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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As we enter the final quarter of 2025, the U.S.–Africa economic relationship stands at a defining crossroads. The momentum generated at our historic U.S.–Africa Business Summit in Luanda — with more than \$4 billion in trade and investment deals — demonstrated what is possible when American and African partners come together with shared purpose. But that progress now risks losing steam unless Congress and the Administration act swiftly to renew two cornerstone initiatives that have underpinned our partnership for the past two decades: the African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA) and the U.S. International Development Finance Corporation (DFC).

Both have lapsed — and with them, critical tools that advance not only Africa's growth but also America's competitiveness, jobs, and global influence. Their renewal is not about charity. It is about strategic investment in America's own economic and security interests, consistent with the Administration's "America First" agenda.

Renew AGOA: Securing American Supply Chains and Markets

AGOA has long been the foundation of the U.S.–Africa trade relationship, providing duty-free access for African exports while strengthening supply chain resilience for U.S. companies. Renewing it — even for a short-term period through the continuing resolution now under debate — would help secure American supply chains, diversify sourcing away from China-dominated networks, and strengthen U.S. access to a fast-growing consumer market of 1.4 billion people.

AGOA supports American jobs — in logistics, shipping, design, and manufacturing — and enhances U.S. export opportunities to African producers. It is a quintessential "win-win": good for Africa's industrialization and job creation, and good for American competitiveness and workers.

If the United States fails to renew AGOA quickly, we risk ceding market share to Europe and China, both of which have already granted broad, preferential access to African products. Timely renewal would send a powerful signal that America remains open for business with Africa — not retreating from it.

Reauthorize the DFC: America's Competitive Edge in Africa

The DFC has proven to be one of America's most effective tools for catalyzing private-sector-led growth abroad while creating export



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and procurement opportunities at home. In just five years, DFC investments have enabled U.S. firms to compete in sectors such as energy, critical minerals, digital infrastructure, and healthcare — areas where China has moved aggressively. Letting the DFC's authorization lapse would weaken America's ability to compete for major infrastructure and investment deals, many of which directly support U.S. contractors, suppliers, and technology companies. Reauthorization would sustain America's leadership in transparent, high-standard development finance and strengthen the hand of U.S. companies seeking fair competition in African markets.

A Moment to Act — and Lead

Renewing AGOA and reauthorizing DFC are not bureaucratic technicalities; they are strategic imperatives. Together, they form the twin pillars of a modern U.S.-Africa economic strategy — one that prioritizes trade over aid, investment over assistance, and partnership over dependency. Africa is one of the world's fastest-growing regions, with vast potential in energy, agriculture, digital innovation, and green industry. It is also a continent where the U.S. enjoys a unique advantage: a deep and living diaspora connection that binds our histories, cultures, and futures in ways unmatched by any other global partner.

Failing to renew these initiatives would not only hurt U.S. business but also diminish America's credibility at a time when China, Russia, and others are rapidly expanding their economic and political footprints across the continent.

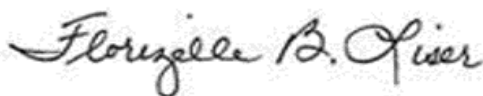
Good for America. Good for Africa. Good for Our Shared Future.

AGOA and DFC are not gifts to Africa — they are smart investments in America's future. They expand markets for U.S. companies, strengthen our supply chains, and create American jobs, all while supporting Africa's drive for sustainable, private-sector-led growth.

As the Administration and Congress negotiate a path to reopen the government, we urge them to act decisively to renew both AGOA and DFC. Doing so will reaffirm the bipartisan tradition of U.S. leadership in Africa and demonstrate that the "America First" agenda is not about retreating from the world — it is about competing and winning through partnership, innovation, and shared prosperity.

The Corporate Council on Africa stands ready to work with our members, partners, and policy makers to ensure these priorities are enacted without delay. Together, we can keep building the pathways to prosperity that unite our nations and our peoples.

