

UK Government Support for Business

The following is a list of support services and programmes available to business from the UK Government. Please feel free to download this and retain for future reference. A broader description of each of the support services is available in the Africa Investment Conference catalogue on the website.

About UK Department for International Trade

The UK Department for International Trade (DIT) secures UK and global prosperity by promoting and financing international trade and investment. Our responsibilities are to:

- help businesses export
- drive inward and outward investment
- negotiate market access and trade deals
- champion free trade

To find out more about how the Department for International Trade can help you, please see [gov.uk/dit](https://www.gov.uk/dit)

DIT Africa Market Entry Team

The DIT Africa Market Entry Team provides UK businesses with a one-stop point of contact for queries related to doing business in Africa. If you are a UK registered business, looking at exporting or investing in Africa, please contact DIT.Africa@fcdo.gov.uk.

UK Export Finance

UKEF is the UK Government's export credit agency. It provides guarantees, export insurance and loans to support export activities where the private sector cannot to ensure no viable export fails unnecessarily. To find out more about how export finance can support your global ambitions, visit UKEF's [website](#).

Investment Deal Room

The Investment Deal Room was launched by the Department for International Trade during the UK-Africa Investment Summit, and provides a platform that offers qualified investors access to curated investment opportunities and insight into Africa's fastest growing SMEs and Corporates. It is provided in association with [Asoko Insights](#). For more information, contact [Rob Withagen](#)

CDC

CDC Group is the UK's publicly owned impact investor with over 70 years' experience supporting the sustainable, long-term growth of businesses in Africa. CDC provides flexible capital in all its forms, including equity, debt, mezzanine and guarantees, to meet businesses' needs. Contact enquiries@cdcgroup.com.

Find out more at www.cdcgroup.com.

The Private Infrastructure Development Group

The Private Infrastructure Development Group (PIDG) is an innovative multi-donor organisation that was established in 2002 with the purpose of addressing market failures in the provision of sustainable infrastructure throughout sub-Saharan Africa and south and south-east Asia. PIDG is funded by six governments (the UK, the Netherlands, Switzerland, Australia, Sweden, Germany) and the IFC. Find out more at www.pidg.org. For more information, please contact Cecilie Sørhus, Head of Communications, at cecilie.sorhus@pidg.org.

Global Entrepreneur Programme

The Global Entrepreneur Programme (GEP) enables internationally mobile tech-based entrepreneurs to scale and internationalise their tech-based businesses from a UK base. GEP deploys its own team of successful entrepreneurs (its dealmakers) to achieve this by leveraging their own expertise to help ambitious African founders access the UK's world-class ecosystem. For more information, please contact Akua.Owusu-Ansah@trade.gov.uk.

Growth Gateway

The Growth Gateway is a service to help African, UK and other international businesses trade with and invest in each other. The UK government is determined to provide support for African businesses to find trade and investment partners and access UK advice and expertise. For UK businesses, the service offers further assistance to find new business partners and capitalise on opportunities for international growth in African markets. For more information, please contact GrowthGateway@fcdo.gov.uk.

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