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## Message from the Executive Director



Mr. Andrew N. Bvumbe, Executive Director

On July 1, 2017, IDA enters an exciting phase of its 57-year history as the World Bank's Policy & Concessional Financing framework for the world's poorest countries. The IDA18 package and its historic funding of US\$75.0 billion presents huge opportunities for economic transformation in our Constituency countries. It is estimated that resources amounting to US\$45.0 billion and US\$14.0 billion will be allocated to projects in Africa and to Fragile, Conflict and Violent countries (FCVs), respectively. IDA18 offers an unprecedented potential for transformational development programs for our Constituency countries. Furthermore, the WBG has, within IDA18, established facilities such as the IFC-MIGA *Private Sector Window* (PSW) of US\$ 2.5 billion to mobilize private sector investments in IDA countries, particularly in Fragile, Conflict and Violent (FCV) situations, the *Scale-Up Facility (SUF)* of US\$ 6.2 billion within the Regional Programs to cater for the anticipated strong demand from client countries for non-concessional financing for transformational projects, and the *Refugee Sub-Window* of US\$ 2 billion, ostensibly to deal with the refugee crisis in refugee-hosting countries, among others. The onus now lies with IDA countries to respond with ambition and agility.

This Newsletter carries a feature story on the PSW, a facility that is of great importance to Africa's agenda on economic transformation. The feature story argues that eligible IDA-recipient countries should come up with

ambitious pipelines of bankable priority projects for consideration. This implies that the projects should be attractive and at a stage where investors are willing to invest and expect sufficient return for their money. From a country and developmental perspective, the projects should be transformational, inclusive, gender sensitive, and well-designed to lead to sustainable economic growth in line with the Sustainable Development Goals Agenda 2030. Above all, the projects need to be tailored to the country's needs and circumstances, grass-root driven and provide a clear pathway to the desired country specific development goals.

The identification of pipeline projects should not be all that difficult considering the significant infrastructural development gaps that exist in our Constituency countries. For example, energy sector projects for powering Africa identified under NEPAD's 16 Infrastructure Projects for African Integration should be included in the pipeline. Projects in the transport sector which target road connectivity across borders through road networks, railway ports and airports, to name a few should be prioritized. Projects in the telecommunications and agricultural sectors should also be part of the pipeline of projects.

Let me urge you, Honorable Governors, to vigorously engage the WBG Country Office teams to improve the pending pipeline of projects which can be financed under the IDA 18 programs. In the past, significant time has been lost on project preparation and the sooner we get a head start this time around, the better. Africa must deliver on IDA 18.

In addition, Honorable Governors, you will note that this Newsletter reports on other relevant issues to enrich your knowledge of what your Office has been doing during this reporting period in fulfillment of its mandate in accordance with our *Agenda 24* that we highlighted in the last edition. It also provides an update on the Spring Meetings, official missions to our Constituency countries, new WBG Governors in the Constituency, as well as pipeline projects of the World Bank Group.

## Feature Story

### IDA18: Participating through the Private Sector Window

#### Introduction

In line with the Addis Ababa Action Agenda on the Financing for Development of the Post-2015 Agenda to mobilize trillions in private financing, the World Bank Group (WBG) created an IFC-MIGA US\$2.5 billion Private Sector Window (PSW) pilot under the historical IDA18 replenishment package. Noting the inadequacy of private investment in Fragile and Conflict-Affected States (FCS), the PSW has been designed to support direct private investment in IDA-only countries, non-gap countries with a focus on fragile or conflict affected countries. Specifically, the PSW has been conceived to mitigate risks and address challenges faced by the private sector in the IDA-only countries and FCSs. The private sector in the targeted countries tends to be small, informal and underdeveloped, experiencing gaps in infrastructure, credit, skilled labor, including weak regulatory environmental bottlenecks. By addressing real and perceived risks in these countries, the PSW is seeking to enhance the role and growth of the private sector in economic development, especially in the FCS countries facing investment inflow gaps.

The PSW has been designed to align with the special themes of IDA18, the new IFC 3.0 Strategy, and will be integrated in Country Partnership Frameworks. By contributing to the creation of better jobs and more inclusive growth, the PSW is expected to advance the agenda under the special theme *Jobs and Economic Transformation*, and to IDA's goal to scale up support to FCS. Further, the PSW is linked to the gender and climate change themes, through its anticipated contributions to women empowerment, the development of agribusinesses, to low carbon growth and energy access. The PSW aligns with the IFC 3.0 Strategy, which focuses on creating and the development of markets in IDA only countries and in most challenging markets. It also seeks to scale up advisory services aimed at improving the investment climate.

The PSW will fit in the 'Cascade Approach', which has been adopted as a systemic way to optimize the use of public and private resources and the expanded use of WBG guarantees. It will also adhere to the principles for using concessional finance in private sector operations, which are: (a) additionality; and (b) minimization of concessionality and market distortions.

#### Features of the PSW

A total of US\$2.5 billion has been set aside from the IDA18 package for the PSW. This will be deployed through the following four windows:

- i. The Risk Mitigation Facility (RMF);
- ii. The MIGA Guarantee Facility (MGF);
- iii. The Local Currency Facility (LCF); and
- iv. The Blended Finance Facility (BFF).

1. Risk Mitigation Facility (RMF)

The RMF will provide project based guarantees without sovereign indemnity to crowd in private investment in large infrastructure projects.

2. MIGA Guarantee Facility (MGF)

Through the MGF, MIGA will crowd in private sector investment by providing coverage for political risk insurance (PRI) and non-commercial risks such as expropriation and breach of contract. Under the PSW, MIGA will use shared first-loss transactions to complement PRI and take on the role of risk participant in the absence of reinsurance markets.

3. Local Currency Facility (LCF)

Through the LCF, IFC will provide long-term local currency financing for high impact projects where capital markets are not developed and market solutions are not sufficiently available

4. Blended Finance Facility (BFF)

The aim of the BFF is to blend PSW resources with IFC investments to support SMEs and agribusiness and other financing instruments including energy access.