Sincerely,



Florizelle Liser
President & CEO
Corporate Council on Africa

CRITICAL MOMENT IN U.S.-AFRICA PARTNERSHIP REQUIRES BOLD ACTION ON THREE KEY INITIATIVES TO ADVANCE AMERICA FIRST AGENDA

The Corporate Council on Africa (CCA) was pleased to host the 17th Annual U.S.-Africa Business Summit in Luanda, Angola from June 22-25. Over four transformative days, the Summit brought together 12 African Heads of State and Government Leaders, a distinguished U.S. delegation, 31 official African delegations, heads of key African institutions, and over 2,700 U.S. and African senior leaders and corporate decision-makers. This year's Summit achieved remarkable outcomes, with more than \$4 billion in trade and investment deals and commitments announced between U.S. and African partners.

The concrete results are a welcome reaffirmation of the potential for U.S. and African trade and investment relations to grow significantly and create American jobs while strengthening U.S. competitiveness. African leaders reaffirmed their strong interest in fostering partnerships between U.S. and African companies.

Throughout the Summit, there was a clear sense that this is the time for U.S. and African partners to step up to realize new potential for regional and continental value chains and the development of key sectors like energy, ICT, critical minerals, manufacturing and healthcare. That sentiment closely corresponds to Secretary Marco Rubio's statement of July 1, in which he declared that the United States "will favor those nations that have demonstrated both the ability and willingness to help themselves and will target our resources to areas where they can have a multiplier effect and catalyze durable private sector, including American companies, and global investment." He promised America would prioritize "trade over aid, opportunity over dependency, and investment over assistance." The three initiatives outlined below directly advance this vision while strengthening America's competitive position in Africa:

1. Renew the African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA): Securing American Supply Chains and Markets

The African governments at the CCA Summit demonstrated they are implementing reforms

to attract investment and seeking American partners to support initiatives that are mutually beneficial. This offers America a golden opportunity to significantly expand business for American firms and workers.

Renewing the African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA) for a commercially sustainable period (preferably ten years) delivers critical America First benefits by providing U.S. companies with diversified, reliable sourcing alternatives to China-dominated supply chains. AGOA has never been more relevant as African countries are creating the regional and continental value chains that can benefit from access to the U.S. market in ways that simply were not available previously.

AGOA's two-way benefits extend far beyond duty-free access for African exports – the program enables U.S. companies to diversify their sourcing across critical sectors including textiles/apparel, light manufacturing, agriculture, and emerging technologies. This diversification strengthens supply chain resilience, supports competitive pricing for American businesses, and creates high-paying jobs in U.S. ports, logistics, manufacturing, and service sectors that support African trade partnerships.

Without swift AGOA renewal, American companies risk losing market share to European and Asian competitors. Providing access to the U.S. market often leads to U.S. exports to African manufacturers and builds stronger trade and investment ties. China has just eliminated duty for African exports, following Europe's approach through economic partnership agreements. Renewing AGOA before its September expiry is an expeditious and effective way to demonstrate America's commitment to implement Secretary Rubio's vision of emphasizing trade and global investment while allowing America to compete.

2. Reauthorize the Development Finance Corporation: America's Competitive Edge in Africa

CCA was delighted to see such a strong U.S. Government delegation at the Luanda

Summit, including senior leadership from the Development Finance Corporation (DFC). In just five short years since its creation during the First Trump Administration, DFC has made enormous strides in developing new and more effective tools to support U.S. companies looking for new market opportunities overseas. It is clear from the CCA Summit in Luanda that DFC has become an important part of the solution set for discussions on developing critical minerals, energy, 21st century infrastructure and healthcare investments.

Reauthorizing DFC before its mandate expires on October 5 is essential for maintaining America's competitive edge against China and other competitors in Africa. While China (and other competitors) leverage state support to deploy billions in financing across Africa, American companies need DFC's unique tools to compete effectively and win major infrastructure and energy projects that create jobs not just in Africa but also in the U.S. companies that supply these projects.

DFC's strategic investments directly support American exporters, contractors, and technology companies. Every major project DFC finances in Africa typically generates significant procurement opportunities for U.S. suppliers, from engineering services to advanced manufacturing equipment, creating a multiplier effect for American employment.

CCA looks forward to working with Congress and the Administration on a reauthorization that builds on these successes to make the DFC even more strategic, effective and efficient.

