

Regional Workshop with the Private Sector in the framework of the Policy Forum on Development (PFD)

Hotel Travelodge, Gaborone (Botswana)

9 October 2018, 14 :00 – 17 :45

13:30-14:00	Registration and coffee
14.00-14.15	Opening Remarks Jan Sadek (European Union Ambassador to the Republic of Botswana)
14:15-15:15	<p>The External Investment Plan (EIP) platform and structured dialogue with the private sector for sustainable development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Antti Karhunen (Head of Unit, DG International Cooperation and development, European Commission) • Mariusz Tamborski (Policy Officer, DG International Cooperation and development, European Commission) • Paz Velasco Velazquez (Deputy Head of Cooperation, EU Delegation to the Republic of Botswana and SADC) <p>Where are we with the implementation of the EIP? How does it support investment in Africa and the Neighbourhood? What are the opportunities and challenges? How can the private sector benefit? How to make structured dialogue a key engagement mechanism allowing for private sector inputs / reactions / proposals to policy development and implementation? What is the Sustainable Business for Africa (SB4A) platform? What are the experiences from current initiatives for engaging with private sector at global, regional and local level?</p> <p>Q&A – Discussion</p>
15:15-16:15	<p>Investment climate reforms and Value Chains. What matters for the private sector in Africa ?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Norman Moleele (CEO Business Botswana) • Ms Primie Moipolai (Country Manager, Parmalat Botswana) • Ms Lepata Mafa (Head of legal and corporate affairs, Orange Botswana) <p>What are the views from the private sector regarding the External Investment Plan and business climate reforms necessary to promote investments? What are the experiences of</p>

	<p>companies in Africa? What are the major business constraints that could be addressed by the European Commission's actions under the EIP 3rd pillar?</p> <p>Q&A – Discussion</p>
16:15-16:30	Coffee break
16:30-17:30	<p>The role of the financial sector in promoting investments, business development and structured dialogue with the private sector</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Sola David-Borha (the Chief Executive for Africa Regions Standard Bank) • Mr Tom Andersen (Head of the EIB Pretoria office) • Mr Thomas Schaef GIZ Botswana (tbc) • Barclays Bank Botswana representative (tbc) <p>What should be a role of the International Development/Financial institutions and the local commercial banks in promoting investment climate, building financial partnerships, strengthening capacities of local financial systems and developing structured dialogue with the private sector?</p> <p>Q&A – Discussion</p>
17:30-17:45	Concluding remarks