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“We have meanwhile set up a process and there are also independent institutions monitoring which objectives of our G7 meetings we actually achieve. When it comes to these goals we have a compliance rate of about 80%, according to the University of Toronto. Germany, with its 87%, comes off pretty well. That means that next year too, under the Japanese G7 presidency, we are going to check where we stand in comparison to what we have discussed with each other now. So a lot of what we have resolved to do here together is something that we are going to have to work very hard at over the next few months. But I think that it has become apparent that we, as the G7, want to assume responsibility far beyond the prosperity in our own countries. That’s why today’s outreach meetings, that is the meetings with our guests, were also of great importance.”

Chancellor Angela Merkel, Schloss Elmau, 8 June 2015

G7 summits are a moment for people to judge whether aspirational intent is met by concrete commitments. The G7 Research Group provides a report card on the implementation of G7 and G20 commitments. It is a good moment for the public to interact with leaders and say, you took a leadership position on these issues — a year later, or three years later, what have you accomplished?

Achim Steiner, Administrator, United Nations Development Programme,  
in G7 Canada: The 2018 Charlevoix Summit



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### 13. Development: Entrepreneurship in Africa

2019-28: “We reiterate our willingness to continue to develop entrepreneurship and private sector youth employment in Africa through multilateral initiatives, such as the G20 Compact with Africa and other bilateral initiatives supported by individual G7 members.”

*Biarritz Declaration for a G7 and Africa Partnership*

#### Assessment

| Member         | No Compliance | Partial Compliance | Full Compliance |
|----------------|---------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| Canada         |               |                    | +1              |
| France         |               |                    | +1              |
| Germany        |               |                    | +1              |
| Italy          | -1            |                    |                 |
| Japan          |               |                    | +1              |
| United Kingdom |               |                    | +1              |
| United States  |               | 0                  |                 |
| European Union |               |                    | +1              |
| Average        |               | +0.63 (81%)        |                 |

#### Background

With the youngest population in the world, 11 million youth without work and millions more considered to be “working poor,” African youth unemployment threatens economic growth prospects of the continent.<sup>2528</sup> According to the International Labour Organization, of the 38.1 percent estimated total working poor in sub-Saharan Africa, young people account for 23.5 percent.<sup>2529</sup> Coupled with the fact that Africa also has the fastest growing population in the world, G7 members recognise that “fighting inequality, strengthening governance and promoting inclusive sustainable economic growth, in the framework of a prosperous global economy, and social development are key elements of stability and peace, and are fundamental to ensuring a shared and prosperous future” for all citizens.<sup>2530</sup> Within this context, G7 members reiterate their commitment to support Africa’s priorities based on equal partnership and common goals, taking into account improved competitiveness and business environments across Africa.<sup>2531</sup>

In July 2005 during the Gleneagles Summit, former UK Prime Minister, Tony Blair, stated in the final press conference the G8 support pledged to African states through the African Partners Forum and a Joint Action Plan.<sup>2532</sup> Furthermore, G8 members agreed further measures to promote better governance, stability and peace that is needed for the private sector to grow and create jobs. In addition, members pledged to “support investment, enterprise development and innovation” as well as “youth employment, including vocational education and training relevant to market demands.”<sup>2533</sup>

<sup>2528</sup> Youth employment in Africa, International Labour Organization, Geneva, Switzerland. Access Date: 15 October 2019. <https://www.ilo.org/africa/areas-of-work/youth-employment/lang--en/index.htm>

<sup>2529</sup> Youth employment in Africa, International Labour Organization, Geneva, Switzerland. Access Date: 15 October 2019. <https://www.ilo.org/africa/areas-of-work/youth-employment/lang--en/index.htm>

<sup>2530</sup> Biarritz Declaration for a G7 & Africa Partnership, European Council. 25 August 2019. Access Date: 15 October 2019. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/media/40532/biarritz-declaration-for-a-g7-and-africa-partnership.pdf>

<sup>2531</sup> Biarritz Declaration for a G7 & Africa Partnership, European Council. 25 August 2019. Access Date: 15 October 2019. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/media/40532/biarritz-declaration-for-a-g7-and-africa-partnership.pdf>

<sup>2532</sup> Chair’s Summary, Final Press Conference, Gleneagles Summit, 8 July 8, 2005. Access Date: 17 November 2019. <http://www.g8.utoronto.ca/summit/2005gleneagles/summary.html>

<sup>2533</sup> Joint Africa Plan, Gleneagles Summit, 8 July 2005. Access Date: 17 November 2019. [http://data.unaids.org/topics/universalaccess/postg8\\_gleneagles\\_africa\\_en.pdf](http://data.unaids.org/topics/universalaccess/postg8_gleneagles_africa_en.pdf)

In May 2007, at the Heiligendamm Summit, this was again underscored in the Summit declaration on Africa, whereby it stated G8 commitment to investing in private sector growth, SMEs, and in efforts to reduce the cost of doing business on the continent.<sup>2534</sup>

In May 2017 during the Taormina Summit, UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres stated to G7 leaders that “High levels of youth unemployment are not only a tragedy for young people themselves, but can also undermine development and generate frustration and alienation that, in turn, can become a threat to global peace and security.”<sup>2535</sup> He stressed the need to educate women and girls and called for “moving manufacturing and traditional activities, such as agriculture, higher up the global value chain, as well as investing in infrastructure that links regions, countries and communities.”<sup>2536</sup> According to Guterres, the international community needs to help the continent adapt as it heads for a new wave of industrialization.<sup>2537</sup>

In July 2017, under the G20 presidency of Germany, the G20 Compact for Africa was launched with the aim to increase of private investment through substantial improvements of the macro, business and financing frameworks.<sup>2538</sup> Furthermore, the G20 Compact brings together “reform-minded African countries, international organizations and bilateral partners to coordinate country-specific reform agendas, support respective policy measures and advertise investment opportunities to private investors.”<sup>2539</sup>

### **Commitment Features**

At Biarritz, G7 members pledged their continued commitment to develop entrepreneurship and private sector youth employment in Africa through multilateral and bilateral initiatives. In this regard, the commitment is seen to have four parts, which will measure final compliance.

The first two parts both involve “entrepreneurship” in Africa. Entrepreneurship is defined “as the effort an individual or group of individuals makes to initiate an economic activity under a legal form of business within the formal sector.”<sup>2540</sup> The G7 leaders have committed to “developing” entrepreneurship. This will be understood as helping African countries to create a business environment that is conducive to entrepreneurship.<sup>2541</sup> One aspect of this environment is whether there is a stable macroeconomic environment. Sound fiscal and monetary policies are necessary so that firms can predictably make the long-term investments necessary for expanding a firm. A second aspect of the environment are the policies and regulations. This can include competition policies

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<sup>2534</sup> Summit Declaration on Africa, G8 Summit Heiligendamm, 17 May 2007. Access Date: 17 November 2019. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/evaluations/2007heiligendamm/2007-leaked-africa.pdf>

<sup>2535</sup> With Africa in spotlight at G7 summit, Secretary-General Guterres urges investment in youth, UN News, 27 May 2017. Access Date: 15 October 2019. <https://news.un.org/en/story/2017/05/558282-africa-spotlight-g7-summit-secretary-general-guterres-urges-investment-youth>