3. Continue Robust U.S. Support for Health Programs to Enhance American Capture of the Fast-Growing African Health Market

The United States has invested essential resources and expertise to advance critical public health priorities in Africa, including through bilateral programs like PEPFAR, the President's Malaria Initiative (PMI), and support for the Vaccine Alliance GAVI and the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB, and Malaria. These programs have not only helped save millions of lives but have also helped Africa become the world's second largest and fastest-growing health market, with healthcare spending projected to reach \$259 billion by 2030. Continued U.S. support for

these programs will ensure American innovation is at the forefront of ending these infectious and preventable diseases, expanding opportunities for American pharmaceutical companies, medical device and diagnostics manufacturers, and health technology firms.

CCA is encouraged by recent Congressional action on funding proposals that signal the continuation of the long-standing bipartisan Congressional support for programs like PEPFAR, PMI, GAVI and the Global Fund. Continuing support for these programs at this critical time in public health will support U.S. companies and U.S. jobs and will help continue a strategic transition in these programs that will reduce U.S. assistance over time, helping partner countries to invest increasingly more in their own health systems, and creating efficiencies in procurement and supply chains. This will also strengthen American national security by building disease detection networks abroad and promoting American goodwill and influence in strategically important regions like Sub-Saharan Africa.

U.S. support for health programs in Africa will facilitate the transition toward more sustainable, trade-oriented partnerships that will unlock opportunities for American pharmaceutical, diagnostics and medical device companies to compete in the African health market, creating high-skilled jobs in the United States and directly supporting Secretary Rubio's "trade over aid" vision which has been echoed and embraced by key African leaders.

Conclusion: Seizing America's Strategic Moment

These three initiatives represent a coordinated America First strategy that advances U.S. economic interests while strengthening our competitive position against China and other nations competing for influence in Africa's growing economy. By renewing AGOA, reauthorizing DFC, and strategically supporting health sector partnerships such as PEPFAR, the Global Fund, and GAVI the United States can transform its relationship with Africa from traditional assistance to mutually beneficial trade and investment partnerships that create American jobs, strengthen supply chains, and secure long-term strategic advantages in one of the world's most dynamic economic regions.

INTRA-AFRICA TRADE FAIR



In early September, Florie Liser spoke at the Intra-Africa Trade Fair (IATF) 2025 in Algiers, Algeria, on the topic “Leveraging the Power of African Women in Trade Towards Maximizing Africa’s Trade and AfCFTA Potential.” In her remarks, she emphasized the importance of women entrepreneurs embracing technology, building strong networks, and offering products and services that align with market demand.

CCA Director for Trade and Investment, Laird Treiber, also participated in the African Automotive Forum as part of the Intra-African Trade Fair. Laird was featured on the first panel on the first day to set the global scene and unpack how international developments are shaping the African automotive market. Dr. Martyn Davies moderated the panel, which included the CEO of the African Association of Automotive Manufacturers (AAAM) Victoria Backhaus-Jerling, the President of the German Association of Automotive Industry VDA Hildegard Müller and the CEO of Coficab Hichem Elloumi. The two days provided a real-time update on one of the most important drivers of African industrialization under the African Continental Free Trade Agreement (AfCFTA). While there are important challenges to reaching the scale needed for commercial

success, there are significant opportunities for new approaches to trade and investment, including for American firms agile enough to explore them. This engagement continues CCA’s long-standing collaboration with the African Association of Automotive Manufacturers, and also advances our ongoing partnership with the AfCFTA Secretariat.



Florie Liser, President & CEO, CCA

U.S.-KENYA BUSINESS & INVESTMENT ROUNDTABLE



H.E. William S. Ruto, President, Republic of Kenya

On September 22, 2025, the Corporate Council on Africa (CCA) hosted the U.S.-Kenya Business and Investment Roundtable featuring H.E. Dr. William Ruto, President of the Republic of Kenya, on the sidelines of the United Nations General Assembly in New York City. The session convened senior U.S. and Kenyan private-sector leaders for a focused dialogue on investment opportunities and Kenya's business environment.

CCA President and CEO Florie Liser welcomed President Ruto and the Kenyan delegation, highlighting CCA's long-standing partnership with Kenya and its role as one of East Africa's most dynamic economies. She reaffirmed CCA's commitment to deepening U.S.-Kenya trade and investment ties, supporting the extension of AGOA, and promoting Kenya's upcoming 2026 Investment Forum.

