

TDB joins eminent discussants on Sustainable Development Goals in Kigali

Opened in July 2016, The Sustainable Development Goals Center for Africa (SDGC/A) was created in 2016 and launched in Kigali on 27 January 2017. The SDGC/A is an international organization that supports governments, civil society, businesses and academic institutions in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in Africa.

A conference was organized to launch the new institution and was attended by development partners, government leaders and private sector representatives. The President and CEO of TDB, Mr Admassu Tadesse joined other eminent participants and panellists including His Excellency Rwandese President Paul Kagame and His Excellency Minister Claver Gatete, Minister of Finance of Rwanda and TDB Governor. Mr Aliko Dangote, Africa's richest man and one of the strongest advocates of the SDGs also joined the panellists to bring his private sector perspective.

According to SGDC/A the investment gap for Africa to achieve the SDGs is between an incremental outlay of \$200 billion and \$1.2 trillion per annum. TDB's President joined panellists to discuss how Africa can achieve The SDGs By 2030. Mr Tadesse emphasized the key role of DFIs in supporting the continent in achieving SDGs and the crucial role that regional DFIs play in fostering regional integration. In the case of TDB, Member States are using the Bank as a platform to grow regional trade as well as a vehicle to host innovative initiatives such as regional infrastructure funds.

Several regional DFIs exchanged on their strategies to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals. Many of TDB's partners and development banks of the region were in attendance, notably the Agriculture Finance Cooperation, Development Bank of Zambia, Infrastructure Development Bank of Zimbabwe and the Uganda Development Bank. The workshop covered interesting areas of collaboration which will support the achievement of the SDGs.