**Accessing Support through the PSW**

Following Executive Board approval of PSW in January 2017, the management teams of the IFC and MIGA are focusing on developing the PSW pipeline and developing the necessary systems to operationalize the PSW processes. Further, IDA, IFC and MIGA have initiated external client outreach engagements to introduce the PSW and to identify potential Private Sector opportunities for funding. The PSW will become operational from July 1, 2017.

**Criteria**

The use of PSW resources will be as follows:

- i) Limited to IDA-only and fragile or conflict affected IDA-gap and blend countries. The list of eligible countries will be determined at the beginning of IDA18 for the duration of the three years of IDA18, subject to revision as the status of countries changes. On a case-by-case basis, the WBG will support fragile or conflict affected regions in non-FCS, IDA, gap and blend countries.
- ii) Aligned with the strategic directions of IDA, the IDA18 themes, WBG country strategies, and the overall approach to support private sector investment and market creation.
- iii) Adherence to the principles for using concessional finance in private sector operations.

The table below shows the eligible sector(s), additionality and indicative allocation for each of these facilities.

Facility	Sectors	Additionality	Indicative allocation (US\$m)
<b>RMF</b>	Infrastructure (power, water & sanitation, transport & logistics, municipal infrastructure, telecom, and natural resource related infrastructure) and PPPs.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Guarantees will not require sovereignty indemnity to IDA.</li> <li>2. With increased guarantee resources, there will be increased support for other infrastructure projects</li> <li>3. Guarantees will not require risk sharing with MIGA, and can complement MIGA capacity.</li> <li>4. Will provide impetus for reforms in the business environment.</li> </ol>	1,000
<b>MGF</b>	Infrastructure (power, water & sanitation, transport & logistics, municipal infrastructure, telecom, and natural resource related infrastructure), agribusiness, manufacturing and services, financial markets, and PPPs.	Increased scale and scope of MIGA's activities, particularly for large scale, systemically important transactions, programmatic approaches to multi sectoral projects, or multi sectoral approaches.	500
<b>LCF</b>	Sectors will be linked to the underlying loans	Local currency loans will complement existing solutions such as domestic banks, the currency exchange.	400
<b>BFF</b>	High impact pioneering investments across sectors such as SMEs, education, health, climate change and telecom.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Expansion in markets and sectors covered by current blended finance platforms.</li> <li>2. Enter new markets and sectors which are critical to the high-impact transactions.</li> </ol>	600

Source : World Bank

## Highlights of the 2017 IMF/WBG Spring Meetings

### The 14<sup>th</sup> African Group 1 Constituency Meeting

Constituency Governors met on April 20, 2017, for the 14th Statutory Meeting of the Africa Group 1 Constituency in Washington D.C. under the Chairmanship of Honorable Amadou Sanneh, WBG Governor and Minister of Finance and Economic Affairs for the Republic of The Gambia. The meeting acknowledged and welcomed new Governors from the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, Republic of The Gambia, Kingdom of Lesotho, Republic of Seychelles and Federal Republic of Somalia. At the meeting, Governors discussed the Interim Report of the Executive Director, endorsed the Development Committee (DC) Member Statement, updated on the IDA18 framework and received information on the initiative to improve Diversity and Inclusion (D&I) within the WBG.

In his Interim Report, the Executive Director, Mr. Bvumbe, highlighted recent regional economic developments, resource flows to the Sub-Saharan Africa (SSA) region, the refugee crisis in the Constituency and the impact of climate change on several countries. The Report also covered an update on the World Bank's Shareholding Review, the reengagement and clearance of arrears for countries with special needs and the status of implementation of the *Constituency Rules, Guidelines and Procedures*.

The Executive Director reported that the SSA region had registered a record low economic growth of 1.5 percent in 2016 due to the decline in commodity prices, rising policy uncertainties, extreme weather conditions and deteriorating security situation in some countries. Over the medium term, however, growth is projected to rebound on the back of a moderate increase in commodity prices, while extreme weather and political insecurity would remain a threat to the region. The Executive Director noted that SSA needed to tap its great potential in agriculture and to invest in improving competitiveness in order to achieve economic transformation. Infrastructure gaps remained a major impediment to sustainable growth, while the refugee crisis was worsening and exerting immense pressure on hosting nations.

The Executive Director informed Governors that the WBG *Forward Look* was a strategic response to evolving client needs. In this strategy, the WBG commits to assist countries in all client groups, including Low Income Countries, Middle Income Countries, Fragile and Conflict-Affected countries. The WBG also commits to lead on articulating global issues and provision of global public goods including responding to pandemics and climate change. It further commits to mobilize financing from public and non-public entities, in line with the Addis Ababa Action Agenda. To deliver on these commitments, the WBG is in the process of improving its business model and has presented proposals for a capital increase that will ensure adequate financial capacity. The Executive Director further stressed the need for Constituency countries to place emphasis on building their own capacity for effective implementation of World Bank Group funded projects.

The Executive Director highlighted the Office work plan for the period November 2016 to October 2018 as his Office's response to the evolving needs of the Constituency countries. Through this work plan, *Agenda 24*, the Office will, among other things, seek to highlight the need for a robust response to the growing refugee crisis, to protect the voting power of the Constituency in the World Bank's Shareholding Review, advance the re-engagement of countries with special needs and continue to follow up on the call by Governors to improve Diversity & Inclusion (D&I) across all arms of the WBG. Governors were also updated on the implementation of the Constituency Rules, Guidelines and Procedures and were informed that a recruitment exercise was well underway, with two Advisors joining the Office from the Federal Republic of Somalia and the Republic of The Gambia. The Executive Director thanked Governors for their guidance and support during his missions to some of the Constituency countries.