President Ruto thanked CCA and the U.S. private sector for their engagement, noting that the U.S. remains Kenya's largest source of foreign direct investment, with about 150 American companies operating in the country. He cited Kenya's strong macroeconomic performance, including 3.8 percent inflation, a stable Kenyan shilling at 129 to the dollar, and foreign-exchange reserves that have doubled to USD 11.8 billion. He also highlighted the Nairobi Securities Exchange's recognition as Africa's best-performing exchange and plans to list up to 40 companies, including

the Kenya Pipeline Company's forthcoming USD 1 billion IPO.

President Ruto outlined reforms to enhance the ease of doing business, including full digitalization of licensing and regulatory processes through the Kenya Investment Authority's one-stop shop. Responding to private-sector leaders from companies such as Visa, Google, and Flutterwave, he reaffirmed his administration's commitment to digitizing public services, transitioning procurement to electronic systems, and finalizing an Artificial Intelligence policy by the end of 2025.

The roundtable concluded with a mutual reaffirmation of the strong U.S.-Kenya commercial partnership and confidence in Kenya's reform trajectory, digital transformation, and growing role as a gateway to regional and continental markets.

[Click here](#) to view the photos from this event.



U.S.-KENYA BUSINESS & INVESTMENT FORUM



On September 22, 2025, the Corporate Council on Africa (CCA), in partnership with KenInvest and the Kenya Private Sector Alliance (KEPSA), hosted the U.S.-Kenya Business and Investment Forum on the sidelines of the United Nations General Assembly in New York. The Forum brought together senior leaders from both countries to discuss Kenya's investment landscape, financing opportunities, and strengthening U.S.-Kenya trade relations.

CCA President and CEO Florie Liser opened the Forum by reaffirming CCA's commitment to advancing U.S.-Africa commercial engagement, highlighting Kenya's role as a regional economic hub and key partner for American businesses. H.E. David Kerich, Kenya's Permanent Representative to the UN, underscored Kenya's stable governance, diversified economy, and reforms enhancing its appeal to international investors.

H.E. Dr. William Ruto, President of Kenya, delivered the keynote address, emphasizing the country's strong macroeconomic fundamentals, fiscal discipline, and ongoing digital transformation. He announced plans to list up to 40 companies, including a USD 1 billion listing of the Kenya Pipeline Company, to deepen capital markets and expand investment opportunities.

President Ruto urged U.S. investors to leverage Kenya's strategic role as a gateway to Africa's 1.4-billion-person market under the AfCFTA.

John Mwendwa of KenInvest presented "Why Kenya," outlining the country's skilled workforce, modern infrastructure, and innovation-driven economy. A high-level panel featuring KEPSA CEO Carole Kariuki discussed aligning policy reforms with investor needs and the private sector's role in driving sustainable growth.

The second panel, moderated by Paul C. Ansah of Albright Stonebridge Group, explored Kenya's financing ecosystem, with insights from leaders at KCB, ABSA, DFC, KEPSA, and ARISE IIP on mobilizing capital, fostering blended finance, and attracting long-term investment.

In closing, speakers reaffirmed the shared vision for deeper U.S.-Kenya commercial ties, noting Kenya's reforms, fiscal stability, and innovation agenda position it among Africa's most dynamic and investor-ready economies.

[Click here](#) to view the photos from this event.

2025 UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY: INVESTMENT IN AFRICA'S CORRIDORS FORUM

The Investment in Africa's Corridors session was opened by Ms. Florizelle Liser, President and CEO of the Corporate Council on Africa (CCA), who emphasized the importance of investment in Africa's strategic corridors. These corridors, which include both transportation and communications networks, are central to unlocking the potential of regional value chains under the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA). They are necessary for enabling the efficient movement of goods across the continent, linking Africa more closely with global supply chains, and creating employment opportunities across Africa as well as investment opportunities for U.S. companies operating on the continent.

A key example highlighted during the discussion was the Lobito Corridor, which has also been a prominent subject at the 2025 U.S.-Africa Business Summit in Angola. The Lobito Corridor illustrates how such projects can open opportunities in critical sectors including infrastructure, minerals, agricultural processing, and industrial development. Its progress was presented as a demonstration of the power of corridors to transform regional economies and advance Africa's participation in global markets.

