

Sub-Saharian Africa.

Light at the end of the tunnel?

How can dependable and fragile economies diversify faster to counter-balance the oil crisis

21 April 2016, 09.00 – 12.00, Institute of Directors, 116 Pall Mall, London SW1Y 5ED

A special focus on the region and in particular, lusophone Africa that offers business opportunities linked to their natural resources and demand for commodities. But which countries are moving faster? Who are the winners and the losers from the foreign investors' eyes?

Now in its sixth successful year, Agenda Africa is an invitationonly networking event for businesses, investors and advisers active in sub-saharian and Lusophone Africa.

The event is informal and dynamic, and participants debate the current hot topics in an interactive style. A series of specialist panels allows the group to exchange experiences with leading experts.











Background

Sub-Saharan African countries have experienced some of the highest economic growth rates globally over the past 10 years. While this means that people in these nations tend to be more satisfied with their current economies and more optimistic about their economic future than other people around the world, they still face many problems. In addition to unemployment, broad majorities rank health care, education, government corruption, crime, access to clean water and energy shortages as some of the biggest issues their countries face.

Angola and Mozambique are two of the fastest-growing economies in the world over the past decade. The two biggest Lusophone countries in Africa are at different stages of developing their huge natural resources. Yet weakening demand for commodities – particularly in China – threatens their ability to continue growing at the same pace. Much depends on their ability to diversify their economies. As a result of the problems in the oil, gas and coal sectors, it is vital that Angola and Mozambique seek to diversify their economies.

Methodology

The Forum brings together a specially invited audience of senior representatives from corporate, financial institutions and investors – as well as business and legal advisers – to share their thoughts and experiences on doing business in the sub-Saharan region and, in particular, Angola and Mozambique.

This will be a highly participatory event and includes Q&A' sessions. Participants will discuss the current opportunities and potential difficulties related to investing in the region in the following sessions:

- 1. A 'helicopter view' of Sub-Saharan Africa
- 2. Oil & Gas: The power of natural wealth as a main pillar of an economy –how to survive the oil crisis? Who are now the main players?
- 3. Africa's need to diversify: What are the options? Infrastructure, technology, commodities, land and agriculture. Current business structures and financial models.
- 4. Is compliance reaching Africa? The challenges to comply in unstable political and regulatory environments.

The Forum will begin at 09.00 and will include a coffee break for participants. The forum will close at 12.00.

Registration Form Participation is by invitation-only and, as numbers are strictly limited, places are available on a first-come first-served basis. The format is informal and interactive with a roundtable style. Book your place before March 18th to obtain the early-bird discount. Please fill in your details below and send them to laura.lopez@iberianlegalgroup.com	
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