<sup>2536</sup> With Africa in spotlight at G7 summit, Secretary-General Guterres urges investment in youth, UN News, 27 May 2017. Access Date: 15 October 2019. <https://news.un.org/en/story/2017/05/558282-africa-spotlight-g7-summit-secretary-general-guterres-urges-investment-youth>

<sup>2537</sup> With Africa in spotlight at G7 summit, Secretary-General Guterres urges investment in youth, UN News, 27 May 2017. Access Date: 15 October 2019. <https://news.un.org/en/story/2017/05/558282-africa-spotlight-g7-summit-secretary-general-guterres-urges-investment-youth>

<sup>2538</sup> G20 Compact with Africa, 8 July 2017. Access Date: 15 October 2019. <https://www.compactwithafrica.org/content/compactwithafrica/home/about.html>

<sup>2539</sup> G20 Compact with Africa, 8 July 2017. Access Date: 15 October 2019. <https://www.compactwithafrica.org/content/compactwithafrica/home/about.html>

<sup>2540</sup> Entrepreneurship Viewpoint, Financial and Private Sector Development Vice Presidency, World Bank, November 2006. Access Date: 16 November 2019. [http://siteresources.worldbank.org/INTEXPOMNET/Resources/FIAS\\_Note\\_313.pdf](http://siteresources.worldbank.org/INTEXPOMNET/Resources/FIAS_Note_313.pdf)

<sup>2541</sup> Promoting Entrepreneurship and Innovative SMEs in a Global Economy, OECD. Access Date: 30 November 2019. <https://www.oecd.org/cfe/smes/31919590.pdf>

which protect entry firms from unfair competition by incumbent firms, financial market regulations that ensure entrepreneurs have access to financing, and labor policies that ensure entrepreneurs have ready access to the labor force. By designing them with entrepreneurs in mind, these policies and regulations should avoid becoming a burden that adversely affects entrepreneurial activity. A third aspect of this environment is education and training. The formal education system could provide access to information, skills and expertise relating to entrepreneurship. There can also be training programs outside of the formal education system that provides similar access. A final aspect of the environment are programmes introduced specifically to promote entrepreneurship.<sup>2542</sup>

What divides the commitment to “develop entrepreneurship” into two parts is whether the development is achieved through multilateral initiatives or bilateral initiatives. Multilateral initiatives involve more than two countries.<sup>2543</sup> One example is the G20 Compact with Africa. This initiative brings together governments, would-be-investors, and international organizations to tackle impediments to private investment in Africa. Interested African countries choosing to participate first engage with international organizations to discuss objectives and possible national priorities and contributions. In the second step, countries work with international organizations to create individual Investment Prospectuses for reform and measures to better mobilize private investment.<sup>2544</sup> In both these steps, countries work with international organizations, which are formed by more than two participating countries. Bilateral initiatives on the other hand involve only two countries, one being at G7 member and the other being an African country.

The latter two parts both involve private sector youth employment in Africa. “Private sector” is defined as businesses owned or controlled by individuals rather than by the government.<sup>2545</sup> The goal is to encourage such businesses to provide meaningful employment for African youth, those aged 15-24.<sup>2546</sup> Measures designed to address short-term issues could include tackling weak aggregate demand, tackle demand-side barriers such as high labor costs, and encouraging employers to expand quality apprenticeship and internship programmes. Measures designed to address long-term issues can include strengthening the education system to prepare young people for the labor market, strengthening vocational education and training for youth already in the labor market, assisting the transition from education to work, and by introducing policies that provide employment protection.<sup>2547</sup> Similar to the commitment to “develop entrepreneurship,” the commitment to “develop private sector youth employment” is divided into two parts. Development can occur through multilateral initiatives or bilateral initiatives.

To achieve full compliance, a G7 member must take strong action in most aspects of these compliance. Specifically, they need to strongly meet at least three of the four parts of this commitment (>75%). For example, a G7 member that introduces both multilateral and bilateral initiatives to promote entrepreneurship along with bilateral initiatives to promote private sector youth employment would be fully complying with its commitment. Compliance does not require new

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<sup>2542</sup> Promoting Entrepreneurship and Innovative SMEs in a Global Economy, OECD. Access Date: 30 November 2019.

<https://www.oecd.org/cfe/smes/31919590.pdf>

<sup>2543</sup> Meaning of multilateral in English, Cambridge Dictionary. Access Date: 30 November 2019.

<https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/multilateral>

<sup>2544</sup> G20 Compact with Africa, 8 July 2017. Access Date: 15 October 2019.

<https://www.compactwithafrica.org/content/compactwithafrica/home/about.html>

<sup>2545</sup> Types of Business Organisations, BBC. Access Date: 19 November 2019.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/zpx7gdm/revision/1>

<sup>2546</sup> World Youth Report, United Nations. 2018. Access Date: 15 October 2019.

<https://www.un.org/development/desa/youth/wp-content/uploads/sites/21/2018/12/WorldYouthReport-2030Agenda.pdf>

<sup>2547</sup> The OECD Action Plan for Youth – Giving Youth a Better Start in the Labour Market, OECD. Access Date: 30 November 2019. <https://www.oecd.org/newsroom/Action-plan-youth.pdf>

initiatives as the wording of the commitment includes the word “continue.” A member will receive partial compliance is they meet two of the four parts of this commitment (50%). For example, a G7 member that introduces both multilateral and bilateral initiatives to promote entrepreneurship but no initiatives on private sector youth employment would be partially complying with the commitment. Finally, no compliance will be given to a G7 member that introduces initiatives on only one or two of the four parts of this commitment (<50%).

### Scoring Guidelines

|    |   |
|----|---|
| -1 | The G7 member has helped to develop in Africa FEWER THAN TWO of the following four parts: entrepreneurship through bilateral actions, entrepreneurship in through multilateral actions, private sector youth employment in through bilateral actions, and private sector youth employment through multilateral actions. |
| 0  | The G7 member has helped to develop in Africa TWO of the following four parts: entrepreneurship through bilateral actions, entrepreneurship in through multilateral actions, private sector youth employment in through bilateral actions, and private sector youth employment through multilateral actions.            |
| +1 | The G7 member has helped to develop in Africa MORE THAN TWO of the following four parts: entrepreneurship through bilateral actions, entrepreneurship in through multilateral actions, private sector youth employment in through bilateral actions, and private sector youth employment through multilateral actions.  |

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### Canada: +1

Canada has fully complied with its commitment to take bilateral or multilateral action to support both youth employment and entrepreneurship in Africa.