The session was moderated by Ms. Andrea Hotter, Special Correspondent, Fastmarkets and featured distinguished panelists such as H.E. Julien Paluku, Minister of Foreign Trade of the



Democratic Republic of Congo; Jito Kayumba, Special Assistant and Advisor to the President for Investment and Finance; Lungisa Fuzile, CEO for the Africa Region at Standard Bank, Ziad Dalloul, CEO, President and Founder of Africell Group and Brian Kelly, CEO, Anzana Electric Group.

In the opening, it was noted that by 2030, corridors such as Lobito and Walvis Bay-Dola could fundamentally reshape Africa's trade landscape.

The panelists were in agreement on the essential role of corridors in driving infrastructure development, job creation, and expanded access to markets. They underlined the importance of governments and the private sector working hand in hand to ensure that such projects reach their full potential. The environment for these initiatives was described



Left to Right: Lungisa Fuzile, CEO, Africa Regions, Standard Bank; Ziad Dalloul, CEO, President, and Founder, Africell Group; H.E. Julien Paluku Kolongya, Minister of Foreign Trade, Democratic Republic of the Congo; Andrea Hotter, Special Correspondent, Fastmarkets; Florie Liser, President & CEO, CCA; Adv. Flory Okandju Okonge, Secretary General, Central Corridor Transit Transport Facilitation Agency (CCTTFA); Jito Kayumba, Special Assistant to the President for Investment and Finance, Zambia; Brian Kelly, CEO, Anzana Electric Group

as increasingly conducive, but it was also emphasized that there are steps that can accelerate progress. Among these were the harmonization of cross-border tariffs, which would ensure that participating companies are able to operate without facing trade barriers, and the creation of financing mechanisms through closer collaboration between governments and financial institutions to support the funding of cross-border projects.

The role of the private sector was highlighted as particularly crucial in driving these initiatives forward. Standard Bank emphasized that one of its priorities has been to regionalize funding, acknowledging that projects of this magnitude cannot be supported by a single institution alone. To address this, the bank has partnered with regional development finance institutions as well as global multilaterals such as the International Finance Corporation (IFC) and the African Development Bank (AfDB). These partnerships enable the mobilization of greater resources and expertise to ensure the successful financing of corridor projects. Africell committed to deploying a fiber optic backbone along the corridors to expand connec-

tivity and bring digital access to underserved provinces and towns. Anzana Electric underscored the need to secure reliable energy supply to power industries and communities along the corridors, expressing readiness to partner with governments in this regard. Collectively, these commitments illustrated the potential of public-private partnerships to unlock the full promise of Africa's strategic corridors.

In conclusion, there was a strong consensus that Africa's strategic corridors hold transformative potential for the continent's economic future. Successful implementation will require accelerating infrastructure development, building robust partnerships, harmonizing regulatory frameworks, and mobilizing financing on a large scale. With coordinated action, these corridors can provide the backbone for Africa's industrialization and deeper integration into global value chains, contributing to inclusive growth and long-term economic resilience.

[Click here](#) to view the photos.



2025 UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY: **CELEBRATING BUSINESS IN NIGERIA**



As global leaders convened in New York for the 80th United Nations General Assembly, Cavista Holdings, in partnership with the Corporate Council on Africa (CCA) and the Nigeria Governors' Forum, hosted its inaugural Gala Dinner at the iconic Rockefeller Plaza.

The prestigious event brought together key Nigerian leaders, including Dr. Maruf Tunji Alausa, Minister of Education, representing the Vice President of Nigeria; His Highness Sanusi Lamido Sanusi, the 14th Emir of Kano; and Governors Babajide Sanwo-Olu (Lagos State), Mohammed Umar Bago (Niger State), and Dauda Lawal (Zamfara State), among other high-level dignitaries.

Held under the theme “Celebrating Business and Investment in Nigeria,” the evening featured an engaging fireside chat with the governors and inspiring remarks from the Emir, highlighting Nigeria’s dynamic investment landscape and commitment to sustainable economic growth.



