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Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)**

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Dear Delegates

Welcome to the DRC Investment Summit! Today, we gather to explore pathways for sustainable growth and prosperity in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. With leaders, experts, and innovators from across sectors like finance, infrastructure, agribusiness, and technology, this summit is not only a platform for dialogue but a call to action. Together, we aim to foster partnerships, share transformative ideas, and set a roadmap for economic advancement. Our thanks go out to our partners and sponsors, whose support has made this event possible. Let's work together to create a prosperous future for the DRC and Africa.

Welcome once again and I hope you enjoy the conference.



Kind Regards

Diane Kayumba
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2024 Theme: Shaping a new future through economic diversification

28 November 2024					
07:30-09:00	Registration and Refreshments				
09:00-09:10	Chairman Welcome Remarks: Current Trends Driving Investors' Interest in the Democratic Republic of Congo				
09:10-09:30	Keynote Welcome Address <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ben Leyka, Chief Executive Officer, DRC Invest • Richard K. Ofori-Mante, Director of Agricultural Finance and Rural Development, African Development Bank (AfDB) 				
09:30-10:10	Business Keynote Panel: How We Made it In the Democratic Republic of Congo, Strategic Blueprint for Success in DRC Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mehdi Tanani, Regional Director of Central Africa, Proparco • Sandra Zongwe, Head of Marketing, DHL 				
10:10-10:50	Financial Institutions in the Development Agenda: Focus on Growth, Capabilities and Financial Transformation Moderator: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hossam Abou Moussa, Partner, Apis Partners Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saphir Esmail, Country Director and Investment Manager for Private Equity Activities, Proparco • African Development Bank (AfDB) Representative • Dr. Wilmot Allen, Founder, VentureLift Africa • Osam Iyahen, Senior Director, Investment, Africa Finance Corporation 				
10:50 - 11:30	Investing in the Special Agro-Industrial Processing Zones: The Investment Case for Commercial Agriculture to Achieve Food Security Moderator: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deji Adebuseye, Partner, Sahel Capital Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Richard K. Ofori-Mante, Director of Agricultural Finance and Rural Development, African Development Bank (AfDB) • Forrest P. Branch, Managing Director, KOL AGRI sarl. DR Congo • Tidiane Edouard Boye, UNIDO Representative in Côte d'Ivoire and Togo, UNIDO • Julia Luhonga Mamba, Chief Executive Officer, Mandiko Holding 				
11:30 - 12:20	What The Congolese Business Sector Needs: Tailored Financial Instruments to Facilitate the Flow of Capital and Reduce Investment Risks Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alain Buhendwa, Co-Founder, XSML, DRC • Robert Nyasimi, Founder & CEO, RentCo Africa Limited • Cédric Achille MBENG MEZUI, Economist - Capital Markets & Structured Finance Specialist, African Development Bank (AfDB) • Hannah Subayi Kamuanga, Principal, Launch Africa Venture 				
12:20 - 13:00	Fireside Chat: Security and Pro-business Policies - Engineering Best-in-class Business Environment Government Representatives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rock Bashala, Head of Business Climate Unit, Presidency of the DRC • Didier M'Pambia Musanga, Minister of Tourism, Ministry of Tourism, DRC 				
13:00 - 14:00	Networking and lunch				
14:00-15:00	STRATEGIC ROUNDTABLES: Unlocking Business Opportunities in Key Sectors				
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09:10-09:30	<p>The five biggest windows of opportunity for SMEs in the DRC - Unlocking the growth of small and medium-sized businesses</p> <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ross Smith, Business Advisor, Owner/Leader Mentor, Growth Fund-Raiser Champion! Ex CEO Nike <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lucine Le Moal, Director General: USAID Invest, USAID • Leon Zabiti K, Country Director, DAI Global • Laurent Munzamba Kompa, Managing Director, FOGEC, DRC
09:30-10:10	<p>Backing Innovative Business Models: Can Investors and Financial Institutions Close the SME Financing Gap?</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prevost Kla, Investment Manager, Investisseurs et Partenaires • Japheth Munywoki, Group CEO, Goodson Capital Partners
10:10-10:50	<p>Reshaping Food and Agriculture Markets: How do we create High-value Value Chains</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Germaine Furaha Mirindi, Regional Director, Rikolto • Dr Serge Mbay Kabway, Chief Executive Officer/Founder, Bilanga Ya Betu (BYB)
10:50-11:30	<p>Investing in Lithium: Powering the Green Transition and Electrification Megatrend</p> <p>Experts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Archip Lobo, Co-Founder, General Director and Business Development Officer, Nuru • Richard IMPENGE, Chief Executive Officer, Financarbon • Romain Deniel, Country Manager, ARISE IIP, Gabon • Xavier Carbonel, Managing Director, BBOX RDC
11:30-12:10	<p>Meeting Congo's Infrastructure Demands - Opportunities for the Private Sector</p> <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Imran Patel, Director, Verdant Capital <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joy Balepile, Senior Manager, Industrial Development Corporation of SA Ltd
12:10-12:40	<p>Investment road map: What We Need to Know</p> <p>Expert:</p> <p>Timothe Mukeng, Advisor, Ministry of Tourism, DRCC</p>
12:40-14:00	Networking and lunch
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	<p>AGRIBUSINESS ROUNDTABLE: Financing critical segments of the agricultural value chain</p> <p>SME ROUNDTABLE: Helping SMEs access non-traditional financial services</p>
	<p>MINING ROUNDTABLE: Critical Minerals and the Bold New Future for the Congolese Mining Sector</p> <p>Moderator: Roberto RIDOLFI, Chief Impact Officer, Financarbon</p> <p>ENERGY ROUNDTABLE: Robust Energy Strategies to Tackle the Infrastructure and Financing Gap</p> <p>Moderator: Peter Scott, Chief Executive Officer and Founder BURN Manufacturing</p>
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