On 26 August 2019, the Canadian government announced it will invest CAD9.5 million to Mozambique for the initiative, Empowering Adolescent Girls to Learn and Earn (EAGLE).<sup>2548</sup> This project is located throughout six districts of the Manica and Sofala provinces in Mozambique.<sup>2549</sup> EAGLE is designed to increase economic empowerment through expanding literacy, numeracy and skills development of 3,000 adolescent mothers and girls with HIV/AIDS or disabilities.<sup>2550</sup>

On 26 August 2019, Canada announced that it will invest CAD12.5 million to the African Guarantee Fund towards Affirmative Finance Action for Women in Africa (AFAWA).<sup>2551</sup> Canada’s investment in AFAWA will improve access to finance for women entrepreneurs in Africa.<sup>2552</sup> AFAWA is led by the African Development Bank, and seeks to change the banking and financial climate for women entrepreneurs in Africa.<sup>2553</sup>

<sup>2548</sup> Creating a better future, Prime Minister of Canada (Ottawa) 26 August 2019. Access Date: 15 December 2019. <https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/backgrounders/2019/08/26/creating-better-future>

<sup>2549</sup> Creating a better future, Prime Minister of Canada (Ottawa) 26 August 2019. Access Date: 15 December 2019. <https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/backgrounders/2019/08/26/creating-better-future>

<sup>2550</sup> Creating a better future, Prime Minister of Canada (Ottawa) 26 August 2019. Access Date: 15 December 2019. <https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/backgrounders/2019/08/26/creating-better-future>

<sup>2551</sup> Creating a better future, Prime Minister of Canada (Ottawa) 26 August 2019. Access Date: 15 December 2019. <https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/backgrounders/2019/08/26/creating-better-future>

<sup>2552</sup> Is Canada Missing the Big Picture? Trudeau and Sustainable Development at G7 Summits (Ottawa) 3 September 2019. Access Date: 18 December 2019. <https://www.mcleodgroup.ca/2019/09/is-canada-missing-the-big-picture/>

<sup>2553</sup> Is Canada Missing the Big Picture? Trudeau and Sustainable Development at G7 Summits (Ottawa) 3 September 2019. Access Date: 18 December 2019. <https://www.mcleodgroup.ca/2019/09/is-canada-missing-the-big-picture/>

On 10 April 2020, the Government of Canada announced an investment of CAD4.8 million to ACUMEN, an international non-profit organization. ACUMEN invests in companies at early stages through patient capital and provides business support to assist entrepreneurs in reducing poverty.<sup>2554</sup> Canada's investment will help provide leadership training to 200 youths and support businesses led by women in communities affected by conflict.<sup>2555</sup>

On 10 April 2020, the Government of Canada announced a CAD15 million contribution to TradeMark East Africa (TMEA).<sup>2556</sup> TMEA is an organization working to reduce trade barriers and increase business competitiveness in East Africa.<sup>2557</sup> Canada's contribution will provide increased economic opportunities for 150,000 women trading cross-border in East Africa.<sup>2558</sup>

On 10 April 2020, the Government of Canada announced a CAD8.5 million contribution to RENEW and a CAD12.9 million contribution to Digital Opportunity Trust.<sup>2559</sup> These contributions will focus on supporting youth and women entrepreneurs as well as small and medium-sized businesses in Ethiopia.<sup>2560</sup>

On August 11, 2020, Canada's International Development Research Centre put out a call for proposals, "Growth and Economic Opportunities for Women – East Africa."<sup>2561</sup>

Canada has fully complied with its commitment to support both youth employment and entrepreneurship in Africa. Canada took action to support youth employment in Africa through its contribution to ACUMEN.<sup>2562</sup> Canada supported entrepreneurship in Africa through investing in RENEW, Digital Opportunity Trust, and TMEA to support women entrepreneurs in Africa.<sup>2563</sup>

Thus, Canada receives a score of +1.

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<sup>2554</sup> About ACUMEN. Access Date: 10 April 2020. <https://acumen.org/about/>

<sup>2555</sup> Canada working with partners in Africa to advance shared priorities (Ottawa) 10 February 2020. Access Date: 10 April 2020. <https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/backgrounders/2020/02/10/canada-working-partners-africa-advance-shared-priorities>

<sup>2556</sup> Canada working with partners in Africa to advance shared priorities (Ottawa) 10 February 2020. Access Date: 10 April 2020. <https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/backgrounders/2020/02/10/canada-working-partners-africa-advance-shared-priorities>

<sup>2557</sup> About our organization. 2019. Access Date: 10 April 2020. <https://www.trademarkea.com/who-we-are/>

<sup>2558</sup> Canada working with partners in Africa to advance shared priorities (Ottawa) 10 February 2020. Access Date: 10 April 2020. <https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/backgrounders/2020/02/10/canada-working-partners-africa-advance-shared-priorities>

<sup>2559</sup> Canada working with partners in Africa to advance shared priorities (Ottawa) 10 February 2020. Access Date: 10 April 2020. <https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/backgrounders/2020/02/10/canada-working-partners-africa-advance-shared-priorities>

<sup>2560</sup> Canada working with partners in Africa to advance shared priorities (Ottawa) 10 February 2020. Access Date: 10 April 2020. <https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/backgrounders/2020/02/10/canada-working-partners-africa-advance-shared-priorities>

<sup>2561</sup> Call for Proposals: Growth and Economic Opportunities for Women – East Africa, International Development Research Centre (Ottawa), 11 August 2020. Date Accessed: 26 August 2020. <https://www.idrc.ca/en/news/call-proposals-growth-and-economic-opportunities-women-east-africa>

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## France: +1

France has fully complied with its commitment to work with the African continent in supporting youth employment and entrepreneurship in Africa.

On 24 August 2019, French President Emmanuel Macron and G7 members leaders approved a financial package totalling USD251 million to support the African Development Bank (AfDB)'s Affirmative Finance Action for Women in Africa (AFAWA) initiative to support women entrepreneurs in Africa.<sup>2564</sup> The AFAWA programme aims to work with African banks to establish a financing mechanism for African women entrepreneurs.<sup>2565</sup>

On 28 October 2019, AfDB partnered with the Association for the Right to Economic Initiatives to support a study on informal workers in the neighbourhoods of New Caledonia.<sup>2566</sup> It aims to quantify the informal economy and promote entrepreneurship in the region.<sup>2567</sup>

On 9 December 2019, the Agence Française de Développement (AFD) launched a new EUR15 million seed fund to expand Africa's digital ecosystem and support African start-ups.<sup>2568</sup> This Digital Africa seed fund is part of the Choose Africa initiative through which AFD Group has committed to allocating EUR2.5 billion to African start-ups and small and medium-sized enterprises by 2022.<sup>2569</sup> The Digital Africa seed will finance six programs, including two professionalization and capacity building programs, to accompany and fund digital start-ups and will also permit youth employment in the private sector.<sup>2570</sup>

On 31 January 2020, France, along with Digital Africa, gave 1,000 African entrepreneurs the opportunity to participate in the Africa-France Summit in Bordeaux, France, from 4 to 6 June 2020.<sup>2571</sup> The summit will enable African entrepreneurs to present their projects and solutions for sustainable cities and territories.<sup>2572</sup>

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<sup>2564</sup> G20 – Jean-Baptiste Lemoine's participation in the G20 Meeting of Foreign Affairs Ministers (Nagoya, 22-23 November 2019), France Diplomatie Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs (Paris) 23 November 2019. Access Date: 20 December 2019. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/french-foreign-policy/economic-diplomacy-foreign-trade/news/article/g20-jean-baptiste-lemoine-s-participation-in-the-g20-meeting-of-foreign-affairs>

<sup>2565</sup> G20 – Jean-Baptiste Lemoine's participation in the G20 Meeting of Foreign Affairs Ministers (Nagoya, 22-23 November 2019), France Diplomatie Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs (Paris) 23 November 2019. Access Date: 20 December 2019. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/french-foreign-policy/economic-diplomacy-foreign-trade/news/article/g20-jean-baptiste-lemoine-s-participation-in-the-g20-meeting-of-foreign-affairs>

