



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 region¹, 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.

¹ 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

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