

EU-Regional Business Forum - West Africa Corridors

Unlocking Investments along West Africa's Strategic Corridors

Abidjan, Ivory Coast
30 March – 1 April 2026

Regional and National Project Pitching Programme

Please note that this document represents only an excerpt of the activities related to the Forum, during which governments will showcase a limited selection of programmes. Additional activities and information can be found at the following link: [Programme](#)

Under the High Patronage of ECOWAS

A delegation led by the **Commissioner for Economic Affairs and Agriculture of ECOWAS**, in partnership with the **African Development Bank (AfDB)** and the **European Union**, will present:

- **Abidjan–Lagos Corridor Highway Programme**

Agenda:

- Brief Presentation of the Project Overview
- Main Results of the Highway Technical Design, Trade Facilitation Measures, and Spatial Development Initiatives (ECOWAS)
- Status of Implementation and Possible Financing Options

Speakers:

- Mr. Mohamed SELMENE, Coordinator PIU Abidjan Lagos Corridor Highway development project, ECOWAS
- Mr. Mike SALAWOU, Director, Infrastructure and Urban Development Department, AfDB
- Mr. Marco YAMAGUCHI, Division Manager, Transport and Logistics, AfDB
- Mrs. Lydie EHOUMAN, Chief Transport Economist at AfDB
- Mr. Lenaic GEORGELIN, Team Leader for Transport, DG INTPA, Sustainable Transport and Urban Development at European Commission

March 30

15:30 – 16:30

Salle San Pedro – Hôtel Ivoire

Under the High Patronage of UEMOA

A delegation led by the **Commissioner for Human Development**, accompanied by the **Transport and Private Sector Departments**, will present:

- **Development Plan of the UEMOA Regional Space (SDER-UEMOA)**
- **Master Plan for Corridor Development in the West African Growth Ring (CACAO)**

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Speaker:

- Adébayo Samson BALOGOUN, Director of Transports, Commission de l'UEMOA

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16:30 – 17:30

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Under the High Patronage of the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire

A delegation led by the **Minister of Transport and his Cabinet**, in partnership with **Flying Whales**, will present:

- Concession and development opportunities for the **Ferkessédougou Dry Port**
- Development and financing opportunities for the **Integrated Logistics Platform of Yamoussoukro**
- Flying Whales' innovative project**: construction and deployment of airships for freight and cargo transport

Speakers:

- Mr. Abdoulaye ALLIAGUI, Deputy Chief of Staff, Ministry of Transports and of Maritime Affairs of Côte d'Ivoire
- Mr. Désiré KOUASSI, Director-General of Administration, Yamoussoukro Autonomous District
- Mr. Simon MELEDJE, Deputy Director of Planning, Research and Statistics at the Investment Promotion Centre of Côte d'Ivoire
- Mrs Michèle RENAUD, Global CEO of Marketing & Sales, and Mr. Aristide ZONGO, Business Developer – Africa at Flying Whales

April 1

11:00 – 12:00

Salle San Pedro – Hôtel Ivoire

Under the Patronage of the Federal Republic of NIGERIA

A delegation led by the **Ministry of Budget and Planning**, with representatives from the **Ministry of Finance** and the **Government of Lagos State**, will present:

- Sea Link Project Presentation**: supply chain and investment opportunities in Nigerian maritime and river transport and related infrastructure.
- Lagos rail mass transit Purple Line**: supply chain and financing opportunities

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- Mr. Hope YONGO, Technical Adviser to the Managing Director/CEO of Nigerian Export-Import Bank (NEXIM) & Mr. Joahn DUTOIT, Senior Manager & Solution Lead Port Operations at Port of Antwerp Bruges International
- Engr. Abimbola AKINAJO, Managing Director of the Lagos Metropolitan Area Transport Authority
- Engr. Olasukanmi OKUSAGA, Director of Rail of the Lagos Metropolitan Area Transport Authority

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Under the Patronage of the Republic of GHANA

A delegation led by the **Ministry of Transport** and the **24h Economy Secretariat, Office of the President**, will present:

- Financing and supply opportunities for the **Eastern and Western Railway Corridor**
- Opportunities along the **Volta Lake Corridor** and its river transport systems
- Renovation works on the **Sekondi–Takoradi Highway**

Speakers:

- Dr. Frederick APPOH, CEO of the Ghana Railway Development Agency
- Dr. Ishmael NII AMANOR DODOO, Director and Head of Innovative Finance, Partnership and Markets, 24 H+ Secretariat, Office of the President
- On the behalf of the Ministry of Roads and Highway of Ghana, transaction advisor Mr. Chelteau BARAJEI, Urban Lead – Triple Line Ghana

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Under the Patronage of the Republic of BENIN

The **Ministry of Transport** will present:

- Development and construction of **rest areas along the Abidjan–Lagos and Cotonou–Niamey corridors**
- Development of a **shipyard** under the Integrated Corridor Support Programme
- **Renewal programme of the vehicle fleet in Benin**

Speaker:

- Mr Nabil Abdoulaye – Technical Adviser on Transport and Regional Mobility (Ministry of the Environment and Transport, responsible for Sustainable Development)
- Mr Joseph Ahissou – Director of Land and Air Transport (Ministry of the Environment and Transport, responsible for Sustainable Development)

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Presentation by EUROPEAN Public Development Banks

Agence Française de Développement, Cassa Depositi e Prestiti, European Investment Bank :

- Project opportunities linked to their **financing lines** and **projects pipeline**

Speakers:

- Mr. Riccardo ROSSI VAN LAMSWEERDE, Country Representative, Cassa Depositi e Prestiti
- Mr. Guillaume GRAFF, Team Leader Mobilyt Project Agence Française de Développement, Paris
- Jean-François TANO-BIAN, Investment Officer & Loan Officer, Public Sector, Public Sector, Regional Hub for West and Central Africa of the European Investment Bank
- Sergeui OUATARA, Executive Director, EU-Africa Chamber of Commerce (EUACC)

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