Constituency Governors considered and endorsed the draft DC Member Statement that was presented by the Alternate DC Member, His Royal Highness Prince Hlangusemphi Dlamini, Minister of Economic Planning and Development the Kingdom of Swaziland. The DC Member Statement called on the WBG to provide a robust response to the famine situation in the Horn of Africa and the worsening refugee crisis in Africa and assist in building resilience against climate change. It further called for the WBG to leverage its financial capacity to support countries' efforts to bridge their infrastructure gap and to formulate a strategy for Middle Income Countries. The Statement acknowledged the historic IDA 18 replenishment and called on WBG Governors to support a capital increase for International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) and International Finance Corporation (IFC). Constituency Governors also endorsed a proposal to streamline the process of preparing DC Member Statements.

On the update on the IDA18 policy and financing package presented by the World Bank Vice President for Development Finance, Mr. Axel van Trotsenburg, Constituency Governors appreciated the significant increase in the IDA envelope from US\$52 billion in the IDA 17 replenishment, to US\$75 billion in IDA18. They welcomed the estimated allocation of US\$45 billion to SSA, of which US\$16 billion would be the core allocation for the Constituency. They further welcomed the facilities that had been established under IDA 18, including the Private Sector Window for enhanced investments in IDA-only countries and IDA-eligible Fragile and Conflict-Affected States (FCS), the refugee-support facility under the IDA Regional Window and the continuation of the Scale Up Facility. The Constituency's IDA Borrower Representative, Dr. Denny H. Kalyalya, Central Bank Governor for Zambia, reiterated the importance for Constituency countries to place emphasis on effective implementation under IDA18, given the high expectations of stakeholders with this historic package.

As an update on the WBG's efforts to improve the pipeline of SSA professionals in the institution, a presentation was made by the Human Resources Manager for Talent Acquisition, Mr. Geremie Sawadogo, on the new initiative, the *SSA Nationals Junior Professional Officer Program*. This Program is configured to provide opportunities to SSA professionals to enter the WBG through a general fund window, supported by a multi-donor trust fund and/or a second window financed by participating countries.

## High Level Panel Discussion on Refugees in Africa and its Impact on the Economies of Host Countries

The Office of the Executive Director, in collaboration with the Fragility Conflict and Violence (FCV) Group in the WBG, a *High Level Panel Discussion on Refugees Crisis in Africa and its impact on the Economies of Host Countries* on April 22, 2017. The objective of this Meeting was to have an open discussion, based on lessons learned from the ground, which would help Multilateral Development Banks design appropriate approaches to support the management of the social and economic impacts of the refugee crisis on host countries. This High Level Discussion provided a great opportunity for African countries to exchange views and experience on of refugee crisis management at a high decision making level.

The panel discussion was moderated by the Executive Director for Africa Group 1 Constituency, Mr. Andrew Bvumbe, while the panelists were:

Hon. Matia Kasaija, Minister of Finance and Economic Development of Uganda;  
 Hon. Henry K. Rotich, Cabinet Secretary for the National Treasury of Kenya;  
 Hon. Ngweto Tiraina Yambaye, Minister of Economy and Development Planning, Republic of Chad;  
 Mr. Filippo Grandi, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees;  
 Ms. Melanie Robinson, WBG Executive Director for the United Kingdom;  
 Mr. Mezgebu Ameha, Director of the Fiscal Policy Directorate in the Ministry of Finance and Economic Cooperation of Ethiopia; and  
 Mr. Xavier Devictor, Advisor in the World Bank FCV Global Practice.

In his keynote speech, the UN High Commissioner for Refugees highlighted the UNHCR's perspective on the critical need to complement the traditional humanitarian approach to forced displacement, with a development approach. In this regard, after indicating how the refugee inflow has a very severe impact on service delivery especially on social services, in particular health and education, he emphasized the fact that UNHCR is now implementing solutions that include the social integration of refugees in the host communities in particular those who have been hosted for a very long time. This imply a clear shift from a policy focused on camps to one that would allow for the socio-economic inclusion of refugees, including jobs.

After the keynote speech the discussion focused on African countries' experience in refugee crisis management in a fragile regional context. Panelists highlighted the policies and various measures put in place by different Governments to handle the refugee crisis for the long run. They also discussed and agreed on the following :

- i. Refugee host countries should move from the traditional humanitarian and emergency response, to building resilience to future flows of refugees through setting up appropriate policies and undertaking coherent national planning processes;
  - ii. The common view on the necessity to shift from a policy focused on camps and emergency response, to one that allows for the socio-economic inclusion of refugees, and the expectations of host countries;
  - iii. The medium-term costs of "do-nothing" or "keep them in camps" approaches as well as the progressive policies put in place by some refugee hosting countries;
  - iv. The role Ministers of Finance should play in the management of forced displacement issues and not leave them to specialized agencies; and
  - v. The new opportunities provided by IDA18 and how the WBG can support countries hosting refugees in the future.
- The audience appreciated the lessons learned from host countries' representatives in managing the refugee crisis in Africa.



## High-Level Roundtable Meetings

Two roundtable discussions were held on the margins of the 2017 IMF/WBG Spring Meetings for the Federal Republic of Somalia and the Republic of the Sudan.

### Federal Republic of Somalia

On April 20, 2017, high-level representatives of the Federal Government of Somalia and the donor community met to take stock of the overall progress achieved since the previous year's roundtable and to discuss the challenges facing Somalia. The meeting focused its discussions on the necessary reforms required for Somalia to address its economic and social challenges and donors' support needed to implement these reforms. The roundtable discussions were expected to feed into the London Conference on Somalia, scheduled for May 11, 2017.

Participants commended the authorities for the progress achieved since the 2016 roundtable, despite the challenging political, economic and security environment. They stressed that recent peaceful and successful national elections could pave the way for continued donor support. They also noted that the Government continued to make progress on policy implementation and reform in the context of a Staff-Monitored Program (SMP) agreed with the IMF. The Government has built functional administrative institutions and started producing comprehensive annual budgets since 2014, complemented by monthly fiscal reports. On the financial sector, starting from a very low capacity and a mix of Islamic and western accounting systems, the Central Bank of Somalia (CBS) has developed a bank licensing framework, methods for periodic reporting by commercial banks, and a system for bank financial analysis, as well as a Capital, Assets, Management, Earnings, and Liquidity (CAMEL) bank supervisory scoring system. In addition, the CBS has developed and endorsed a comprehensive strategy for national currency reform.