Adam Cortese, CEO, Sun Africa

CONCORDIA'S ANNUAL SUMMIT: **MALARIA NO MORE**



Florie Liser joined the CEO of Malaria No More, Martin Englund, and Jeffrey Graham, the Senior Bureau Official from the Global Health Bureau at the Department of State for a panel at the Concordia Summit on September 24. CCA and Malaria No More released a report on “Malaria Economics: the \$4 trillion business opportunity,” noting that 94% of Malaria cases occur in Africa and that Malaria is an operational concern for more than 70% of companies, imposing \$12 billion in costs on them. Countries that have successfully introduced Malaria control programs have not only improved the health of their people, but also attract more foreign investment. The panel discussed the importance of continued strong public-private cooperation in this field, which is both the right thing to do and a good way to grow markets. [Click here](#) to view the digital report.



U.S. LPG SUPPLY CHAINS FOR CLEAN COOKING ROUNDTABLE



Chris Wright, U.S. Secretary of Energy

The U.S. LPG Supply Chains for Clean Cooking Roundtable session highlighted the U.S. government's leadership in advancing access to clean cooking solutions through a stronger and more resilient LPG supply chain. U.S. Secretary of Energy Chris Wright delivered keynote remarks, underscoring the Department of Energy's commitment to supporting energy access initiatives that improve health outcomes, reduce emissions, and create pathways for just energy transitions. His remarks emphasized that while LPG is not a permanent solution, it serves as an essential bridge fuel that can immediately reduce reliance on harmful biomass, particularly across Sub-Saharan Africa.

The panel brought together a distinguished lineup of ministers and senior officials from across Africa, including Hon. Basílio Muhate, Minister of Mineral Resources and Energy of the Republic of Mozambique; Hon. Kaba Nialé, Minister of Economy, Planning and Development of

the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire; and Hon. John Abdulai Jinapor, Minister of Energy of the Republic of Ghana. Each minister outlined their country's strategies to strengthen national LPG frameworks, improve infrastructure, and enhance energy access through policy reforms and private sector engagement. Their remarks underscored the importance of reliable supply chains, investment in storage and distribution facilities, and regional cooperation to ensure affordability and sustainability.

The discussion featured contributions from both public and private sector stakeholders, reflecting a cross-cutting approach to clean cooking. Public sector representatives emphasized the need for coherent policy frameworks, international partnerships, and U.S. leadership in ensuring accessibility. Meanwhile, private sector leaders highlighted opportunities to innovate within the LPG supply chain—focusing on financing, logistics, and technology-driven solutions that can help scale impact. Participants collectively stressed that financing tools, risk mitigation strategies, and infrastructure investments remain vital to accelerating adoption and achieving universal access. The role of LPG



Left to Right: Mima Nedelcovych, Africa Global Schaffer; Chris Wright, U.S. Secretary of Energy

U.S. LPG Supply Chains for Clean Cooking Roundtable Continued:

was framed not as a long-term end point, but as a crucial step toward reducing household air pollution, empowering communities, and improving livelihoods.

The event concluded with a shared commitment to deepening partnerships among governments, international organizations, and the private sector. The conversation reaffirmed that advancing clean cooking requires both immediate action and long-term innovation with the United States and African partners working collaboratively to build a more, sustainable energy future. [Click here](#) to view the photos from this event.



Hon. Basílio Muhate, Minister of Mineral Resources and Energy of the Republic of Mozambique



Hon. Kaba Nialé, Minister of Economy, Planning and Development of the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire



HIGH-LEVEL ENGAGEMENT WITH NAMIBIA



Left to Right: Witney Schneidman, CEO, Schneidman and Associates International; Florie Liser, President & CEO, CCA; H.E. Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah, President of Namibia; John Olajide, Chairman, CCA and Cavista Holdings

CCA President and CEO Florie Liser, along with several members of the CCA Board of Directors, John Olajude of Cavista Holdings and Witney Schneidman of Covington & Burling LLP, participated in an exclusive roundtable discussion with H.E. Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah, President of the Republic of Namibia. The high-level dialogue focused on Namibia's investment priorities and emerging opportunities across key sectors such as energy, infrastructure, agriculture, and tourism. The conversation underscored Namibia's commitment to fostering a business-friendly environment and strengthening partnerships with U.S. companies to drive sustainable economic growth and development.