<sup>2566</sup> AFD and ADIE launching a study to promote entrepreneurship in New Caledonia, Agence Française de Développement (Paris) 28 October 2019. Access Date: 20 December 2019. <https://www.afd.fr/en/actualites/afd-and-adie-launch-study-promote-entrepreneurship-new-caledonia>

<sup>2567</sup> AFD and ADIE launching a study to promote entrepreneurship in New Caledonia, Agence Française de Développement (Paris) 28 October 2019. Access Date: 20 December 2019. <https://www.afd.fr/en/actualites/afd-and-adie-launch-study-promote-entrepreneurship-new-caledonia>

<sup>2568</sup> AFD Group: Driver for African Start-Ups, Agence Française de Développement (Paris) 9 December 2019. Access Date: 20 December 2019. <https://www.afd.fr/en/actualites/afd-group-driver-african-start-ups>

<sup>2569</sup> AFD Group: Driver for African Start-Ups, Agence Française de Développement (Paris) 9 December 2019. Access Date: 20 December 2019. <https://www.afd.fr/en/actualites/afd-group-driver-african-start-ups>

<sup>2570</sup> AFD Group: Driver for African Start-Ups, Agence Française de Développement (Paris) 9 December 2019. Access Date: 20 December 2019. <https://www.afd.fr/en/actualites/afd-group-driver-african-start-ups>

<sup>2571</sup> Africans Entrepreneurs: Take part in Challenge of 1,000 at the Africa-France 2020 Summit. 20 November 2019. Access Date: 10 April 2020. <https://ke.ambafrance.org/Africans-entrepreneurs-take-part-in-Challenge-of-1-000-at-the-Africa-France>

<sup>2572</sup> Africans Entrepreneurs: Take part in Challenge of 1,000 at the Africa-France 2020 Summit. 20 November 2019. Access Date: 10 April 2020. <https://ke.ambafrance.org/Africans-entrepreneurs-take-part-in-Challenge-of-1-000-at-the-Africa-France>

On 3 April 2020, applications opened for the French-African Foundation Young Leaders Program in France and Senegal.<sup>2573</sup> The Young Leaders program was created to support new generations of leaders in Africa.<sup>2574</sup> The program will be held under the double patronage of President Macron, and the President Nana Akufo-Addo of Ghana.<sup>2575</sup>

France has fully complied with its commitment as it has supported entrepreneurship through both bilateral and multilateral actions, as well as private sector youth employment.

Thus, France receives a score of +1.

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### **Germany: +1**

Germany has fully complied with its commitment to work with the African continent in supporting youth employment and entrepreneurship in Africa.

On 18 November 2019, BMZ launched the Africa Cloud initiative, which offers e-learning opportunities to young people in remote and rural areas of Africa.<sup>2576</sup> The content of these courses, aimed at vocational trainers, young farmers and digital entrepreneurs, will be developed locally and can be downloaded onto a computer or smartphone, with local partners and a coach offering learners support.<sup>2577</sup>

On 19 November 2019, Development Minister Gerd Müller announced the signing of new reform partnership agreements with Senegal and Ethiopia, focussed on ownership, private investment, vocational education and employment, so as to make sure that Africa's young people have a future in Africa.<sup>2578</sup> Funding under this agreement will be disbursed once agreed reforms have been implemented.<sup>2579</sup>

On 7 December 2019, Enpact, a Berlin-headquartered non-profit organization, announced the launch of a special edition of the organization's mentoring programme, dedicated to supporting high potential technology businesses in scaling and creating strategic international partnerships in Europe

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<sup>2573</sup> French-African Foundation Young Leaders Program in France and Senegal (Ghana). 23 March 2020. Access Date: 10 April 2020. <https://www.mladiinfo.eu/2020/03/23/french-african-foundation-young-leaders-program-france-senegal/>

<sup>2574</sup> French-African Foundation Young Leaders Program in France and Senegal (Ghana). 23 March 2020. Access Date: 10 April 2020. <https://www.mladiinfo.eu/2020/03/23/french-african-foundation-young-leaders-program-france-senegal/>

<sup>2575</sup> French-African Foundation Young Leaders Program in France and Senegal (Ghana). 23 March 2020. Access Date: 10 April 2020. <https://www.mladiinfo.eu/2020/03/23/french-african-foundation-young-leaders-program-france-senegal/>

<sup>2576</sup> Minister Müller announces launch of Africa Cloud initiative, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (Berlin). 18 November 2019. Access Date: 3 January 2020.

[http://www.bmz.de/en/press/aktuelleMeldungen/2019/november/191118\\_pm\\_065\\_Minister-Mueller-announces-launch-of-Africa-Cloud-initiative/index.html](http://www.bmz.de/en/press/aktuelleMeldungen/2019/november/191118_pm_065_Minister-Mueller-announces-launch-of-Africa-Cloud-initiative/index.html)

<sup>2577</sup> Minister Müller announces launch of Africa Cloud initiative, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (Berlin). 18 November 2019. Access Date: 3 January 2020.

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<sup>2578</sup> Minister Müller on the G20 Africa summit: Our offer for the private sector stands, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (Berlin). 19 November 2019. Access Date: 3 January 2020.

[http://www.bmz.de/en/press/aktuelleMeldungen/2019/november/191119\\_pm\\_067\\_Minister-Mueller-on-the-G20-Africa-summit-Our-offer-for-the-private-sector-stands/index.html](http://www.bmz.de/en/press/aktuelleMeldungen/2019/november/191119_pm_067_Minister-Mueller-on-the-G20-Africa-summit-Our-offer-for-the-private-sector-stands/index.html)

<sup>2579</sup> Minister Müller on the G20 Africa summit: Our offer for the private sector stands, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (Berlin). 19 November 2019. Access Date: 3 January 2020.

[http://www.bmz.de/en/press/aktuelleMeldungen/2019/november/191119\\_pm\\_067\\_Minister-Mueller-on-the-G20-Africa-summit-Our-offer-for-the-private-sector-stands/index.html](http://www.bmz.de/en/press/aktuelleMeldungen/2019/november/191119_pm_067_Minister-Mueller-on-the-G20-Africa-summit-Our-offer-for-the-private-sector-stands/index.html)

and Africa.<sup>2580</sup> The initiative is under the Strategy Partnership Digital Africa (SPDA), funded by the Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development and coordinated by the GIZ GmbH.<sup>2581</sup>

On 19 December 2019, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) Egypt and Enpact Egypt held the Demo Day for the first cycle of their entrepreneurial support program, Founders' Support, at Startup Haus Cairo.<sup>2582</sup> Founders' Support is an entrepreneurial program that provides financial support and mentoring for entrepreneurs in Egypt in their first year of business.<sup>2583</sup>

On 24 January 2020, the German Federal Government together with the African Union Commission launched the second open call for project proposals under the African-German Youth Initiative Innovation Fund.<sup>2584</sup> The aim of the fund is to improve and innovate youth exchange and mobility between African countries and Germany and to develop competencies and skills among young talents from African countries.<sup>2585</sup>

On 19 February 2020, BET Ghana organized the 8<sup>th</sup> annual conference on "Universities, Entrepreneurship and Enterprise Development in Africa."<sup>2586</sup> The conference aims to increase knowledge transfer between entrepreneurship in Africa and private sector academic to support African and German small and medium-sized enterprises in Africa.<sup>2587</sup> The conference and BET Ghana project are funded by BMZ.<sup>2588</sup>

On 29 February 2020, GIZ and BMZ supported the WeCode programming academy and #eSkills4Girls initiative through launching eight digital projects in eight African countries.<sup>2589</sup> These include the WeCode programming academy in Rwanda, where women learn to develop their own apps and other solutions.<sup>2590</sup> WeCode also employs graduating women for six months following program completion.<sup>2591</sup>

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<sup>2580</sup> International Mentoring 2020: Apply Now! (Berlin). 7 December 2019. Access Date: 10 April 2020.