Participants noted the challenges that Somalia faces. The security and humanitarian situation remains difficult and the famine were challenging for both the Government and donors' capacity to respond. Government had declared a state of emergency as a response.

Participants, therefore, highlighted areas for immediate action. On the fiscal front, budget execution, revenue mobilization, treasury and arrears management remain key priority areas for improvement. Macroeconomic data are incomplete and the nascent financial sector requires attention to jump-start financial intermediation, together with the ongoing efforts to reform the national currency. The broad process for Somalia to achieve debt relief under the Highly Indebted Poor Countries (HIPC) Initiative in the future was also discussed.

The Government committed to expand, deepen and sustain its reform efforts in the following priority areas, namely: (i) Public Financial Management; (ii) Tax and Custom Administration; (iii) Strengthening Financial Intermediation and Inclusion; and (iv) Produce reliable macroeconomic data. Participants supported these macroeconomic reform measures to be implemented before the end of 2018.

## Sudan

Honorable Bader Eldin Mahmoud Abbas, the then Minister of Finance and Economic Planning and WBG Governor for the Republic of Sudan, accompanied by Mr. Hazim Babiker, Governor of the Central Bank of Sudan and other senior Government officials participated in a technical roundtable discussion on Sudan's external debt on April 21, 2017. The discussions were co-chaired by the Executive Director, Mr. Andrew Bvumbe, and Mr. David Kinder, Alternate Executive Director for the United Kingdom (UK). Staff of the International Monetary Fund (IMF), Department of International Development (DFID) and WBG participated as resource persons.

Participants were informed that normalization of relations with the international community was a priority for the Government of Sudan. There has also been progress on the national dialogue on the New Constitution that will legalize multi-party politics. Economic and financial reforms have continued, with only the support of Multi-Donor Trust Funds. Government has prepared a Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper (PRSP) and is engaging the IMF for another SMP. With the loss of oil revenue following the cessation of South Sudan, the focus is on diversifying the economy towards the agriculture and mineral sectors.

Meanwhile, Government has extended the deadline on the Zero Option on external debt by another two years, to October 2019. In order for Sudan to qualify for debt cancellation under HIPC terms, it has to meet certain conditions including the clearance of arrears. In addition, Sudan would be eligible for exceptional IDA support if it qualifies for HIPC Initiative Debt Relief. Sudan would also need to clear its arrears with the World Bank in order to be eligible for support under IDA18.

During the meeting the UK pointed out that progress had to be made on all fronts i.e. political and economic, before relations with International Financial Institutions (IFIs) could be restored. Sudan would require an Interim-PRSP and SMP with the IMF. The World Bank in collaboration with other development partners could provide technical support to produce a full -PRSP. Further, there should be consensus among creditors to move the process forward. Since the World Bank is unlikely to fully meet the debt clearance needs of all qualifying countries, it would be prudent to involve bilateral partners for supplementary funding.

In his concluding remarks, Honorable Abbas reiterated Sudan's commitment to carry out political and economic reforms in order to normalize relations with the international community. Government also committed to implement a full PSRP and negotiate a new SMP with the IMF.

Another High-Level Roundtable meeting on Sudan's external debt is planned for October 2017 on the margins of the 2017 IMF/WBG Annual Meetings.

## Highlights of Executive Director Official Missions

The Executive Director, Mr. Andrew Bvumbe, undertook official missions to the Republic of Uganda, the United Republic of Tanzania, the Republic of Rwanda, the Republic of Burundi, and the Republic of Botswana. The main purpose of these missions was to better familiarize himself with the countries' relationships with the WBG, as well as appreciate their development achievements, opportunities and challenges through discussions with authorities and field visits, with the ultimate objective to enhance his representation of their interests at the Board of the WBG. The mission to the Republic of Botswana also enabled him to hold initial discussions on the preparations for the forthcoming African Caucus Meetings scheduled to take place in Gaborone in August 2016. The salient highlights and dates of these missions are provided below.

### Uganda (February 15-17, 2017):

The Executive Director, Mr. Andrew Bvumbe, accompanied by his Senior Advisor for Uganda, Ms. Solome Lumala, paid a courtesy call on H.E. President Yoweri Museveni. He held meetings with the Minister of Finance Planning and Economic Development and Governor for Uganda at the WBG, Hon. Matia Kasaija, and the Minister of State for Employment and Industrial Relations under the Ministry of Gender, Labor and Social Development, Hon. Herbert Kabafunzaki. Mr. Bvumbe also held discussions with the Executive Director of the Kampala Capital City Authority (KCCA), Mrs. Jennifer Musisi, the Executive Director for the Uganda National Roads Authority (UNRA), Mrs. Allen Kagina, and the Executive Director of Joy for Children Uganda (JFCU), Mr. Moses Ntenga. The Executive Director also met with the Country Manager and Country Director and staff of the WBG Country Office in Kampala. Mr. Bvumbe made a field trip to Fort Portal-Kamwenge Road and the Kyenjojo – Kabwoya Road, where he interacted with the contractors, site engineers and the Chairpersons of the Committees of the Grievance Redress Mechanisms. The Chairpersons appreciated the positive collaboration with UNRA and the respective contractors.



Mr Bvumbe, (L), Hon. Matia Kasaija, Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development & Governor for Uganda, Hon. Evelyn Anite, Minister of State Privatisation and Investment, and Hon. David Bahati, Minister of State for Planning.

Mr. Bvumbe appreciated the efforts by the authorities to improve the implementation of environmental and social safeguards especially in the transport sector. He noted the substantial progress made in the implementation of the action plan that had been agreed upon with the WBG to address the complaints raised during the construction of the Fort Portal-Kamwenge Road in western Uganda.

