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investment in African infrastructure**

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Tas Anvaripour, a Turkish-American, is the Director of Business Development at the African Development Bank, where she is the Task Force Leader for the establishment of Africa50. As Head of Private Infrastructure Finance, a position which she kept for 4 years, she was in charge of the Bank's private sector investments in the Energy, Transport, Water, and ICT sectors. Tas is a firm believer in the importance of building mutually beneficial partnerships with project developers, governments, fellow financiers, and, of course, project beneficiaries. Tas honed her deal origination and portfolio management skills at the Asian Development Bank, Arthur Andersen LLP and PriceWaterHouse Coopers. She has 26 years of industry experience across Asia, Africa and North America. In 2012, the African Business Magazine and the Commonwealth Business Council nominated Tas as one of the Top 5 Most Outstanding Women of the Year at the African Business Awards. A World Bank Fellow, Tas holds a BSc in Finance from Ankara University in Turkey and an MA in Economics and Policy Management from Columbia University.



Carole Biau is an economist and investment policy analyst at the OECD Directorate for Enterprise and Financial Affairs. Since 2011 she has been leading analysis and managing projects for the NEPAD-OECD Africa Investment Initiative, including infrastructure policy assessments and Investment Policy Reviews in Africa. Since 2012 Carole also manages the elaboration of a Regional Investment Policy Framework in partnership with the Southern African Development Community, with a focus on infrastructure investment and investor protection. Born in France and raised in Kenya, Carole holds a BSc in Economics from Warwick University and a Masters degree from Columbia University. She has been published in several academic journals, including the Journal of Sustainable Finance and Investment and the Review of International Political Economy.



Charles Boamah is Vice President of Finance at the African Development Bank Group, where he is co-leading the implementation of Africa50, a continental initiative sponsored by the AfDB, to help accelerate the realisation of transformative and regionally integrating infrastructure projects in Africa. From 2004 to 2011, Charles was a member of the Board of Directors of the African Export Import Bank. He also worked for 11 years with First Interstate Bancorp in California. Before this, he worked for over 5 years with PricewaterhouseCoopers (then Coopers & Lybrand) in Accra and Los Angeles.



Federico Bonaglia joined the OECD Development Centre in 1999 as an economist. He holds a master's degree in Economics and Social Sciences and a master's degree in Economics from Bocconi University (Milan, Italy). At the Development Centre he has been working on the economic and institutional consequences of globalization for developing countries. His research projects focused on structural reforms in Africa, private sector development in Asia and corruption. He has also contributed to preparing several country notes for the African Economic Outlook and collaborated with other OECD Directorates on aid for trade, SME development and Territorial Development in Central America. He is currently working on issues related to private sector development and aid for trade, with special emphasis on agriculture in Africa. He is also the coordinator of the OECD Black Sea and Central Asia Economic Outlook.



Paul Collier is Professor of Economics and Public Policy at the Blavatnik School of Government and Co-Director of the Centre for the Study of African Economies, Oxford. He is also a Director of the International Growth Centre (IGC). From 1998–2003 he was Director of the Research Development Department of the World Bank. He is currently a Professeur invité at Sciences Po, and Paris 1. In 2008 Paul was awarded a CBE 'for services to scholarship and development', and in 2014, he received a knighthood for services to promoting research and policy change in Africa. Paul is currently adviser to the Strategy and Policy Department of the International Monetary Fund, adviser to the Africa Region of the World Bank, and adviser to DfID.



Adolphe Copelovici has more than 30 years of international experience in coordinating large scale infrastructure projects, particularly in the context of Alstom's Power Division for various large power stations. He now has been appointed as President of OCORP, a dynamic organisation which prides itself in being a premier infrastructure project development and execution enterprise. He is a recognized expert in managing international marketing and technical teams and is leading them in delivering high quality services. He holds a high school engineering diploma as well as a Masters degree in economics.



Edouard Dahomé is Director for Africa and Acces to Energy within EDF. With a degree in engineering obtained in 1980, he joined EDF in 1981 where he worked in the distribution division for 9 years. After 6 years with Gaz de France, he returned to EDF for a 5-year mission in Brazil, then Argentina. In 2007, he was appointed in his present department, where he is in charge of the development of EDF's interests in Africa (technical assistance, investment projects). He also manages all the projects related to access to energy (mostly in rural areas) for the group.



Karim Dahou has been Executive Manager at the OECD Directorate for Enterprise and Financial Affairs since July 2008. He is responsible for the operational leadership and management of several work-streams including the NEPAD-OECD Africa Investment Initiative, investment for development and infrastructure investment. Prior to this, he held several senior positions in international trade and investment, notably in Africa. He served as a policy advisor to the Africa Partnership Forum Support Unit, and as the Chief of Staff to the Executive Secretary of the Pan-African NGO Enda, where he also launched and managed the policy think-tank Diapol.



