



HIGH-LEVEL REGIONAL EVENT

“BLENDED FINANCE AND LEAVING NO ONE BEHIND: OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES IN SOUTHERN AND EAST AFRICA”

Hotel Africana, Kampala, 18 June 2019



Over 10 countries in the region: Burundi, Ethiopia, Kenya, Lesotho, Mozambique, Rwanda, Somalia, South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Over 150 participants: senior government and United Nations officials, international and domestic bankers, bilateral and multilateral aid agencies, CEOs of private companies, academics.

High-level speakers include Uganda Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development, Uganda Minister of Local Government, UNCDF Executive Secretary, UNECA Executive Secretary (tbc), Ambassador of the European Union and other prominent personalities

Hosted by the Government of Uganda and the United Nations Capital Development Fund (UNCDF)

Guest of honour Rt. Hon. Prime Minister of the Republic of Uganda (tbc)

OBJECTIVES

- ⇒ Present the main findings of the UNCDF report and discuss them with a panel of prominent experts and generate support for its Action Agenda.
- ⇒ Share the case studies of projects/companies from Southern and East Africa that have used blended finance.
- ⇒ Discuss the opportunities and challenges for deploying blended solutions in the least developed and emerging economies in the region as a way to leave no one behind.

PROGRAMME

- Opening remarks
- Presentation of the findings and recommendations of the UNCDF Report on Blended Finance
- High-level panel discussion
- Breakout sessions and presentations of the blended finance case studies from the region
 - ◆ Blended finance for clean energy
 - ◆ Blended finance for job creation and economic empowerment of women and youth
 - ◆ Blended finance for public sector infrastructure development
- Signing of cooperation agreements
- Official launch of the Report

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UNCDF report Blended Finance in the Least Developed Countries: <https://www.uncdf.org/bfldcs/home>