In the meeting with the Minister of Finance Planning and Economic Development, the need to improve absorption and portfolio performance was emphasized, especially given the anticipated increase in the envelope under IDA18. Relatedly, the meeting agreed on the need to proactively initiate projects that would be presented under the IDA18 windows – the private sector, refugees, as well as infrastructure. The authorities highlighted energy (especially solar), agriculture and water for urban development, industrialization and irrigation, as their priorities under IDA18.



Ms. Allen Kagina, Executive Director, Uganda National Roads Authority, and Mr Bvumbe, listening to the Roads authority engineer



Ms. Jennifer Musisi, (R) , ED for the Kampala Roads Authority, Mr Bvumbe and Ms. Solome Lumala, Senior Advisor

**Tanzania (March 18-21, 2017)**

The Executive Director, accompanied by his Senior Advisor for Tanzania, Mr. Wilson Banda, met with the Governor for Tanzania and Minister of Finance and Economic Planning, Honorable Dr. Philip Isdor Mpango M.P. They discussed the Government's Second Five-Year Development Plan (FYDP II), which lays out Government Strategies to reduce poverty and move the economy to middle-income status by 2025. The meeting noted among others, the serious challenges with poverty and growing youth unemployment, and the rapid growth of the city of Dar es Salaam which had put extreme pressure on the road network and other infrastructure, especially in the business district. It is against this background that World Bank support had been pivotal to the country's development agenda.

Mr. Bvumbe toured WBG supported projects with President Jim Kim who was on a visit to the country. Rounding up his visit, Mr. Bvumbe held meetings with business captains representing the private sector. The main message from these meetings was that the country is very attractive to foreign investment but Government needs to work more closely with the business community.

**Rwanda (March 21-25, 2017)**

The Executive Director, accompanied by his Advisor for Rwanda, Mr. Edouard Ngirente, held meetings with the Minister of Finance and Economic Planning, Honorable Ambassador Claver Gatete; Minister of Agriculture, Honorable Gerardine Mukeshimana; Minister of Local Government, Honorable Francis Kaboneka; and Minister of Trade and Industry, Honorable Francois Kanimba. He also went on a field trip to the Land Management Center.

In the meeting with the Honorable Ambassador Claver Gatete, the Executive Director provided a brief on different opportunities under IDA18 including the Refugee Sub-Window and the Private Sector Window. Mr. Bvumbe highlighted the need for Rwanda to develop a pipeline of projects that would be eligible for financing from the different IDA opportunities. The Minister expressed his appreciation for the World Bank's support to Rwanda, which was aligned with Government priorities such as agriculture, energy and social protection. He affirmed the Government's commitment to optimize its effort in the fight against poverty. Further, they exchanged views on how to speed up and enhance economic diversification by promoting investments in priority areas.

In his meeting with the Minister of Agriculture, the Executive Director expressed his views on climate change and its impact on agriculture. The Minister briefed the Executive Director on Rwanda's new agricultural strategy and how the Government was addressing climate change. Mr. Bvumbe commended the Government on its efforts to develop the agriculture sector and committed to advocate for WBG support for irrigation and value chains development in the country.

In the meeting with the Minister of Local Government, the discussion focused on social protection programs, food security and malnutrition. Discussions also covered the *"Disaster Management Strategy"* as well as the *"Early Childhood Development Strategy"* which the Government was implementing.

Mr. Bvumbe's meeting with the Minister of Trade and Industry, centered on economic diversification, where the Minister briefed him on Rwanda's vision of becoming a regional trade hub.



### Botswana (March 27-28, 2017)

The Executive Director, accompanied by his Advisor for Botswana, Mr. Chola Milambo, held meetings with Honorable Ontefeste K. Matambo, Minister of Finance and Economic Development and WBG Governor for Botswana, and Honorable Onkokame K. Mokaila, Minister of Transport and Communications. Mr. Bvumbe also held discussions with senior Government officials from Ministry of Land Management, Water and Sanitation Services; Ministry of Mineral Resources, Green Technology and Energy Security; and National Strategy Office. Mr. Bvumbe also met with representatives of the private sector. The Executive Director undertook a field trip to a roads WBG-supported project located in the outskirts of Kanye (a town situated in the north-west of Gaborone), which is being conducted under an Output-based Performance and Rehabilitation Contract (OPRC).

In the meeting with the Minister of Finance and Economic Development, the Executive discussed the following: (i) engagement of the WBG in Botswana; and (ii) preparations for the 2017 African Caucus Meeting to be held in Gaborone during August 2 - 4, 2017. On the former, the Executive Director discussed Botswana's opportunities for economic diversification, particularly in the tourism sector and beef industry. They also exchanged views on improving the performance of the World Bank portfolio in the country's transport sector and the untapped opportunities in developing solar energy. As regards the upcoming African Caucus Meeting, the Minister reaffirmed the Government of Botswana's commitment to hosting the event and updated the Executive Director on progress with the preparations.

The ED also took time to meet the Southern Africa Development Community (SADC) Secretariat in Gaborone. He held discussions on the status of the SADC infrastructure project pipeline with the Deputy Executive Secretary for SADC– Regional Integration, Dr. Themba Mhlongo, and updated him on the IDA18 Regional Window and the need to invest in transformative projects. He stressed the need for Africa's regional bodies to step forward with a robust list of bankable regional projects that could be supported under IDA 18. He noted that there was scope to enhance collaboration between SADC and the relevant African Executive Directors' offices on this matter. The Deputy Executive Secretary welcomed the update and informed Mr. Bvumbe that the major focus of SADC was to establish a program of collaboration for investments in infrastructure that would promote the industrialization of its member countries. Dr. Mhlongo informed him that the level of support to SADC Member States needed to be extended to the pre-feasibility stage. It was agreed that SADC representatives would exchange information with Bank Staff during the 2017 Spring Meetings.



