



Public-Private Dialogue on Unlocking Private Capital for Kenya's Sustainable Development (virtual)

7 July 2026

08:30 – 11:00 (New York) | 15:30 – 18:00 (East African Time)

Objectives and Agenda

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1. Present and discuss investment opportunities and innovative financing instruments aligned with Kenya's sustainable development priorities
2. Facilitate dialogue among government, investors, and development partners on measures to increase private investment and finance for sustainable development.
3. Produce a list of actions and next steps to enhance investment opportunities and the investment climate.

Agenda:

08:30 – 08:50: Welcome and framing by Krishnan Sharma, Chief, Strategic Engagement Unit, FSDO/DESA, Financing for Development Office, UN DESA (2 mins)

Opening Remarks (3 mins each):

- Gary Conille, UN Resident Coordinator in Kenya
- Eng. Isaac Kiva, Secretary for Renewable Energy, State Dept. of Energy, Government of Kenya
- Marie Ottosson, Head of Development Cooperation, Embassy of Sweden in Kenya
- José Viñals, Co-Chair, GISD Alliance and Former Chairman, Standard Chartered Group

08:50 – 08:55: GISD's mission in Kenya by Karin Svensson, Senior Advisor, Sida and Rabayl Mirza, UN DESA (2 mins each)

08:55 – 09:20: Presentation on Investment Opportunities in Kenya by Government of Kenya

- National Energy Compact (10 mins)
- Short consultancy study by Sweco (5 mins)
- National Infrastructure Fund (10 mins)

09:20 – 09:50: Discussants: Standard Chartered, Allianz, Standard Bank, Mirova, FSD Africa (30 mins)

09:50 – 10:15: Presentations on Emerging Experiences in Kenya pertaining to Sovereign and Corporate Thematic Bonds by World Bank and Safaricom

- Isfandyar Zaman Khan, Lead Specialist, for Finance, Competitiveness and Innovation for East Africa, World Bank (10 mins)
- TBC, Safaricom (5 mins)
- TBC, IFC (5 mins)
- Kjell Forsberg, Assistant Director General and Head of Trade, Private Sector and Financial Instruments, Sida (5 mins)

10:15 – 10:45: Discussants: PIMCO, Citi, Equity Group, UN Global Compact (30 mins)

10:45 – 11:00: Wrap up and closing by Krishnan Sharma, UN DESA and Karin Svensson, Sida

- Establishing a Steering Committee to implement agreed actions ahead of next meeting in November