management exceed USD 1.6 trillion and annual fundraising is close to USD 200 billion. Reeves highlights that emerging-market infrastructure risk is often poorly measured, with long-term lending portfolios showing average default rates of about 3.5 percent and recovery rates of above 70 percent, comparable to non-investment-grade corporates in developed markets. The interview positions infrastructure standards, independent verification and transparent project pipelines as *financial infrastructure* that can reduce information asymmetry, improve risk pricing and help investors move projects from *interesting* to *investible*, with the Blue Dot

Network certification and Private Capital Working Group supporting evidence-based comparability and private capital mobilization. [Source: Blue Dot Network](#)

GFANZ-BII-BCG report: Scaling Blended Finance II: Optimizing Catalytic Capital in Blended Finance Funds

A recent Glasgow Financial Alliance for Net Zero (GFANZ), British International Investment (BII) and Boston Consulting Group (BCG) report sets out a practical framework for using scarce concessional capital more efficiently in blended finance funds for climate and development investment in emerging markets and developing economies. Building on more than 40 real-world examples, the report helps fund managers identify when concessional support is needed, which investor constraints it should address, and how much catalytic capital is required to crowd in commercial investors.

It profiles five investor groups—insurers, pension funds, banks, sovereign wealth funds and family offices—managing more than USD 280 trillion in assets, and maps common barriers around downside risk, return requirements, cashflow and liquidity, and performance volatility to instruments such as subordinated capital, preferential repayment structures, liquidity facilities and hedging mechanisms. The report aims to shorten fund-structuring timelines, improve replicability and scale, and support local and international fund managers in mobilizing private capital for bankable Emerging Market and Developing Economies infrastructure, climate and development opportunities. [Source: GFANZ](#), [BII](#) and [report](#)



UPCOMING EVENTS

MCDF

2026 Workshop Series on Public-Private Partnership Hot Topics - Workshop 3: Data Center PPPs

Time: May–July 2026 19:00 – 21:00 (GMT+8)

Workshop 1: PPP Capacity Building 13 May 2026

Workshop 2: Innovations in PPP Transaction Design 17 June 2026

Workshop 3: *Data Center PPPs* **22 July 2026**

Place: Virtual

Organizer: MCDF, Egypt Ministry of Finance, AfDB, ADB, CAF, EDB, PPIAF, WAPP

Objective: Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs) enable governments to procure and deliver public infrastructure and leverage the resources and expertise of the private sector through risk-sharing arrangements. When properly designed and executed, PPPs can create social value through on-time and on-cost delivery, generating efficiency gains and offering innovation in project design, incorporation of global expertise, and accessing new sources of capital. Conversely, poorly designed and executed PPPs can fail to deliver on these promises and create additional risks compared to traditional financing modalities. Capacity building of developing country governments is therefore important to ensure that their benefits are harnessed and risks mitigated.

Building on the success of the 2024 and 2025 series, the 2026 Workshop Series on Public-Private Partnership Hot Topics is designed for public-private partnership (PPP) professionals affiliated with governments, financiers, developers, consultants, contractors, and other stakeholders. The three-part series will offer participants opportunities to:

- Better understand the latest “frontier issues” in PPPs, such as developments in PPP capacity building, PPP transaction design, and data center PPPs
- Learn from, and collaborate with, experts from leading International Financial Institutions (IFIs), who will share their latest thinking and tools
- Learn practical approaches to addressing common PPP project development and implementation challenges from experienced PPP units in developing countries
- Engage with other practitioners and build stronger professional networks
- Request further support through the feedback survey at the end of each workshop

Participants will receive a certificate at the end of each session upon completing a feedback form.

Workshop on Data Center PPPs: This workshop will discuss cases when a data center is suitable for a PPP rather than for fully private provision; ways in which the transaction can be designed to reduce technology or demand risks for the government; the roles of the public and private sectors regarding land permits, power supplies, and backup infrastructure; and how to address these constraints in developing countries, with a particular focus on Kenya which is seeking to become a regional hub for data centers.

