



PRESIDENT'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON DOING BUSINESS IN AFRICA

April 18, 2018
3:00 PM – 5:00 PM
Eisenhower Executive Office Building, Room 350

Agenda

I. Welcome and Opening Remarks

- Jay Ireland, Chair
- Erin Walsh, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Global Markets and Director General of the U.S. and Foreign Commercial Service
- Gil Kaplan, Undersecretary of Commerce for International Trade
- Wilbur Ross, Secretary of Commerce
- Cyril Sartor, Senior Director for African Affairs, National Security Council

II. Presentation and Deliberation of PAC-DBIA Recommendations

- PAC-DBIA Members
- Wilbur Ross, Secretary of Commerce
- Administration Officials

ETHIOPIA

1. Government-to-Government MOU to increase U.S. private investment and commercial participation in key sectors
Fred Sisson, CEO, Synnove Energy
2. USTDA Global Procurement Initiative (GPI) program follow-through
Bill Killeen, President and CEO, Acrow Bridge

KENYA

1. Enhanced bilateral trade engagement
Andrew Patterson, President for Africa, Bechtel Overseas Corporation
2. USTDA Global Procurement Initiative (GPI) program
Bill Killeen, President and CEO, Acrow Bridge
3. Regional U.S.-Africa skills development pilot program
Rahama Wright, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Shea Yeleen

CÔTE D'IVOIRE

1. Improved identification and publication of AfDB market intelligence
Mimi Alemayehou, Managing Director, Executive Advisor and Chair,
Black Rhino: Blackstone Africa Infrastructure LP
2. USTDA partnership with AfDB to strengthen regional procurements through GPI
Kusum Kavia, President, Combustion Associates, Inc.

GHANA

1. SEC-led technical assistance for Ghanaian Securities and Exchange Commission
Fred Sisson, CEO, Synnove Energy
2. Modernized customs facilities, systems, and processes
Andrew Torre, Regional President for Central and Eastern Europe, Middle East,
and Africa, Visa Inc.
3. Government-to-Government MOU to increase U.S. private investment and
commercial participation in key sectors
Jay Ireland, President and CEO, GE Africa

III. Adoption of Report

- Jay Ireland, Chair

IV. Next Steps for the Council and Closing Remarks

- Wilbur Ross, Secretary of Commerce
- Gil Kaplan, Undersecretary of Commerce for International Trade
- Cyril Sartor, Senior Director for African Affairs, National Security Council

V. Closing Remarks and Adjournment

- Jay Ireland, Chair