2025 UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

U.S.-SIERRA LEONE ROUNDTABLE WITH H.E. JULIUS MAADA BIO, PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SIERRA LEONE



Left to Right: Florie Liser, CCA; H.E. Julius Maada Bio, President of Republic of Sierra Leone; Kalidou Gadio, DLA Piper

His Excellency Julius Maada Bio, President of the Republic of Sierra Leone, emphasized that the roundtable was about partnership, not just investment. He invited CCA members and investors to consider Sierra Leone as a destination of choice, assuring government support from project inception through implementation. He highlighted his government's commitment to aligning incentives, strengthening regulations, fostering corporate solutions, and driving job creation and technology transfer. His central message: Sierra Leone is open for business and welcomes investors as long-term partners in growth was echoed by U.S. companies currently doing business in the country.

Sierra Leone offers a strategic gateway in West Africa, with direct access within hours to Europe, North America, and key African markets. The nation's youthful and increasingly skilled workforce, strengthened by education as a flagship policy, underpins its growth potential. Coupled with political stability, peace, and a growing population, Sierra Leone positions itself as a reliable and attractive destination for American and global investors.

The roundtable also created valuable networking opportunities for CCA members, with participants already active in Sierra Leone sharing their positive experiences of doing business in the country. [Click here](#) to view the photos.



Daniel Travis, Department of State



Hon. David Moinina Sengeh, Chief Minister of Republic of Sierra Leone; Florie Liser, CCA; H.E. Julius Maada Bio, President of Republic of Sierra Leone;

CORPORATE COUNCIL ON AFRICA ANNOUNCES THE REPUBLIC OF MAURITIUS AS HOST OF 2026 U.S.-AFRICA BUSINESS SUMMIT

New York, NYC – September 24, 2025 – The Corporate Council on Africa (CCA) and the Government of the Republic of Mauritius have the honor to announce that the Republic of Mauritius will host the 18th U.S.-Africa Business Summit in 2026.

A Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) was signed today on the sidelines of the United Nations General Assembly in New York by the Hon. Dhananjay Ramful, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and International Trade of the Republic of Mauritius and Ms. Florizelle (Florie) Liser, President and CEO of CCA to formalize the announcement.

The signing of the MOA was held in the presence of:

- Mr. J. Bissoondoyal, Secretary for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Mauritius
- H.E. M.J.N Meetarbhan, G.O.S.K, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Mauritius to the United Nations
- Mr. John Olajide, Chairman of the Board of Directors, Corporate Council on Africa
- Mr. Jean-Raymond Boulle, Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors, Corporate Council on Africa
- And other members of the CCA Board of Directors

The U.S.-Africa Business Summit is one of the most important business platforms that annually brings together African Heads of State and Government, Ministers, high-level U.S and African Government Officials, CEOs, and senior executives of U.S. and African companies to explore investment, trade and commercial opportunities.

The selection of Mauritius as the host country for the 18th U.S.-Africa Business Summit bears testimony to the deep commitment of the country to play a key role in strengthening a mutually beneficial trade and investment relationship between Africa and the United States. Positioned at the crossroads of Africa and Asia in the Indian Ocean, Mauritius is recognized for its political stability, reform-driven economy, strong governance and innovation-friendly policies and high-quality local infrastructure. As a dynamic financial and trade hub, Mauritius is an ideal setting for the 2026 U.S.-Africa Business Summit.

The Summit will provide an excellent opportunity for participants to engage on critical issues impacting the U.S.-Africa trade and investment relationship and strike landmark deals in key sectors such as energy, infrastructure, agribusiness, health, ICT and financial services that will have high impact on the lives of African and American citizens, enterprises, workers and consumers.

Florie Liser, President & CEO of CCA, said: “We are delighted to bring the 2026 U.S.-Africa Business Summit to Mauritius, a country known for its strategic location, strong governance, and dynamic business environment. This Summit will provide a critical platform to strengthen U.S.-Africa economic relations, explore investment opportunities, and foster partnerships that will increase two-way trade.”

The Honorable Dhananjay Ramful, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and International Trade of the Republic of Mauritius, stated:



“Mauritius is honored to host the 2026 U.S.-Africa Business Summit and play a key role in strengthening a mutually beneficial trade and investment relationship between Africa and the United States. Our nation has long been a bridge between Africa and the world and we are committed to creating an enabling environment that encourages trade, innovation, and inclusive growth. Hosting this prestigious gathering further underscores Mauritius’ role as a hub for investment and partnership in Africa.”
The exact dates of the 2026 Summit will be announced soon.

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