*Mr. Bvumbe with Honorable Matambo, Minister of Finance and Economic Development and WBG Governor for Botswana*



*Mr. Bvumbe with his Senior Advisor, Mr. Chola Milambo, with officials from Ministry of Finance and Economic Development and the Ministry of Mineral Resources, Green Technology and Energy Security*



*Mr. Bvumbe receives a briefing from Mr. Gursharan Gill, Project Team Leader for a road project on the outskirts of Gaborone, Botswana*



*Mr Bvumbe inspects road works in Kanye, Botswana*

### Highlights of the World Bank Group President's Visit to Constituency Countries

In line with his program to visit client countries, the World Bank Group President, Dr. Jim Kim visited the United Republic of Tanzania and the Republic of Rwanda, during the period March 19-22, 2017. The Executive Director, Mr. Andrew Bvumbe joined the President on his visits to these countries. In his discussions with authorities, the President reiterated the WBG's commitment to support Africa's right to develop. He visited several World Bank Group supported projects and other development initiatives by the countries. The President was accompanied by senior Staff of the Africa Region Vice Presidency. The highlights of these visits are provided below.

#### Tanzania (March 19-21, 2017)

The President of the United Republic of Tanzania, His Excellency Dr. John Pombe Joseph Magufuli, met with Dr. Jim Y. Kim and discussed the following: (i) strengthening existing partnerships with the WBG, (ii) accelerating the agenda on the infrastructure cascade and investment in human development, and (iii) the IDA18 Scale Up facility for the United Republic of Tanzania.

President Magufuli and Dr. Jim Y. Kim, commissioned the Ubongo Junction, a subcomponent of the Dar es Salaam Bus Transit Route (BTR) Project, whose objective was to facilitate movement of traffic in and out of the business district and reduce congestion on the main arteries. During the function, three new World Bank supported Projects amounting to over US\$700 million were signed. These are the Dar es Salaam Urban Transport Project (DUTP), Water and Sanitation Project, and the Urban Services Project. The occasion was witnessed by the Executive Director, the Minister of Finance and Economic Planning, and other government officials.

Dr. Jim Kim, also visited Zanaki Primary School in Dar es Salaam. This school has benefitted from the WBG Program for Results (P4R) facility, and is one of its interventions in support of education in the United Republic of Tanzania



### Rwanda (March 21-22, 2017)

Dr. Jim Kim met with the President of Republic of Rwanda, His Excellency Paul Kagame, with whom they discussed the World Bank Group's partnership with the country, as well as achievements and innovations in the ICT sector. Dr Kim delivered a public lecture titled "Addressing today's challenges for a prosperous future" and held talks with private sector leaders.

The WGB President visited a Social Protection Project, where he had an opportunity to have firsthand experience with success stories of the Rwandan vision 2020 Umurenge Program (VUP). The beneficiaries of the project expressed their appreciation for the improvement of their livelihoods and welfare as a result of the project.

Dr. Kim and his delegation also visited Rwanda's drone port facility where they witnessed the use of drones to improve service delivery in the health sector including delivery of blood to remote.

President Kim also visited the Special Economic Zone to experience the Government's efforts to facilitate the increase of foreign and domestic private sector investment and the creation of jobs. He toured the Africa Improved Foods, a fortified food company and C&H garment factory. President Kim and his delegation also visited the KLab and FabLab -ICT Innovation Labs, where they interacted with young ICT entrepreneurs and innovators. The knowledge hub has helped the youth to expand their capacities to innovate and create opportunities for employment in the ICT sector.



President Kim and Mr Bvumbe site visit to the drone depot.



President Kim, Amb. Gatete (L) and Mr Bvumbe (R) visit the KLab and FabLab -ICT Innovation

## New Governors in Africa Group 1 Constituency

The Constituency welcomes the following new Governors:

- Honorable Dr. Abraham Tekeste – Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia;
- Honorable Amadou Sanneh – Republic of The Gambia;
- Honorable Tlohelang Peter Aumane – Kingdom of Lesotho;
- Honorable Dr. Louis Peter Larose – Republic of Seychelles; and
- Honorable Dr. Abdirahman Dualeh Beileh – Federal Republic of Somalia

The Executive Director, Mr. Andrew Bvumbe, congratulates and warmly welcomes them to the Africa Group 1 Constituency as Governors of the WBG.

### ***Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia***



Honorable Dr. Abraham Tekeste was appointed on November 1, 2016, as the new Minister of Finance and Economic Cooperation of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia. Prior to his appointment as Minister, Honorable Dr. Abraham Tekeste held various high level positions in Government, including Deputy Commissioner of the National Planning Commission, and State Minister of the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development (MoFED).

Honorable Dr. Abraham Tekeste was the founding Director of the Policy Research and Program Development of the Ministry of Urban Development and Construction. He was also Chief Economic Advisor to the Mayor of Addis Ababa between 2004 and 2006.

Prior to that, he lectured economics and public policy in various universities in Ethiopia.

### ***The Republic of the Gambia***



Honorable Amadou Sanneh was appointed Minister of Finance and Economic Affairs of the Republic of The Gambia on February 1, 2017. According to the Constituency Rotation Schedule in the Revised Rules, Guidelines and Procedures (2016 Edition), Honorable Amadou Sanneh, as WBG Governor for The Gambia, assumed the Chairmanship of the Constituency.

Honorable Sanneh has many years of public and private sector experience, as well as organizational and institutional development. He was the Deputy Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Employment in 1996 and also served as Gambia Accountant General from 1994 to 1996. He served as the Financial Adviser, Office of

The President, State House from 1990 to 1994 and as Managing Director, Gambia Livestock Marketing Board from 1987 to 1990.

### ***The Kingdom of Lesotho***



Honorable Tlohelang Peter Aumane was appointed Minister of Development Planning for the Kingdom of Lesotho in June 2017. Prior to his appointment, Honorable Aumane was Principal Secretary in the Ministry of Development Planning, which he now heads, and Alternate Governor of the World Bank. Hon. Aumane has also held other strategic positions in Government and International Organizations. These include, working as Private Sector Specialist in the Lesotho Millennium Development Agency and also Director of One Stop Business Facilitation Center in the Ministry of Trade and Industry Cooperatives and Marketing, among others. Honorable Aumane's experience with International Organizations include positions held in the SADC Secretariat in Botswana as Trade Officer (EPA Unit) and also serving the Kingdom of Lesotho Mission to Switzerland as coordinator of Least Developed Countries trade related matters to the World Trade Organization (WTO).