Pedro Rodrigues De Almeida is Director, Head of Infrastructure and Urban Development Industry, at the World Economic Forum. Pedro has a PhD in Physics from the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology, Lausanne; an MSc in Engineering Physics, Technical University of Lisbon; an MBA in Marketing Strategy and Communication, University of Geneva; and a Certificate in Strategic Decision and Risk Management, Stanford University. He has over 17 years' professional experience in various industrial settings, including in infrastructure project management, strategic decision and risk management, and economic valuation studies. He has held senior roles in numerous countries and in a variety of industry sectors, namely, building materials and cement manufacturing with Holcim, specialty minerals with Imerys, fine chemicals with Agfa-Gevaert, and fast moving consumer goods with Philip Morris International. In his current position, his main professional responsibilities relate to today's challenges in strategic infrastructure and urban development projects, as well as the management of relationships between WEF and leaders of global companies in these sectors.



Julie de Brux is an economist. She works at VINCI Concessions, as Studies and Prospective Manager. She is associate research fellow in a research group dedicated to infrastructure and public services (EPPP research chair), at Sorbonne Business School. She also teaches at Sciences-Po and ESSEC business school. She holds a PhD about renegotiations and performance measures in PPP projects and has published several articles in international journals. Julie is a Member of UNECE PPP Business Advisory Board since January, 2014.



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Florence Gaudry-Perkins is currently International Director for Global Government & Public Affairs at Alcatel-Lucent. Her current position entails relations with governments, multilateral and bilateral funds, as well as international organizations. In the context of her work with development banks, she is advocating raising awareness on the need for LT infrastructure funds to close the gap of investments needed for Broadband infrastructure in developing and emerging countries. Her past work in higher education and familiarity with global health has influenced her in being a strong advocate of mHealth and mLearning for health in particular.



Ayo Gbeleyi is the Honourable Commissioner for Finance with responsibility for the public financial management strategy of Lagos State, with concurrent oversight function for the Office of Public-Private Partnerships (PPP). Ayo currently coordinates LASG's team efforts for the delivery of landmark infrastructure projects. He was Chief Treasury Officer, Celtel Nigeria Limited, which under won the Euromoney's Project Finance Magazine's Europe, Middle-East & Africa 2005 Telecoms Deal of the Year. He has had a distinguished banking career in financial advisory services, corporate finance, treasury and risk management, financial control and banking operations. Ayo is a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nigeria (ICAN), an Associate of the Chartered Institute of Taxation of Nigeria (CITN), an alumnus of the Harvard Kennedy School, the London Business School, and Lagos Business School. He holds an MBA from the International Graduate School of Management, University of Navarra, Barcelona, Spain.



Jaime Gornsztejn is the Managing Director of the Brazilian Development Bank (BNDES) subsidiary in the United Kingdom, based in London. He joined BNDES in 1993, having worked as Loan Officer at the Telecommunications Department, as Principal in the Venture Capital Division and as Project Finance Manager at the Renewable Energy Department. Jaime has also held executive positions as Portfolio Manager at Nortel Networks UK (2000-2001) and as Advisor to private finance initiative (PFI) projects at KPMG Corporate Finance UK (2008-2009). Jaime holds a B.Sc. in Electronics Engineering (IME – Military Institute of Engineering – Rio de Janeiro), MSc in Telecommunications Engineering (PUC-Rio – Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro) and MSc in Finance (Cass Business School - London). Jaime is also the Chairman of the Brazilian Chamber of Commerce in Great Britain and serves on the Senior Advisory Council of King's College London Brazil Institute.



Angel Gurría is the Secretary-General of the OECD since June 2006. He was re-appointed to a second mandate in September 2010. As OECD Secretary-General, he has reinforced the OECD's role as a 'hub' for global dialogue and debate on economic policy issues while pursuing internal modernisation and reform. Mr. Gurría is a Mexican national and came to the OECD following a distinguished career in public service in his country, including positions as Minister of Foreign Affairs and Minister of Finance and Public Credit in the 1990s. Mr. Gurría holds a B.A. degree in Economics from UNAM (Mexico) and a M.A. degree in Economics from Leeds University (United Kingdom). He is married and has three children



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Glen Ireland is a partner in the London office of Latham & Watkins, a major international law firm, and is Chair of the firm's Global Mining & Metals group. He is a regular writer, speaker and commentator on mining and infrastructure issues, having recently addressed the annual meeting of the Intergovernmental Forum on Mining, Minerals, Metals and Sustainable Development in Geneva. He is an Honorary Associate and Member of the Global Faculty and External Consultants Team at the Centre for Energy, Petroleum and Mineral Law and Policy in Dundee, Scotland, and has for many years taught a course at the Centre on Mining Agreements.



