

Ekonomi Bakanlığı'ndan iletilen bir yazıda, Birleşmiş Milletler (BM) Afrika Büyük Göller Bölgesi (ABGB) Özel Temsilciliği, ABGB Uluslararası Konferansı İcra Sekreterliği ve Demokratik Kongo Cumhuriyeti Dışişleri Bakanlığı himaye ve eşgüdümünde, 24-25 Şubat 2016 tarihleri arasında Kinşasa'da "Afrika Büyük Göller Bölgesi Özel Sektör Yatırım Konferansı'nın planlandığı bildirilmektedir.

Söz konusu forum, Demokratik Kongo Cumhuriyeti yanında Afrika Barış ve İşbirliği Çerçeve Antlaşmasını imzalayan diğer 12 üye ülkeyi (Angola, Burundi, Orta Afrika Cumhuriyeti, Kongo, Kenya, Ruanda, Güney Afrika, Güney Sudan, Sudan, Tanzanya, Uganda ve Zambiya) kapsayan bir yapıda gerçekleşeceği ve bölgede ilk olma özelliğini taşıdığı ifade edilmektedir.

Anılan forumun, bölgenin dönüşümü için yatırımları harekete geçirmek, bölgesel istihdamı ve verimliliği artıracak kritik önemdeki yatırımlara ivme kazandırmak, bölgesel pazarların bölge içi ticaret yanında dış piyasalarla güçlü bağlantısını sağlamak, yatırımlara yüksek getiri yanında bölgesel refahın yaratılması ve yayılmasına zemin oluşturmak amaçlarını güttüğü belirtilmiştir.

Söz konusu forumun hedefleri, Ek'te yer alan tanıtım dokümanlarında da belirtildiği üzere, katılımcılar için diyalog ve deneyim paylaşımı işlevi görmesi, sunduğu platform aracılığıyla, söz konusu ülkelerde yatırımların desteklenmesi için oluşturulan kurumsal ve düzenleyici çerçeveler hakkında bilgi sunumunu gerçekleştirmesi, yatırım ikliminin iyileştirilmesi için taraflar arasındaki diyalog süreçlerini geliştirmesi ve bölgede sorumlu iş yapma anlayışını oluşturması olduğu belirtilmektedir.

Mezkûr Yatırım Konferansı ile ayrıca, bölgede gelişen ve belirginleşen uzun vadeli yatırım imkânları hakkında farkındalık sunulması, kapsayıcı ve sorumluluk anlayışına uygun iş yapacak yatırımcılara hazır finanse edilebilir yatırım projelerinin tanıtılması ve potansiyel yatırımcılarla yatırım projesi sunucu taraflarının tanıştırılmasının amaçlandığı bildirilmektedir. Ayrıca, kamu-özel sektör ortaklığı modeline (PPP) yönelik destek ve teşvik çalışmalarının da bahsedilen konferans ile gerçekleştirilmesinin öngörüldüğü bildirilmiştir. Adı geçen etkinliğe ilişkin ayrıntılı bilgiye <http://www.psicinvest.com/> internet adresinden ulaşılabileceği bildirilmiştir.



### **Draft Provisional Agenda**

#### **The Great Lakes Private Sector Investment Conference Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo, 24 – 25 February 2016**

#### ***Theme: Investing in the Great Lakes: Making Business, Promoting Peace and Development***

Following the Peace, Security and Cooperation Framework Agreement, signed by thirteen countries of the region<sup>1</sup>, the overall objective of the Great Lakes Private Sector Investment Conference (PSIC) is to mobilize investments for the transformation of the region, catalyze regional projects that significantly increase employment, improve productivity, and expand the connection of the region to value markets, including intra-regional trade, and to promote shared prosperity across countries while yielding significant returns on investments.

The Great Lakes Private Sector Investment Conference will provide participants with a platform for dialogue and for sharing experiences. The specific objectives are to:

- (i) Gain knowledge of the economies of the countries in the region, the institutional and regulatory frameworks in place to facilitate investments, foster dialogue to improve the investment climate and promote responsible business conduct in the region;
- (ii) Identify emerging long term investment opportunities, showcase projects that are bankable, ready for business that conform to inclusive and responsible investment requirements, match potential investors to projects promoters. The following sectors have been identified as priority: agribusiness; transportation infrastructure; mining; energy; information, communication, technology; tourism; and finance; and
- (iii) Promote and support public-private partnerships.

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<sup>1</sup> Angola, Burundi, Central Africa Republic, Congo, Democratic Republic of Congo, Kenya, Rwanda, South Africa, South Sudan, Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda and Zambia.