### ***Republic of Seychelles***



Honorable Dr. Louis Rene Peter Larose became the Minister of Finance, Trade and Economic Planning of the Republic of Seychelles effective November 1, 2016. He is also the Chairman of the International Advisory Group based in the United Kingdom. This Group leads a team of high-profile and top rated researchers on Financial Inclusion and Growth Project for Africa.

Prior to this appointment, he was the Executive Director for the Africa Group 1 Constituency from 2014 to 2016, having served as Alternate Executive Director in the same office from 2012 to 2014. Before his time at the WBG, Hon. Larose served in both the public and private sectors, including as the General Manager of the Central Bank of Seychelles.

### ***Federal Republic of Somalia***



Honorable Dr. Abdirahman Dualeh Beileh was appointed the Minister of Finance of the Federal Republic of Somalia in March 2017. Prior to this appointment, Dr. Beileh served as Somalia's Foreign Minister from 2014 to 2015. He also worked for 30 years at the Africa Development Bank in finance and development of which 17 years were in senior management and leadership roles. He had a successful academic career as an assistant professor in finance at both Tennessee State University in the USA and King Saud University in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

### The 2017 Voice Secondment Program

The 13<sup>th</sup> Cohort of the Voice Secondment Program (VSP) began its run from January to June 2017. The VSP is a capacity-building program approved by the Board in 2004. It is designed as one of the ways to increase the “voice” and participation of Developing and Transition Countries (DTCs) in the decision-making process of the World Bank Group (WBG). The program also provides an opportunity for the WBG to receive, first hand, feedback from clients, who benefit from its operations from an internal angle, and for the officials from DTCs to gain more knowledge about the Bank’s procedures, products, and operations. The VSP strengthens the ability of client countries to provide timely and adequate feedback to Executive Directors, and increases the dialogue with the Bank’s operational teams.

Three officials from our Constituency are currently participating in this year’s Program.



**Ms. Betty Ngoma** was assigned to Finance & Markets Department - Global Practice, Finance & Markets. Ms. Ngoma is Assistant Director for Debt and Aid Management in the Ministry of Finance of Malawi.



**Ms. Nilza Arune Abdurramane** was with Finance & Markets Department Global Practice, in the Practice in the Unit in charge of Financial Sector Reform Initiative. Ms. Abdurramane is an official in the International Relations Department at the Central Bank of Mozambique.



**Mr. Gerald Mugabe** was assigned to the WBG’s Global Practice on Environment and Natural Resources. Mr. Mugabe is an Officer in charge of External Resources Mobilization at the Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning, in Rwanda.

The Office of the Executive Director hosted the Seconddees during February 13-17, 2017 before they joined their respective host units in the WBG. During that week, the Seconddees attended Board Meetings and technical briefings. They also held discussions with Advisors in the ED’s Office on a wide range of topics including the role and activities of the ED’s office; IDA, MIGA and IFC in the Sub-Saharan Africa region; the Middle-Income Country Agenda; the Fragile and Conflict States Agenda; the role of the Inspection Panel, Independent Evaluation Group, and the Internal Audit; as well as the role and Activities of the African Caucus.

### Africa Group 1 Constituency: Snapshot of approved projects, January - April, 2017

Country	Approval Date	Project Title	Source of Funding	Amount (Equivalent in US\$ m)	Project Development Objective
Botswana	1-Mar-17	Emergency Water Security and Efficiency	IBRD VSUP	145.50	To (a) improve availability of water supply in drought vulnerable areas, (b) increase the efficiency of Water Utilities Corporation, and (c) strengthen wastewater management in selected systems.
Burundi	24-Feb-17	Health System Support Project (KIRA)	IDA Grant	50.00	To increase the use of quality Reproductive, Maternal, Neonatal, Child, and Adolescent Health services, and, in the event of an Eligible Crisis or Emergency, to provide immediate and effective response to said Eligible Crisis or Emergency.
Ethiopia	31-Mar-17	Second Ethiopia - Urban Water Sector Support Program	IDA REG	320.00	To increase access to enhanced water supply and sanitation services in an operationally efficient manner in Addis Ababa and selected secondary cities.
	31-Mar-17	National Quality Infrastructure Development Project	IDA REG	50.00	To (a) improve the delivery of quality assurance services supplied by the Ethiopian National Quality Infrastructure (NQI) institutions, (b) enhance the role of the private sector in service provision, and increase demand from enterprises in the targeted sectors. The targeted sectors are leather and leather products, textile and garments, and agro-processing, which are aligned with priority industries identified in the Growth and Transformation Plan II.
	31-Mar-17	Trade Logistics Project	IDA REG	150.00	To enhance the performance of the Ethio-Djibouti corridor through improvements in operational capacity, efficiency, and a range of logistics and services at the Modjo Dry Port.

Country	Approval Date	Project Title	Source of Funding	Amount (Equivalent in	Project Development Objective
Gambia, The	9-Jan-17	Maternal & Child Nutrition & Health Results.	IDA Grant	4.30	To increase the utilization of community nutrition and primary maternal and child health services in selected regions.
Burundi	24-Feb-17	Health System Support Project (KIRA)	IDA REG	3.20	To mitigate effects of economic hardships on health, nutrition and food security
Kenya	9-Feb-17	Kenya Climate Smart Agriculture Project	IDA REG	250.00	To increase agricultural productivity and build resilience to climate change risks in the targeted smallholder farming and pastoral communities, and in the event of an Eligible Crisis or Emergency, to provide immediate and effective response.
	26-Apr-17	National Safety Net Program - AF	IDA REG	50.00	To: (a) expand cash transfer programs to promote more comprehensive and equitable coverage; (b) strengthen program systems to ensure good governance; and (c) harmonize cash transfer programs to increase the coherence of the safety net sector.
	31-Mar-17	Water Sector Development Project (WSDP)	IDA – SUF	263.00	To improve water supply and sanitation services in select coastal and northeastern regions.
Gambia, The	9-Jan-17	Maternal & Child Nutrition & Health Results. Development Response to Displacement Impacts Project	IDA - REG	37.00	To increase the utilization of community nutrition and primary maternal and child health services in selected regions.
Gambia, The	9-Jan-17	Maternal & Child Nutrition & Health Results. Development Response to Displacement Impacts Project	IDA - REG	100.00	To (a) improve access to basic social services, expand economic opportunities, and (b) enhance environmental management for communities hosting refugees in the targeted areas.