Donald Kaberuka is currently serving his second term as President of the African Development Bank Group (AfDB). Before joining the African Development Bank, Mr. Kaberuka had a distinguished career in banking, international trade and development and government service. A national of Rwanda, he was the country's Minister of Finance and Economic Planning between 1997 and 2005. During this period, he oversaw Rwanda's successful economic reconstruction after the end of the civil war. During his service at the AfDB, Mr. Kaberuka has presided over a major redirection in its Ten-Year Strategy which focuses on inclusive growth and transition to green growth for development and poverty reduction in Africa. During Mr. Kaberuka's period in office, the AfDB has become Africa's premier development finance institution. Donald Kaberuka was educated at universities in Tanzania and Scotland. He holds a PhD in Economics from Glasgow University.



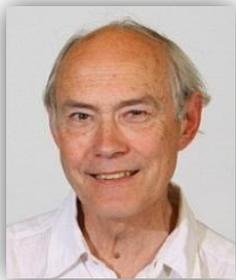
André Laboul is the Counsellor of the Directorate for Financial and Enterprise Affairs (DAF) which covers Anti-corruption, Competition, Corporate governance, Finance, Investment. His portfolio includes all DAF G20 and NAEC issues. From 2000 to 2014 he was the Head of the Financial Affairs Division at the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD). Mr. Laboul is also Secretary General of the International Organisation of Pensions Supervisors (IOPS), Chairman of the International Network on Financial Education (INFE) and Managing Editor of the Journal of Pension Economics and Finance, edited by Cambridge University Press. He is also currently an expert to various bodies, including the Russian Council on Financial Literacy. Before joining the OECD, he worked in Belgium at the Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS), the Centre for Law and Economic Research (CRIDE) and the Prime Minister Services for Science Policy. Mr Laboul is both an Economist and a Lawyer, with degrees from the universities of Liège and Louvain-La-Neuve.



Olusola Olatayo Ladipo - Ajayi obtained a Bachelor of Law degree from the University of Lagos 2000 and was called to the Nigerian bar as a Solicitor and Advocate of the Supreme Court of Nigeria, 2003. He holds a Master's Degree in Banking and Finance from the University of Ibadan, 1986 and also Fellowship certificates of the Chartered Insurance Institute, London and the Chartered Insurance Institute of Nigeria. As Group Managing Director of LASACO Assurance Plc, Mr. Ladipo-Ajayi has a wealth of experience in underwriting general insurances. LASACO is the Lead underwriter of Lagos State Government insurances in Nigeria, and has provided insurance Bonds for its mega-projects.



Yann Le Saux is Director in the Project Finance team of Bouygues Construction, a centralized pool of expertise in Infrastructure and Real Estate Financing. Bouygues Construction is a world leader in construction fully owned by the French listed conglomerate Bouygues SA. He is in charge of a geographical area including the UK, the Americas and Africa. Over the past eleven years he has been in charge of structuring financing of transportation and social infrastructure projects in various jurisdictions. Yann's key focus is to look after the structuring and implementation of junior and senior financing of the transactions, including devising the most appropriate and optimised funding structure, and negotiating the terms of the Project and Finance Documents with the procuring authorities, the senior lenders and any third party equity provider until financial close.



Richard Manning is Chair of the Boards of the Institute of Development Studies and of the International Initiative for Impact Evaluation, and a Senior Research Fellow at the Blavatnik School of Government, University of Oxford. Richard served in DfID and its predecessors from 1965-2003 (Director-General 1996-2003). His assignments included postings to Lagos and Bangkok, to the UK Permanent Representation to the EU and as Alternate Executive Director of the World Bank. From June 2003 to January 2008, Richard was Chair of the OECD's Development Assistance Committee. Richard has also served as Vice-Chair of the Replenishment of the Global Fund for AIDS, TB and Malaria, and as Co-ordinator of the Replenishment of the African Development Fund.



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Keith Palmer has been centrally involved in the development of the Private Infrastructure Development Group (PIDG) since its inception in 2002. He was founder Chairman of the Emerging Africa Infrastructure Fund, founder and non-executive Director of Guarantco from 2003-2007, and founder Chairman of InfraCo Africa (2004-2014) and InfraCo Asia (2009-). Keith was also founder and Chairman of CEPA, a company advising governments, regulators and infrastructure companies about regulation and financing of utilities in Europe and the developing world. He is also founder Chairman of AgDevCo, an agriculture and agribusiness development and investment company active in sub-Saharan Africa. From 1984-2002 Keith led energy, mining and utilities corporate finance practice at Rothschild. Earlier in his career he worked at the World Bank (Energy Department), the IMF (Fiscal Affairs Department) and as a contract public servant in Papua New Guinea and Tanzania.



