

OPIC selects African Investment Corporation as partner in small business network.....

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Overview:

Financing and Insuring the Expansion of Micro-, Small-, and Medium-Size Enterprises in Emerging Markets

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC) has selected the African Investment Corporation (AiC), an international consulting company which promotes foreign direct investment in African countries, to serve as a loan originator for a new alliance with the private sector that will greatly expand OPIC's ability to support micro-, small and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs) investing overseas.

What is the Enterprise Development Network?

The Enterprise Development Network (**EDN**) is a strategic alliance between the Overseas Private Investment Corporation (**OPIC**) and the private sector. Through a growing network of private sector organizations, EDN greatly extends OPIC's ability to provide financing and political risk insurance (**PRI**) to more micro-, small- and medium-sized enterprises (**MSMEs**) doing business in developing countries.

The alliance, the Enterprise Development Network (EDN), will ease MSMEs' access to OPIC products and services through the support of financial institutions, business consultants, associations, law firms and regional promotion agencies. By empowering such private sector service providers, the network will result in more efficient, cost-effective delivery of services to American businesses.

OPIC selected the AiC as an EDN loan originator, whose task is to help MSMEs prepare OPIC applications, enhance market strategies and draft or refine business plans. Other EDN service providers comprise:

Link to EDN Brochure.....

http://www.opic.gov/doingbusiness/edn/documents/edn_brochure_061407.pdf

Working with the AiC

The AiC will contract directly with the company interested in tapping into OPIC financing and/or Political risk insurance. The AiC will conduct the following services;

- Prepare OPIC application for finance or political risk insurance.
- Review and/or develop business plans.
- Revise business strategy or structure of company.
- Identify investors for project in where application.
- Identify partners; technical or business partners for project in question.
- Coordinate with other institutional investors or agencies related to project in question.

For additional information on AiC services, please send an email to info@africaninvestcorp.com

Investor Screener

The investor screener is a document which provides a guideline for companies interested in identifying financing for their projects. The information included in this document In order to be able to quantify and structure projects it is critical to have a good understanding of companies interested in financing . The document attached is a guide for those interested in obtaining financing from any financial institution.

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