<https://www.enpact.org/blog/news/international-mentoring-apply/#/>

<sup>2581</sup> International Mentoring 2020: Apply Now! (Berlin). 7 December 2019. Access Date: 10 April 2020.

<https://www.enpact.org/blog/news/international-mentoring-apply/#/>

<sup>2582</sup> Founder' Support program concludes pilot cycle with ten-enabled startups in Egypt (Egypt). 19 December 2019. Access Date: 10 April 2020. <https://www.enpact.org/blog/news/founders-support-program-concludes-pilot-cycle-with-ten-tech-enabled-startups-in-egypt/#/>

<sup>2583</sup> Founder' Support program concludes pilot cycle with ten-enabled startups in Egypt (Egypt). 19 December 2019. Access Date: 10 April 2020. <https://www.enpact.org/blog/news/founders-support-program-concludes-pilot-cycle-with-ten-tech-enabled-startups-in-egypt/#/>

<sup>2584</sup> Call for Proposal: African-German Youth Initiative (AGYI) Innovation Fund 2020 (12,000 Euros). 24 January 2020. Access Date: 10 April 2020. <https://www.opportunitiesforafricans.com/agyi-innovation-fund-2020/>

<sup>2585</sup> Call for Proposal: African-German Youth Initiative (AGYI) Innovation Fund 2020 (12,000 Euros). 24 January 2020. Access Date: 10 April 2020. <https://www.opportunitiesforafricans.com/agyi-innovation-fund-2020/>

<sup>2586</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> Conference "Universities, Entrepreneurship and Enterprise Development in Africa" (19-20 February 2020). 19 February 2020. Access Date: 10 April 2020. <https://www.h-brs.de/en/entrepreneurship-conference>

<sup>2587</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> Conference "Universities, Entrepreneurship and Enterprise Development in Africa" (19-20 February 2020). 19 February 2020. Access Date: 10 April 2020. <https://www.h-brs.de/en/entrepreneurship-conference>

<sup>2588</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> Conference "Universities, Entrepreneurship and Enterprise Development in Africa" (19-20 February 2020). 19 February 2020. Access Date: 10 April 2020. <https://www.h-brs.de/en/entrepreneurship-conference>

<sup>2589</sup> Digital Equality: GIZ promotes women in Africa's tech industry. 28 February 2020. Access Date: 10 April 2020. <https://www.giz.de/en/press/83548.html>

<sup>2590</sup> Digital Equality: GIZ promotes women in Africa's tech industry. 28 February 2020. Access Date: 10 April 2020. <https://www.giz.de/en/press/83548.html>

<sup>2591</sup> Digital Equality: GIZ promotes women in Africa's tech industry. 28 February 2020. Access Date: 10 April 2020. <https://www.giz.de/en/press/83548.html>

Germany has fully complied with its commitment to work with the African continent in supporting youth employment and entrepreneurship in Africa through both bilateral and multilateral initiatives.

Thus, Germany receives a score of +1.

*Analyst: Minh-Anh (Mia) Nguyen*

### **Italy: -1**

Italy has failed to comply with its commitment to take bilateral or multilateral action to support both youth employment and entrepreneurship in Africa.

No bilateral nor multilateral action has been taken to support either youth employment or entrepreneurship in Africa.

Thus, Italy has been awarded a score of -1.<sup>2592</sup>

*Analyst: Matthew Kieffer*

### **Japan: +1**

Japan has fully complied with its commitment to take bilateral or multilateral action to support both youth employment and entrepreneurship in Africa.

On 30 August 2019, Japan announced in the Yokohama Declaration that the country will continue to provide business training through the African Business Education Initiative for Youth (ABE Initiative), in order to strengthen micro, small and medium-sized enterprises in Africa for job creation and entrepreneurship.<sup>2593</sup> Japan also announced its support to African students in Japan and ABE Initiative graduates in finding employment in Japanese companies.<sup>2594</sup>

On 30 August 2019, Japan announced in the Yokohama Declaration that the country will continue to develop Africa's private sector prioritizing youth and women's entrepreneurship at the 2019 Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD7).<sup>2595</sup>

On 30 August 2019, Japan confirmed its contribution to the African Guarantee Fund towards Affirmative Finance Action for Women in Africa (AFAWA), through Women Entrepreneurs Finance Initiative and Japanese International Cooperation Agency private-sector investment.<sup>2596</sup> Japan's investment in AFAWA will improve access to finance for women entrepreneurs in Africa.<sup>2597</sup>

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<sup>2592</sup> This non-compliance was determined after research through the following websites: [www.governo.it](http://www.governo.it), [www.lavoro.gov.it](http://www.lavoro.gov.it), [www.esteri.it](http://www.esteri.it), [www.senato.it](http://www.senato.it), [www.camera.it](http://www.camera.it), [www.finanze.gov](http://www.finanze.gov), [www.italcomm.com](http://www.italcomm.com), [www.iai.it](http://www.iai.it), [www.agi.it](http://www.agi.it), [www.parlamento.it](http://www.parlamento.it), [www.palazzochigi.it](http://www.palazzochigi.it).

<sup>2593</sup> Yokohama Declaration 2019, Advancing Africa's Development through People, Technology and Innovation (Tokyo) 30 August 2019. Access Date: 19 December 2019.

[https://www.mofa.go.jp/region/africa/ticad/ticad7/pdf/yokohama\\_declaration\\_en.pdf](https://www.mofa.go.jp/region/africa/ticad/ticad7/pdf/yokohama_declaration_en.pdf)

<sup>2594</sup> TICAD7: Japan's Contribution for Africa (Tokyo) August 2019. Access Date: 19 December 2019.

[https://www.mofa.go.jp/region/africa/ticad/ticad7/pdf/ticad7\\_torikumi\\_en.pdf](https://www.mofa.go.jp/region/africa/ticad/ticad7/pdf/ticad7_torikumi_en.pdf)

<sup>2595</sup> TICAD7: Japan's Contribution for Africa (Tokyo) August 2019. Access Date: 19 December 2019.

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<sup>2596</sup> Yokohama Declaration 2019, Advancing Africa's Development through People, Technology and Innovation (Tokyo) 30 August 2019. Access Date: 19 December 2019.