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Grégor Quiniou is Deputy Head of the Infrastructure and Mining Department at Proparco, the French development finance institution held by Agence Française de Développement (AFD). He has more than 15 years' experience working in advisory and structured finance. Prior to his current position, Grégor was Senior Investment Officer in the Infrastructure and Mining Department of Proparco, where he arranged various types of infrastructure financing for a diversified client base in Africa, Asia and Latin America. He worked previously at Société Générale where he started his career in Mergers and Acquisitions before turning to Acquisition Finance, where he held various positions, lately as Director in charge of French and German multinationals. Grégor graduated from Paris Dauphine University where he completed a Master's Degree in finance.



Gabriela Ramos is the OECD Chief of Staff and Sherpa to the G20. Since 2006, she has been advising the Secretary-General, supporting his strategic agenda and contributing to the opening up of the organization to new members and partner countries. Recently, she contributed to the launch of major OECD initiatives related to gender issues, skills and development. Since 2009, having also taken on the role as the OECD Sherpa to the G20, she has been co-ordinating the contributions of the OECD to the group and has been representing the organization at the G20 Sherpa meetings. Previously, she served as Head of the OECD Office in Mexico and Latin America. Prior to joining the OECD, Mrs. Ramos held several positions in the Mexican Government, notably as advisor to the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Director of OECD Affairs. Mrs. Ramos holds an MA in Public Policies from Harvard University, and was a Fulbright and Ford MacArthur fellow.



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Rintaro Tamaki was appointed Deputy Secretary-General of the OECD on August 1, 2011. His portfolio includes the strategic direction of OECD policy on Environment, Development, Green Growth, Financial Affairs and Taxes. Mr. Tamaki is also currently acting Chief Economist and assumes the responsibility as the OECD Representative at the Deputies' Meetings of the G20. Prior to joining the OECD Mr. Tamaki, a Japanese national, was Vice-Minister of Finance for International Affairs at the Ministry of Finance, Government of Japan. During his prominent 35-year career at the Japanese Ministry of Finance, Mr. Tamaki has worked on various budget, taxation, international finance and development issues. Mr. Tamaki graduated in 1976, with an L.L.B. from the University of Tokyo. He has held academic positions at the University of Tokyo and Kobe University. He has published books and articles on international institutions, the international monetary system, development, debt and taxation.



Nils Tcheyan is Director, Government Affairs and Policy for General Electric Africa, based in Nairobi, Kenya. He leads GE's work on policy analysis and regulatory frameworks to support commercial investments in energy, healthcare and transportation that support long-term growth. From 1980-2009 Nils held leadership roles at the World Bank, in Latin America and Africa. From 2003-2009, as Director of Strategy and Operations, he managed a program of USD 5 billion a year in lending, while also leading improvements in operational quality. From 1998-2000 he led the preparation of a strategy for microfinance and small enterprise development for the Aga Khan Fund for Economic Development (AKFED). Nils has done extensive work on links between Asia and Africa and has spoken widely on issues related to Africa's economic development. He holds an M.A degree in International Economics and Latin American Studies from John Hopkins (SAIS).



Julien Touati joined Meridiam in 2011 as an Investment Director with a focus on deal origination in Europe, and sits on the Investment Committee of MIAF. Since 2013 he has acted as Corporate Development Director of Meridiam, covering various key initiatives, including leading the African development of Meridiam. Julien has worked on MEII and led the closing of the Nîmes to Montpellier French High Speed Rail Line in 2012. Prior to joining Meridiam, Julien gained extensive public sector experience. He was a member of the French Government Shareholding Agency, in charge of managing the majority stake in EDF Group, the second largest electric utility in the world. Prior to this, Julien was the Deputy Head of the European Affairs division for the French Treasury. He was, inter alia, in charge of the EU financial aid to developing countries and acted as a member of the board of the EU Neighbourhood Investment Facility. Through this position Julien gained experience negotiating with European multiple DFIs. Julien also worked for PROPARCO on the financing of the 250 MW Bujagali dam in Uganda and Veolia Environnement.



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Michel Wormser is Vice President and Chief Operating Officer for the Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA), the political risk insurance and credit enhancement arm of the World Bank Group. Mr. Wormser joined the World Bank Group in 1978. Prior to joining MIGA in 2011, he served as Director of Operations and Strategy in the Bank's Africa region, and as Director of the Infrastructure Department and Director of the Sustainable Development Department in the region from 2003 to 2008. From 2001 to 2003, he was Director of the World Bank's Guarantee Program. From 1997 to 2000, Mr. Wormser directed the Société Générale's Project Finance Department, where he was responsible for advising and arranging limited recourse financing of energy projects. He holds an MBA from the University of California, Berkeley and a degree in economics, finance, and business administration from the Ecole Supérieure de Sciences Economiques et Commerciales in France.



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