Lesotho Liberia Mozambique	24-Mar-17	Second Private Sector Competitiveness - AF	IDA Blend	13.40	To improve the business environment for firms, strengthen select government institutions, and further diversify the economy.
Burundi	2-Mar-17 10-Mar-17 7-Mar-17 13-Jan-17	Regional Disease Surveillance System Enhancement 2	IDA REG	15.00	
Kenya	9-Feb-17	Social Protection -AF Forest Investment Project	IDA REG	10.00	To (a) provide temporary income support to extremely poor households, and (b) to put in place the building blocks of a social safety net system.  To improve the practices and enabling environment for forest and land management in targeted
	26-Apr-17	National Safety Net Program - AF	IDA REG	15.00	To: (a) expand cash transfer programs to promote more comprehensive and equitable coverage; (b) strengthen program systems to ensure good governance; and (c) harmonize cash transfer programs to increase the coherence of the safety net sector.



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Botswana	1-Mar-17	Emergency Water Security and Efficiency	IDA - REG	37.00	To (a) improve availability of water supply in drought vulnerable areas, (b) increase the efficiency of Water Utilities Corporation, and (c) strengthen wastewater management in selected systems.
Burundi	24-Feb-17	Development Response to Displacement Impacts Project	IDA - REG	100.00	To (a) improve access to basic social services, expand economic opportunities, and (b) enhance environmental management for communities hosting refugees in the targeted areas.
Lesotho	24-Mar-17	Second Private Sector Competitiveness - AF	IDA Blend	13.40	To improve the business environment for firms, strengthen select government institutions, and further diversify the economy.
Liberia	2-Mar-17	Regional Disease Surveillance System Enhancement 2	IDA REG	15.00	
Mozambique	10-Mar-17	Social Protection -AF	IDA REG	10.00	To (a) provide temporary income support to extremely poor households, and (b) to put in place the building blocks of a social safety net system.
Gambia, The	7-Mar-17	Forest Investment Project	IDA REG	15.00	To improve the practices and enabling environment for forest and land management in targeted landscapes.
	13-Jan-17	Emergency Resilient Recovery Project - AF	IDA REG	20.00	To (a) restore the functionality of critical infrastructure in a resilient manner in the disaster-affected provinces, (b) improve the Government's capacity to respond promptly and effectively to an eligible crisis or emergency, and (c) emergency response to the negative impact of drought caused by the El Niño phenomenon. the drought caused by the El Niño phenomenon.



Country	28-Feb-17	Transformation of Agriculture Sector Program Phase 3 - AF	IDA REG	46.00	To (a) increase and intensify the productivity of the agricultural and livestock sectors, and (b) expand the development of value chains.
Botswana	12-Jan-17 8-Mar-17 27-Feb-17	Improving Public Sector Performance	IBRD FSL	25.00	To improve public sector performance in selected ministries, departments and agencies through the strengthening of human and public resources management and use of data.
Burundi	24-Feb-17	Dar es Salaam Urban Transport Improvement Project	IDA REG	225.00	To improve transport mobility, accessibility, safety, and quality of transport service delivery along the selected corridors in Dar es Salaam.
Lesotho	24-Mar-17	Second Private Sector Competitiveness - AF	IDA SUF	200.00	To improve the business environment for firms, strengthen select government institutions, and further diversify the economy.
Liberia	2-Mar-17	Strategic Cities Project: 2nd AF	IDA SUF	130.00	To improve the quality of and access to basic urban services in participating local government authorities
Mozambique	23-Jan-17	2nd Water Sector Support Project	IDA REG	100.00	To: (a) strengthen the capacity for integrated water resources planning and management in United Republic of Tanzania, and (b) improve access to water supply and sanitation services in an operationally efficient manner in Dar es
Gambia, The	16-Feb-17	Guarantee for Scaling Solar	GURD	3.50	To: (a) optimize existing financial mechanisms to identify, finance, mitigate and monitor prioritized contaminated areas; (b) strengthen environmental management capacity of regulatory agencies and the local governments; and (c) target health interventions and improved job opportunities.

5/23/2017	Tanzania	Education P4R	Program 4 Results	IBRD/IDA		0	100	0	100
5/19/2017	Ethiopia	Productive Safety Net 4 -AF	Investment	IBRD/IDA	Full Assessment	0	100	0	100
5/19/2017	Kenya	Off-Grid Solar Access Project	Investment	IBRD/IDA	Partial Assessment	0	150	0	150
5/5/2017	Burundi	Great Lakes Regional Integration-Agriculture Development	Investment	IBRD/IDA	Partial Assessment	35	75	0	110
5/4/2017	Zambia	Integrated Forest Landscape Project	Investment	IBRD/IDA	Partial Assessment	35	25	0	60
5/4/2017	Zambia	Improved Rural Connectivity Project - Scale Up Facility	Investment	IBRD/IDA	Partial Assessment	0	200	0	200
5/4/2017	Zambia	Integrated Forest Landscape	Investment	Global Environment Project	Partial Assessment	0	0	8.1	8.1

Note:

\* - Other Commitment (US\$m): Amount approved to be extended to the client. It includes financing from sources other than IDA and IBRD.

Source: World Bank Group

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