[https://www.mofa.go.jp/region/africa/ticad/ticad7/pdf/yokohama\\_declaration\\_en.pdf](https://www.mofa.go.jp/region/africa/ticad/ticad7/pdf/yokohama_declaration_en.pdf)

<sup>2597</sup> Yokohama Declaration 2019, Advancing Africa's Development through People, Technology and Innovation (Tokyo) 30 August 2019. Access Date: 19 December 2019.

[https://www.mofa.go.jp/region/africa/ticad/ticad7/pdf/yokohama\\_declaration\\_en.pdf](https://www.mofa.go.jp/region/africa/ticad/ticad7/pdf/yokohama_declaration_en.pdf)

On 24 February 2020, Japan's Ambassador Masahiro Imai and Yuko Yokomizo signed a grant contract with the project coordinator for Community Road Empowerment (CORE) for the "Sustainable Youth Employment through Road Improvement using Locally Available Material Based Approach (3rd Phase)" project.<sup>2598</sup> The contract indicates up to a USD288,566 provision from the Embassy of Japan to CORE for training on-site road repair and creating non-agricultural employment opportunities for Rwandan youth.<sup>2599</sup>

In July 2020, the Japan International Cooperation Agency announced the launch of the NINJA Business Plan Competition, targeting startups and organizations from Africa in order to encourage emerging businesses.<sup>2600</sup>

Japan has fully complied with its commitment to support both youth employment and entrepreneurship in Africa. Japan supported youth employment in Africa through the ABE Initiative and supported entrepreneurship in Africa through investing in AFAWA to finance women entrepreneurs in Africa and through its TICAD7 commitments.

Thus, Japan receives a score of +1.

*Analyst: Lisa Hub*

### **United Kingdom: +1**

The United Kingdom has fully complied with its commitments to support entrepreneurship and youth employment in Africa.

On 5 August 2019, the Department for International Development (DFID) reinforced its group of "sector development" initiatives, including the ongoing Kenya Market Assistance Programme, which has a budget of GBP48.2 million from 2012-2020.<sup>2601</sup> One of the programme's components is youth employment.<sup>2602</sup>

On 28 August 2019, DFID announced that Unilever is receiving aid from the United Kingdom to support female entrepreneurs in Africa to start their own businesses.<sup>2603</sup>

On 27 September 2019, the UK announced that it would invest GBP90 million into Financial Sector Deepening Africa, a non-profit that informs the poorest Africans about how to handle their

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<sup>2598</sup> The Signing Ceremony for the project of "Sustainable Youth Employment through Road Improvement taking Locally Available Material Based Approach (3rd Phase)" (Tokyo) March 2020. Access Date: 10 April 2020. [https://www.rw.emb-japan.go.jp/itpr\\_ja/11\\_000001\\_00012.html](https://www.rw.emb-japan.go.jp/itpr_ja/11_000001_00012.html)

<sup>2599</sup> The Signing Ceremony for the project of "Sustainable Youth Employment through Road Improvement taking Locally Available Material Based Approach (3rd Phase)" (Tokyo) March 2020. Access Date: 10 April 2020. [https://www.rw.emb-japan.go.jp/itpr\\_ja/11\\_000001\\_00012.html](https://www.rw.emb-japan.go.jp/itpr_ja/11_000001_00012.html)

<sup>2600</sup> JICA's 2020 NINJA Business Plan Competition in response to COVID-19 for African Startups, OFA, July 2020. Access Date: 17 August 2020. <https://www.jica.go.jp/kenya/english/office/topics/200708.html>

<sup>2601</sup> Overview of sector transformation programmes funded by DFID, Institute of Development Studies (Falmer) 05 August 2019. Access Date: 12 December 2019. <https://www.gov.uk/dfid-research-outputs/overview-of-sector-transformation-programmes-funded-by-dfid>.

<sup>2602</sup> Overview of sector transformation programmes funded by DFID, Institute of Development Studies (Falmer) 05 August 2019. Access Date: 12 December 2019. [https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/5d9b4e97e5274a5a29d7c22a/617\\_Sector\\_Transformation\\_Programmes.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/5d9b4e97e5274a5a29d7c22a/617_Sector_Transformation_Programmes.pdf).

<sup>2603</sup> International Development Secretary to boost infrastructure in the poorest countries with UK aid, Department for International Development (London) 28 August 2019. Access Date: 12 December 2019. <https://dfidnews.blog.gov.uk/2019/08/28/international-development-secretary-to-boost-infrastructure-in-the-poorest-countries-and-help-create-our-future-trading-partners/>.

money.<sup>2604</sup> The money being invested by the UK will mobilize GBP500 million in private sector investment.<sup>2605</sup> Both the aid package and private investment will allow for small financial services businesses and entrepreneurs to expand their companies.<sup>2606</sup>

On 4 October 2019, the UK announced it would continue its majority funding to GuarantCo, which offers “innovative local currency contingent credit solutions.”<sup>2607</sup> An example of these credit solutions is providing “guarantees” to investor groups if they offer support to “local capital markets.”<sup>2608</sup> This is an example of the UK providing financial support to small and medium enterprises by encouraging private sector investment.<sup>2609</sup>

On 20 January 2020, the UK government hosted the UK-Africa Investment Summit, which brought together key stakeholders, including senior bureaucrats of various African governments, African and British businesses, investors, and international organisations.<sup>2610</sup> Minister of State for Africa Andrew Stephenson mentioned that the summit was meant to encourage investment in Africa<sup>2611</sup>

On 20 January 2020, at the UK-Africa Summit, the UK pledged to provide GBP3.5 million for the SheTrades programme.<sup>2612</sup> This program helps female entrepreneurs with developing their business.<sup>2613</sup> The SheTrades programme expansion will include “specialist business training” for the female entrepreneurs.<sup>2614</sup>

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<sup>2604</sup> UK aid to boost access to finance for sub-Saharan Africa, Department for International Development (London) 27 September 2019. Access Date: 12 December 2019. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-aid-to-boost-access-to-finance-for-sub-saharan-africa>.

<sup>2605</sup> UK aid to boost access to finance for sub-Saharan Africa, Department for International Development (London) 27 September 2019. Access Date: 12 December 2019. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-aid-to-boost-access-to-finance-for-sub-saharan-africa>.

<sup>2606</sup> UK aid to boost access to finance for sub-Saharan Africa, Department for International Development (London) 27 September 2019. Access Date: 12 December 2019. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-aid-to-boost-access-to-finance-for-sub-saharan-africa>.

<sup>2607</sup> Kenya closes its first ever green bond, British High Commissioner of Nairobi (Nairobi) 4 October 2019. Access Date: 12 December 2019. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/kenya-closes-its-first-ever-green-bond>.

<sup>2608</sup> Kenya closes its first ever green bond, British High Commissioner of Nairobi (Nairobi) 4 October 2019. Access Date: 12 December 2019. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/kenya-closes-its-first-ever-green-bond>.

<sup>2609</sup> Kenya closes its first ever green bond, British High Commissioner of Nairobi (Nairobi) 4 October 2019. Access Date: 12 December 2019. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/kenya-closes-its-first-ever-green-bond>.

<sup>2610</sup> UK-Africa Summit 2020 - UK Government Statement, UK Government (London) 20 January 2020. Access Date: 16 April 2020. [https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/859314/2020\\_01\\_20\\_AIS\\_-\\_UK\\_Government\\_Statement\\_-\\_Final\\_Version.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/859314/2020_01_20_AIS_-_UK_Government_Statement_-_Final_Version.pdf).