**Day 1: 24 February 2016**

- 08.30 - 09.23**            **Arrival and Registration**
- 09.23 - 09.30**            **Video Presentation on the region's economic potential and readiness for investment**
- 09.30 - 10.30**            **Opening Ceremony**
- 10.30 - 10.45**            **Group Photo (Heads of Delegation)/Tea Break**

**10.45 – 12.45 Plenary Session 1: Responsible Business in the Great Lakes**

This plenary session will give a concise yet a broad overview of how responsible investment and investment makes an essential contribution to the Peace, Security and Cooperation Framework (PSC) for the Democratic Republic of Congo and the region. It will also reflect on encouraging trends towards regional cooperation and commercial integration in the functioning of the Great Lakes Private Sector.

**13.00 – 14.00 : Lunch**

The luncheon will feature presentations on the investment opportunities in the region with emphasis on the most market ready projects. It will also feature the role of Public Private Partnerships and Small and Medium Sized Enterprises in regional projects.

**14.00 – 16.00 Thematic Breakout Sessions**

Parallel breakout sessions for dialogue will focus on the following sectors:

- (i) Infrastructure
- (ii) Energy
- (iii) Agriculture
- (iv) Tourism

Representatives from government ministries, donors multilateral organizations, and private sector companies will discuss investment climate in each sector and identified opportunities from a regional perspective.

**16.00 – 16.30 Tea Break and Press Conference****16.30 -19.00 Networking and Investment Exhibition Fair:**

Participants will tour the exhibit space to learn about the range of investment opportunities in Great lakes region. Exhibition stalls will remain open throughout the conference. Participants should register on-line to confirm interest in exhibitions stalls at [www.psicinvest.com](http://www.psicinvest.com)

**19.00 – 21.00 Networking Gala**

Local female entrepreneurs, prominent investors, selected government ministers, and investment promoters will answer some pre-determined and open questions from the participants at the conference and others that are viewing or listening on TV/radios in the region.

**Day 2: 25 February 2016**

07.00 – 08.00 Networking Breakfast

08.00 – 09.00 Registration

**09.00 – 10.30 Plenary Session 2: Investment Climate, Challenges and Opportunities (Outlook):**

During this session, ministers and participants from the private sector will hold a forward looking discussion. This is an opportunity for multiple stakeholders to conceptualize the PSIC as an on-going initiative, discuss the lessons learned and prepare for the next steps.

**10:30 – 11.00 Tea break**

**11.00 – 12.30 Thematic Breakout Sessions**

Parallel breakout sessions for dialogue will focus on the following sectors:

- (i) Mining
- (ii) Information, Communication, Technology
- (iii) Finance

Representatives from government ministries, donors multilateral organizations, and private sector companies will discuss investment climate in each sector and identified opportunities from a regional perspective.

**12.30 – 13.30 Lunch**

The luncheon will feature a high-level speaker who will reflect on the role of investors in contributing to peace processes, including identifying the key challenges to greater engagement and attracting global investors.

**13.30 – 14.30 Report back Plenary Session:** Reports from the various breakout sessions will be presented and discussed.

**14.30 – 15.30 Closing Plenary**

**15.30 – 16.00 Press Conference**

**Departure**

## Presenting: THE PRIVATE SECTOR INVESTMENT CONFERENCE FOR THE GREAT LAKES REGION OF AFRICA

Kinshasa, DRC, 24-25 February 2016



The Office of the Special Envoy of the United Nations Secretary-General for the Great Lakes region (OESG-G.) and the Executive Secretariat of the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region (ICGLR), with the support of Government of the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) are convening the Private Sector Investment Conference for the Great Lakes region of Africa scheduled to take place in Kinshasa, DRC, on 24-25 February 2016.

### What are the objectives?

- To showcase existing business success stories and a selection of concrete investment opportunities in the GLR;
- To inform existing and potential investors on the investment climate, security situation and evolving risks, and financing options in the GLR;
- To promote networking opportunities among participants with a view to shape new ventures and an ever more conducive business climate.

The Private Sector Investment Conference for the Great Lakes region of Africa will be the first investor event focused on the Great Lakes Region. Attended by political and business leaders, as well as international keynote speakers and investors, it will be a unique platform to discover the most attractive investment opportunities in the region, learn about and discuss latest progress in the evolving security situation and investment climate, and expand your business network.

### What is expected at the event?

- First-hand experience sharing by leading businesses from the region, headlining discussions on growth sectors and areas of opportunity;
- Direct interaction with political leaders who will present the strides made towards achieving a secure and competitive business climate in the Great Lakes Region;
- Specific information about a selection of the most lucrative investment opportunities across seven (7) sectors, including Energy, Mining, Agriculture, Tourism, Infrastructure, Telecommunications and Finance;
- Financial institutions, development agencies, investment funds and other capital sources outlining financing options available for business opportunities;
- Networking spaces, meeting spaces and exhibition stalls offering participants opportunities to engage in formal and informal discussions and dialogue.

### Who is coming?

- Representatives from the most successful businesses in the region and project sponsors;
- Leaders from the regional governments and key development partners;
- Leading international investors, operators and financiers, in the sectors featured at the event;
- Regional and international media.

For further information and registration, please visit: [www.psicinvest.com](http://www.psicinvest.com)