Target participants: Staff from PPP units, ministries of finance and planning, and PPP practitioners from Latin America and the Caribbean, Africa, the Middle East and North Africa, and Asia. Project developers, financiers, contractors and consulting companies.

Registration: [Here](#)

Source: [MCDF](#)

OTHERS

Public Debt Management Conference 2026

Time: 10 -11 September 2026

Place: Paris, France

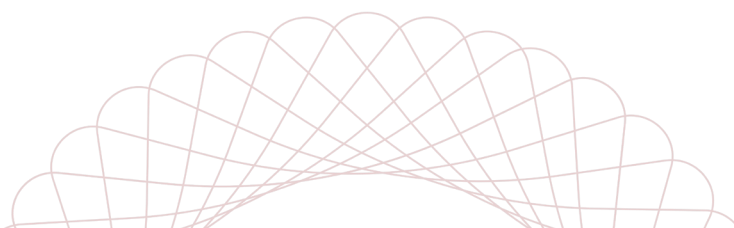
Organizer: OECD, Italian Treasury, World Bank

Objective: The Public Debt Management Network, an initiative jointly fostered by the OECD, the Italian Treasury, and the World Bank, is organizing the 4th Public Debt Management Conference at the OECD Headquarters, Paris, France, on September 10-11, 2026. The event is aimed at promoting the sharing and advancement of knowledge on public debt management among practitioners, institutions and academics.

The 4th edition of the Conference will focus on key topics including fiscal policy and debt sustainability in a context of macroeconomic uncertainty, sovereign debt restructuring, sustainable debt instruments. Furthermore, new findings on primary and secondary market functioning and investor dynamics, as well as transparency and governance in debt management strategies, will be presented and discussed.

The Conference will feature a keynote address by Sir Robert Stheeman, non-executive Director, Morgan Stanley, and former CEO of the UK Debt Management Office.

The Conference will be held in-person. If you are interested in participating, please complete the [registration form](#). The deadline for the registration is July 23, 2026. A confirmation message regarding participation will be communicated by 31 July 2026. Please note that, due to limited capacity at the venue, participation is subject to confirmation.



Participants are expected to cover their own travel, accommodation, and related expenses. Practical information, including directions to the OECD and nearby hotels, is available on the [OECD Conference Centre page](#).

The visa application process may take up to four weeks. Participants are therefore encouraged to apply well in advance via the [French Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs website](#). Please note that the OECD is not in a position to assist with visa arrangements. European Union citizens do not require a visa to enter France. For any questions regarding the Conference organization, please contact publicdebt@oecd.org.

Registration: [Here](#)
Source: [PDM Network](#)

8th World Bank/ ODI Global / IFS Public Finance Conference

Time: 24 - 25 September 2026
Place: Washington DC, USA and streamlined
Organizer: World Bank, ODI, IFS

Objective: We are pleased to announce the 8th World Bank/ODI Global/Institute for Fiscal Studies Public Finance Conference, taking place in Washington, DC on September 24-25, 2026, hosted by the Development Economics Vice Presidency and the Fiscal Policy Unit of the World Bank. This annual conference brings together researchers, policymakers, and practitioners to discuss cutting-edge research on public finance of relevance for low- and middle-income countries (L&MICs).

We primarily focus on research related to L&MICs but also welcome relevant studies from high-income contexts. We invite submissions across all areas of public finance, including:

- Tax Policy and Administration
- Subsidies and Compensation/Wage Bill Reforms
- Political Economy of Fiscal Reforms
- Public Financial Management, Public Goods Provision, and Procurement
- Cash Transfers, Social Protection and other Poverty Alleviation, and Inequality Reduction Programs
- Artificial Intelligence in Public Finance

We are pleased to feature Nathaniel Hendren, Professor of Economics at MIT and Founder/Co-Director at Policy Impacts, as our keynote speaker.

The conference will take place in person in Washington DC with streaming available for non-presenting attendees. Presenters are expected to attend in person. The organizers will arrange economy-class travel for invited presenters.

Target participants: Researchers, policy makers

Registration: No need for the streamlining.