<sup>2611</sup> Minister for Africa's speech at UN Global Compact event, Department for International Development (London) 22 January 2020. Access Date: 16 April 2020. <https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/minister-of-state-speech-at-un-global-compact-event>.

<sup>2612</sup> UK-Africa Summit 2020 - UK Government Statement, UK Government (London) 20 January 2020. Access Date: 16 April 2020. [https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/859314/2020\\_01\\_20\\_AIS\\_-\\_UK\\_Government\\_Statement\\_-\\_Final\\_Version.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/859314/2020_01_20_AIS_-_UK_Government_Statement_-_Final_Version.pdf).

<sup>2613</sup> UK-Africa Summit 2020 - UK Government Statement, UK Government (London) 20 January 2020. Access Date: 16 April 2020. [https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/859314/2020\\_01\\_20\\_AIS\\_-\\_UK\\_Government\\_Statement\\_-\\_Final\\_Version.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/859314/2020_01_20_AIS_-_UK_Government_Statement_-_Final_Version.pdf).

<sup>2614</sup> UK aid boosts support for African women entrepreneurs to expand businesses into global markets, Department for International Development (London) 16 January 2020. Access Date: 16 April 2020. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-aid-boosts-support-for-african-women-entrepreneurs-to-expand-businesses-into-global-markets>.

On 21 January 2020, the UK and Kenya issued a joint statement on a new strategic partnership from 2020-2025 that will focus on five areas, and has EUR400 million ready to be dispersed.<sup>2615</sup> Under the fifth pillar, called people to people, the UK and Kenya will work together to invigorate new innovation and entrepreneurship.<sup>2616</sup>

On 1 March 2020, the UK government received proposals from businesses that had the potential to offer many jobs in the future.<sup>2617</sup> Each business proposal that was accepted would receive “grant funding and technical assistance.”<sup>2618</sup> The funding, worth GBP5 million in total, will be distributed through the Kenya Catalytic Jobs Fund.<sup>2619</sup> The goal of this Fund is to help enterprises that could provide employment for youth and vulnerable populations.<sup>2620</sup> The program is four years in length.<sup>2621</sup>

On 27 July 2020, the United Kingdom Department for International Trade announced the “Tech for Growth” programme, aimed at enhancing the role of technology in African trading markets, thus addressing existing market barriers for private sector companies.<sup>2622</sup>

The UK has multilaterally promoted entrepreneurship through the UK-Africa Investment Summit, and bilaterally through the strategic partnership with Kenya. The UK has bilaterally promoted private sector youth employment through the Kenya Catalytic Jobs Fund.

Thus, the UK receives a score of +1.

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### **United States: 0**

The United States has partially complied with its commitment to take bilateral or multilateral action to support both youth employment and entrepreneurship in Africa.

On 26 September 2019, Senator Lindsey Graham introduced S.2583, the Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2020.<sup>2623</sup> The Department of State,

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<sup>2615</sup> UK-Kenya Strategic Partnership 2020-2025: joint statement, Foreign & Commonwealth Office (London) 21 January 2020. Access Date: 16 April 2020. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-kenya-strategic-partnership-2020-2025>.

<sup>2616</sup> UK-Kenya Strategic Partnership 2020-2025: joint statement, Foreign & Commonwealth Office (London) 21 January 2020. Access Date: 16 April 2020. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-kenya-strategic-partnership-2020-2025>.

<sup>2617</sup> UK launches second call for proposals for Business Innovation Challenge in Kenya, British High Commissioner (Nairobi) 1 March 2020. Access Date: 16 April 2020. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-launches-second-call-for-proposals-for-business-innovation-challenge-in-kenya>.

<sup>2618</sup> UK launches second call for proposals for Business Innovation Challenge in Kenya, British High Commissioner (Nairobi) 1 March 2020. Access Date: 16 April 2020. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-launches-second-call-for-proposals-for-business-innovation-challenge-in-kenya>.

<sup>2619</sup> UK launches second call for proposals for Business Innovation Challenge in Kenya, British High Commissioner (Nairobi) 1 March 2020. Access Date: 16 April 2020. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-launches-second-call-for-proposals-for-business-innovation-challenge-in-kenya>.

<sup>2620</sup> About Us, Kenya Catalytic Jobs. Access Date: 16 April 2020. <https://kenyacatalyticjobsfund.org/about-us/>.

<sup>2621</sup> UK launches second call for proposals for Business Innovation Challenge in Kenya, British High Commissioner (Nairobi) 1 March 2020. Access Date: 16 April 2020. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-launches-second-call-for-proposals-for-business-innovation-challenge-in-kenya>.

<sup>2622</sup> 'Tech for Growth' designed to increase financial services access, Department for International Trade (London), 27 July 2020. Access Date: 17 August 2020. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/tech-for-growth-designed-to-increase-financial-services-access>

Foreign Operations and Related Programs Fiscal Year 2020 Congressional Budget Justification shows the congressional appropriation to the United States African Development Foundation (USADF) dropping from USD30 million in 2018 to USD4.628 million in 2020.<sup>2624</sup>

On 27 September 2019, the USADF and Nigeria signed a memorandum of understanding agreeing to a five-year partnership.<sup>2625</sup> The partnership commits both countries to invest USD1 million annually towards the development of small and medium sized enterprises in the Niger State, with an emphasis on youth and women.<sup>2626</sup>

On 23 January 2020, the USADF, in conjunction with the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) announced plans to award a total of USD400 thousand in grant funding to young African social entrepreneurs in 22 Sub-Saharan countries.<sup>2627</sup>

On 10 February 2020, the USADF and Kebbi State, Nigeria pledged a collective USD10 million over five years to provide seed capital and technical assistance to local agribusinesses.<sup>2628</sup> The partnership will focus on the development of small and medium sized enterprises and increase their competitiveness in regional, national, and international markets.<sup>2629</sup>

On 12 February 2020, the Lagos State Employment Trust Fund partnered with the USADF and awarded grants to 11 Vocational Training Centres (VTCs).<sup>2630</sup> These VTCs will provide necessary skills to 15,000 youth in Lagos State over the next five years, allowing them to take advantage of employment opportunities.<sup>2631</sup>

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<sup>2623</sup> S.2583 — Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2020, United States Congress (Washington) 26 September 2019. Access Date: 8 December 2019. <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/senate-bill/2583/summary/00?q=%7B%22search%22%3A%5B%22Department+of+State%2C+Foreign+Operations%2C+and+Related+Programs%22%5D%7D&r=1>.

<sup>2624</sup> FY 2020 Congressional Budget Justification — Foreign Operations, U.S. Agency for International Development (Washington) 11 March 2019. Access Date: 8 December 2019. <https://www.usaid.gov/sites/default/files/documents/1881/FY-2020-CBJ-State-and-USAID-Appendix-2.pdf>.

<sup>2625</sup> USADF and the Government of Niger State (Nigeria) Announce \$10 Million Co-Funding Agreement During UNGA, United States African Development Foundation (New York) 27 September 2019. Access Date: 8 December 2019. <https://www.usadf.gov/pressreleases/2019/9/27/usadf-and-government-of-niger-state-nigeria-announce-co-funding-agreement>.

