



**The EU-AFRICA
Chamber of Commerce**
Promoting Sustainable Business
Relationships

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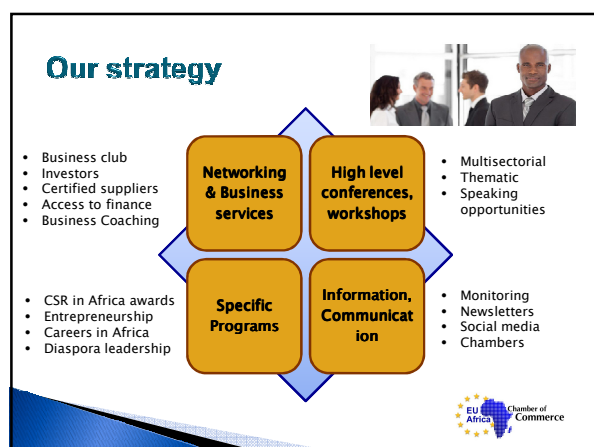
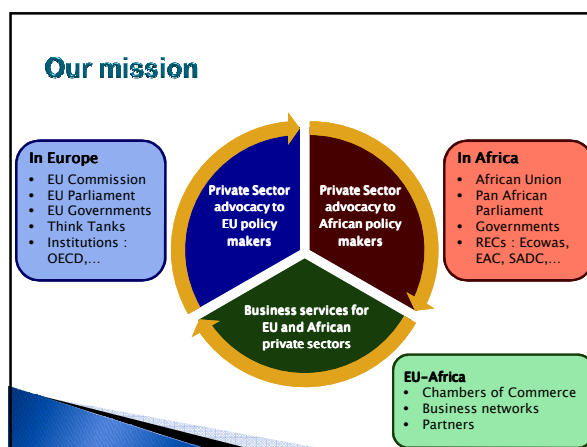
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About us

- ▶ Headquarters in Brussels
- ▶ Staff: European and African diaspora professionals
- ▶ Network: over 3,000 high level actors
- ▶ Financial resources: services & membership
- ▶ Stakeholders:
 - EU Commission,
 - African Union
 - Private sector
 - Universities
 - NGOs

Sustainable business with Africa

- ▶ **Context**
 - Africa is rising : obvious
 - Hidden facts : inequalities/lack of inclusiveness (cf AfDB report 2015)
 - Source of income not translated in poverty reduction / no one left behind
- ▶ **Domains**
 - Workforce & Local communities
 - Products, services, supply chain
 - Customer & Markets & Environment
- ▶ **Business opportunities**



Sustainable business with Africa

- ▶ **Products & Services**
 - Quality & standards / access to international markets
 - Value chains
 - Innovation & capacity building
- ▶ **Social & Human factors**
 - Historical links
 - Access to basic services (water, energy, health, public transportation)
 - Pyramid of needs
- ▶ **Business Environment**
 - Law
 - Security
 - Governance



Sustainable business with Africa

- ▶ **Economy, Finances, Politics**
 - Business opportunities
 - Reliable local partners
 - Efficiency of the public administration
 - Access to business information / informal sector
 - Access to finance & Investment risks
 - Impact of the political relations between countries
 - Public administration continuity
- ▶ **Values, culture, religion**
 - Business culture
 - Competition
 - Place for the religion



Doing business in Africa

1. **Partnering with family conglomerates / local actors**
Reduce risk, time, capital requirements, face infrastructure constraints
2. **Marketing to Governments**
Huge needs & various sectors
3. **Analyse risks and mitigate**
Face and anticipate the threat
4. **Long term, Diversified and resilient strategies**
One shots won't give sustainable business



EUACC Programmes

- ▶ Impact Investment & CSR in Africa Awards
- ▶ EU-Africa B2B Forum
- ▶ ACCESSFIN – Access to finance



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