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Uganda to convene high-level dialogue to advance AfCFTA investment opportunities

16 February 2026, Kampala

Government officials, private sector representatives, development partners, and policy experts will convene in Kampala on 19 February 2026 for a high-level consultative workshop to strengthen Uganda's investment promotion and facilitation framework in alignment with the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) Protocol on Investment.

The workshop, titled "**Support for AfCFTA-Aligned Investment Promotion and Facilitation in Uganda**," will examine Uganda's readiness to implement the Protocol on Investment and identify measures to attract more diversified, sustainable, and regionally integrated foreign direct investment (FDI), with particular emphasis on intra-African capital flows. The dialogue will also provide a platform to review and validate policy and institutional recommendations aimed at positioning Uganda as a competitive and sustainable investment destination within Africa.

The workshop is being organised by ODI Global in collaboration with SEATINI Uganda and the Uganda Investment Authority (UIA), bringing together national and international expertise to support Uganda's AfCFTA implementation efforts.

Why this matters

Uganda has made notable progress in AfCFTA implementation, including ratifying the Agreement, strengthening its legal framework through the 2019 Investment Code Act, and advancing investment facilitation through the Uganda Investment Authority's One Stop Centre and digital services platform.

As AfCFTA transitions from negotiation to implementation, investment will play a central role in unlocking intra-African trade, strengthening regional value chains and accelerating industrialisation. Uganda is well positioned to leverage the Protocol on Investment to diversify FDI flows – particularly in priority sectors such as agro-processing, renewable energy and services – while promoting sustainable and inclusive growth.

The dialogue will focus on building on these achievements to enhance Uganda's competitiveness as a regional investment hub.

Participants will:

- Review findings from a new report assessing Uganda's alignment with the AfCFTA Protocol on Investment;
- Discuss practical measures to strengthen investment facilitation, including Regional One Stop Centres and digital services;
- Identify priority actions to enhance Uganda's FDI value proposition, particularly for intra-African investors.

Media participation

Media representatives are invited to attend and cover the opening session.

Date: 19 February 2026
Time: 10:00 am – 12:30 pm
Venue: Emin Pasha Hotel, Plot 27, Nakasero, Kampala

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Notes for editors:

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