<sup>2626</sup> USADF and the Government of Niger State (Nigeria) Announce \$10 Million Co-Funding Agreement During UNGA, United States African Development Foundation (New York) 27 September 2019. Access Date: 8 December 2019. <https://www.usadf.gov/pressreleases/2019/9/27/usadf-and-government-of-niger-state-nigeria-announce-co-funding-agreement>

<sup>2627</sup> USADF, USAID, and Citi Foundation Team up to Invest in Young African Social Entrepreneurs, United States African Development Foundation (New York) 22 January 2020. Access Date: 12 April 2020. <https://www.usadf.gov/pressreleases?offset=1582038120558>

<sup>2628</sup> USADF and the Governor of Kebbi State, Nigeria kickoff 10 Million Dollar Partnership to Support Local Agribusiness, United States African Development Foundation (New York) 26 February 2020. Access Date: 12 April 2020. <https://www.usadf.gov/pressreleases?offset=1583954220043>

<sup>2629</sup> USADF and the Governor of Kebbi State, Nigeria kickoff 10 Million Dollar Partnership to Support Local Agribusiness, United States African Development Foundation (New York) 26 February 2020. Access Date: 12 April 2020. <https://www.usadf.gov/pressreleases?offset=1583954220043>

<sup>2630</sup> LSETF, USADF Award Grants to 11 Vocational Training Centres for Youth Capacity Building , United States African Development Foundation (New York) 26 February 2020. Access Date: 12 April 2020. <https://www.usadf.gov/pressreleases?offset=1582740218369>

<sup>2631</sup> LSETF, USADF Award Grants to 11 Vocational Training Centres for Youth Capacity Building , United States African Development Foundation (New York) 26 February 2020. Access Date: 12 April 2020. <https://www.usadf.gov/pressreleases?offset=1582740218369>

The United States has partially complied with its commitment to take bilateral and multilateral action to support both youth employment and entrepreneurship in Africa, noting that it has reduced congressional appropriation to the USADF for supporting these initiatives.

Thus, the United States receives a score of 0.

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### **European Union: +1**

The European Union has fully complied with its commitments to support entrepreneurship and youth employment in Africa.

On 11 September 2019, the EU and African Union (AU) alliance invested EUR17.6 million in Erasmus+, a program which allows for university exchanges between many African and European countries.<sup>2632</sup> The goal of the alliance's partnership is "investing in people by investing in education and skills."<sup>2633</sup>

On 19 September 2019, the EU independently announced an initiative, called BEE-LIEVE to help women and landless youth who are considered "smallholder" beekeepers.<sup>2634</sup> This initiative works on "improving the technical, business and entrepreneurial skills of small producers and other value chain actors and supporters" and offers capacity building for entrepreneurs.<sup>2635</sup>

On 18 December 2019, the EU stated that it will be entering the third phase of a project that creates quality Internet for research institutes and student groups.<sup>2636</sup> This third phase will have EUR30 million in funding.<sup>2637</sup> The press release backgrounder outlined how "research and innovation environments" can better the job prospects and enhance the work abilities of youth.<sup>2638</sup>

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<sup>2634</sup> Beekeepers Economic Empowerment through long-Term Investments in Entrepreneurship and Value chain in Ethiopia, European Union External Action (Brussels). 19 September 2019. Access Date: 13 December 2019.

[https://eeas.europa.eu/headquarters/headquarters-homepage/67604/beekeepers-economic-empowerment-throughlong-term-investments-entrepreneurship-and-value-chain\\_en](https://eeas.europa.eu/headquarters/headquarters-homepage/67604/beekeepers-economic-empowerment-throughlong-term-investments-entrepreneurship-and-value-chain_en).

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<sup>2636</sup> Africa-Europe Alliance: EU boosts pan-African Internet connectivity with €30 million, Delegation of the European Union to the African Union (Brussels) 18 December 2019. Access Date: 16 April 2020.

[https://eeas.europa.eu/delegations/african-union-au/72341/africa-europe-alliance-eu-boosts-pan-african-internet-connectivity-€30-million\\_en](https://eeas.europa.eu/delegations/african-union-au/72341/africa-europe-alliance-eu-boosts-pan-african-internet-connectivity-€30-million_en).

<sup>2637</sup> Africa-Europe Alliance: EU boosts pan-African Internet connectivity with €30 million, Delegation of the European Union to the African Union (Brussels) 18 December 2019. Access Date: 16 April 2020.

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<sup>2638</sup> Africa-Europe Alliance: EU boosts pan-African Internet connectivity with €30 million, Delegation of the European Union to the African Union (Brussels) 18 December 2019. Access Date: 16 April 2020.

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On 21 January 2020, the EU announced EUR5 million for the Babban Gona, which is a Nigerian cooperative of farmers.<sup>2639</sup> The Babban Gona offers “education and training in sustainable farming practices, provision of high quality affordable agricultural inputs, provision of storage facilities, as well as marketing and distribution support.”<sup>2640</sup> The Babban Gona is intended to generate employment for youth and limit “insecurity.”<sup>2641</sup>

On 28 January 2020, the EU held an awards ceremony for the Women Entrepreneurs Contest, providing each winning contestant with EUR5000.<sup>2642</sup> During the contest the participants were given mentoring, seed funding, and capacity building.<sup>2643</sup>

On 30 January 2020, the EU, Somaliland, and the Municipality of Berbera presented the Berbera Urban Development Project.<sup>2644</sup> This initiative gives EUR7.5 million to “support inclusive and sustainable development of the coastal city.”<sup>2645</sup> One of the ways that this will be accomplished is by encouraging entrepreneurship and new jobs.<sup>2646</sup> The EU Ambassador emphasized the Project’s importance in providing “improved decent work and business activity” for youth and other groups.<sup>2647</sup>

On July 9 2020, the EU granted Rwanda EUR10 million for the purpose of promoting private sector development, and jobs within this sector, specifically for its youth.<sup>2648</sup>

The EU has multilaterally promoted private sector youth employment by supporting Internet development for research and education networks in Africa, and bilaterally through the Babban Gona partnership and the Berbera Urban Development Project. The EU has bilaterally promoted entrepreneurship through the Berbera Urban Development Project and multilaterally through the Women Entrepreneurs Contest.

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<sup>2642</sup> Awards Ceremony of the Women Entrepreneurs Contest, Delegation of the European Union to the African Union (Tunis) 28 January 2020. Access Date: 16 April 2020. [https://eeas.europa.eu/delegations/african-union-au/73566/awards-ceremony-women-entrepreneurs-contest\\_en](https://eeas.europa.eu/delegations/african-union-au/73566/awards-ceremony-women-entrepreneurs-contest_en).

<sup>2643</sup> Awards Ceremony of the Women Entrepreneurs Contest, Delegation of the European Union to the African Union (Tunis) 28 January 2020. Access Date: 16 April 2020. [https://eeas.europa.eu/delegations/african-union-au/73566/awards-ceremony-women-entrepreneurs-contest\\_en](https://eeas.europa.eu/delegations/african-union-au/73566/awards-ceremony-women-entrepreneurs-contest_en).

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Thus, the EU receives a score of +1.

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