Source: [World Bank](#)

**Africa PPP Infrastructure Finance, Investment & Partnerships Summit
(Africa PPP) 2026: *Building Africa's Prosperity: Transformative
Infrastructure, Investment and Partnerships to Accelerate Economic
Development***

Time: 11 – 13 November 2026

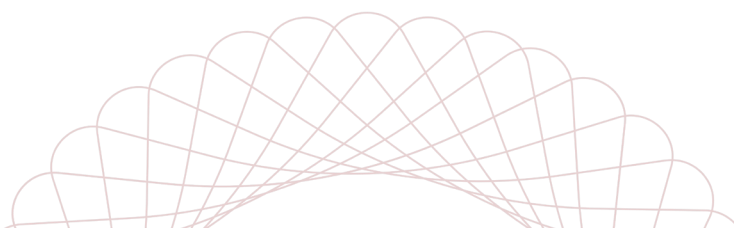
Place: Nairobi, Kenya

Organizer: Kenya, AMETrade

Objective: The 16th Africa PPP Infrastructure Finance, Investment & Partnerships Summit will take place in Nairobi on 11–13 November 2026, focusing on how Africa can convert infrastructure ambitions into bankable projects, investable pipelines and practical public-private delivery partnerships. The event comes as Kenya's PPP Directorate reports 51 PPP projects, including 10 under implementation and 41 at different stages of preparation, and as the country advances a National Infrastructure Fund to mobilize private and institutional capital while reducing reliance on public debt.

At continental level, the summit responds to a shift from capital scarcity toward more effective capital deployment. Africa Finance Corporation's 2026 infrastructure report notes that non-bank domestic capital pools exceed USD 2 trillion and pension and insurance assets exceed USD 1 trillion, underscoring the need for stronger project preparation, risk-sharing tools and integrated infrastructure systems linking energy, transport, industry and digital networks. Against this backdrop, Africa PPP 2026 will convene governments, PPP units, infrastructure agencies, MDBs, DFIs, institutional investors, commercial lenders, developers and advisers to move projects from concept through preparation, procurement, financial close and implementation.

Sessions will examine infrastructure as a driver of regional integration, industrialization and productive growth, including how national development plans can become credible PPP pipelines, how domestic savings can be channeled into infrastructure, and how MDBs, DFIs and regional development banks can help de-risk projects and mobilize private capital. Kenya will provide a practical host-country context as an East African logistics, financial, digital and industrial hub linked to regional priorities including corridors, power transmission, affordable housing, water, special economic zones and EAC and AfCFTA trade flows.



The programme will cover roads, rail and border infrastructure for intra-African trade; bankable energy, transmission and regional power trade; water, health, housing and waste PPPs; ports, maritime logistics and aviation; and infrastructure for agriculture, agro-industrialization and food security. A full-day pre-conference masterclass on 11 November, *From Vision to Investment*, will provide practical guidance on project preparation, pipeline development, procurement strategy, investor due diligence, contract structuring and implementation. Curated meetings, project discussions, networking sessions and technical and investment visits will support focused engagement among project owners, capital providers, advisers and delivery partners.

Target participants: Open to all.

Registration: [Here](#)

Source: [16th edition of Africa PPP](#)

World Bank Group Land Conference 2027

Time: 17 – 21 May 2027

Place: Washington DC, USA and streamlined

Organizer: World Bank

Objective: The World Bank Group Land Conference has catalyzed the global land community for over 20 years. The Land Conference is the premier global forum for the land sector, bringing together participants from governments, development partners, civil society, academia, and the private sector to showcase policy-relevant research, discuss technical issues and sector good practice, and inform our dialogue. The Land Conference also aims to encourage cross-sectoral knowledge exchange and has incubated numerous investments, initiatives, and research projects led by diverse stakeholders, including the Voluntary Guidelines, the Land Governance Assessment Framework, and the Stand for Her Land Campaign. The theme for the 2027 Land Conference will be "*Land Markets for Jobs and Growth*." Stay tuned for updates on registration and the call for proposals, expected in October 2026.

Target participants: Open to all.

Registration: No need for the streamlining.

Source: [World Bank](#)

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