



DJIBOUTI FORUM

Gateway of Opportunities

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Djibouti Government VISION 2035

Vision 2035 is a long-term strategic plan for the Republic of Djibouti. Its objective is to position the country as a vital hub for the regional and continental economy. It was developed in tandem with Djiboutian youth, political parties, civil society, the private sector, and international development partners, and therefore reflects economic, political, and social goals for the whole of society.

About the Sovereign Wealth Fund of Djibouti

Established in March 2020, the Sovereign Wealth Fund of Djibouti was created to help improve governance, diversify the economy and catalyse greenfield investments in strategic sectors of the economy such as sustainable natural resources and energy, telco and digital infrastructure, financial services, general infrastructure, technology, tourism, healthcare and education.

The Fund aims to diversify and modernise the country's economy as well as boost the growth of the country by relying on a competitive private sector and generating wealth for future generations. Key state-owned enterprises from utilities, and logistics to telco, now feature in its portfolio to drive their modernisation. Its mission also consists of increasing investment and developing economic partnerships in the Horn of Africa region.

The Fund is under the stewardship of CEO, Dr. Slim Feriani, who has more than 25 years of experience in international capital markets and previously served as a Minister in Tunisia where he led two portfolios, focusing on industry and SMEs, as well as energy, mining and renewable energy.

6.5%

Djibouti is set to grow at 6.5% in 2024, one of the world's fastest growing economies, and with a stable currency.

Why now?

Djibouti is a small but strong country – a gateway to the economies of East Africa and the half a billion people that live in this dynamic region. Its currency, the Djibouti Franc, is stable and has been pegged to the U.S. dollar since 1949. Djibouti has no foreign exchange restrictions, and businesses are free to repatriate profits.

With a surface area of 23,200 square kilometres, Djibouti is approximately 33 times larger than Singapore, whose economic model inspires the Djibouti Government and its Sovereign Wealth Fund.

Djibouti's ports are strategically located at the crossroads of one of the busiest shipping routes in the world, linking Europe, the Far East, the Horn of Africa and the Persian Gulf. They are consistently ranked top among the continent's most important ports and are critical to refuelling and transshipment. Expansion plans will make them even more strategically important.

The country is host to six overseas military bases, emphasising this highly secure and strategic location – as well exceptional diplomatic relations with partners from the global North, global South, and the Arab World.

Djibouti is a country with a rich cultural tapestry too and has set itself a target of 500,000 annual visitors by 2035. Tourism is expected to play a key role in the country's economic diversification goals under the Djibouti Vision 2035.

At the crossroads of Africa, the Middle East and Asia. Djibouti offers real and immediate opportunities, making it the ideal destination for the forward-thinking investor.

DJIBOUTI FORUM

Convened by the Sovereign Wealth Fund of Djibouti, this two-day event is being launched to become a global platform to accelerate investment in fast growing emerging markets.

The inaugural Forum will showcase the potential and prospects of Djibouti as well as the African continent. It will bring together CEOs, investors and developers to foster collaboration amongst like-minded individuals, catalyse strategic investments for the whole subregion, and facilitate dialogue between the Fund and the institutional investment community.



“ Djibouti has the marine resources to increase fishing and seafood exports, and the infrastructure for submarine telecommunications cables to facilitate new digital activities and services. ”

H.E. Ismail Omar Guelleh,
President of the Republic of Djibouti





Why Attend?

Join a global audience of like minded professionals at the Djibouti Investment Forum. This by-invitation only event has been designed to bring targeted and high level decision makers to help **strengthen collaboration and unlock investment opportunities.**

With an impressive high-level roster of invited speakers, the Djibouti Forum will provide key insights for your business and you will keep your finger on the pulse of the latest investment trends and developments, and **gain unrivalled access to senior government officials, key business leaders and companies** in a number of strategic sectors for the continent.

The Forum is a unique platform for industry leaders, policymakers, and investors to come together and explore the **vast investment potential** of Djibouti's key sectors from tourism to logistics.

Expected bilateral and multilateral international financial institutions

Law Firms, Global Management Consultants

SWFs, Global Institutional Investors

African and International DFIs

Project Developers and Investors

Senior Leaders from the Private Sector

Infra Specialists Investing in Africa and EMs

Investors; Private Equity Funds

■ **The Power of Ports:** Situated at the crossroads of major shipping routes, Djibouti's world-class ports are critical links in global trade routes. The Forum offers an opportunity to share insights into how investments in Djibouti's ports can drive economic growth, enhance logistics, and facilitate international trade.

■ **Investing for Tomorrow:** The event will delve into Djibouti's key sectors in greater detail, including logistics, energy, telecommunications, and tourism, and the lucrative investment opportunities that they present.

■ **Uniting Continents:** Djibouti serves as a gateway to both neighbouring countries on the African continent and the Middle East. The Forum will showcase the unique investment opportunities that this presents, including the potential for cross-border collaborations and investments, and fostering economic integration.

■ **A World of Contacts:** The event promises extensive networking opportunities, connecting you with high-profile delegates, potential partners, and government officials from around the globe.

■ **Economic Growth:** Djibouti's government is committed to creating a conducive environment for investors. The Forum will shed light on the progressive policies and initiatives aimed at facilitating foreign investments, ensuring a mutually beneficial relationship between investors and the host nation.





Programme

The Forum has been designed to foster collaboration and broker deals. The format will consist of plenary sessions with sought-after experts and sectorial roundtables to deep dive into the best investment opportunities that Djibouti has to offer.

There will be a number of networking events, workshops, and platforms throughout the Forum to engage one-to-one with key decision makers as well as to develop ideas and instruments through which investors will be able to invest and/or derisk projects.

Interested parties will also be invited for a site visit to the state-of-the-art port, one of the most important in Djibouti, and those a little more adventurous can stay on for a unique visit to the unforgettable Moucha Islands to explore Djibouti's natural beauty and maybe even catch a glimpse of humpback whales.

Sectors of Interest

Infrastructure

Ports & Logistics

Energy and Renewables

Financial Markets

Agriculture & Fisheries

Tourism

Digital Economy, Fintech & Data Centers

\$2.3bn

Build on Djibouti's Success:

Infrastructure investments have driven our nation to remarkable growth, attracting over USD 2.3 billion in FDI between 2000 and 2020.

Programme Overview

DAY 0 - WELCOME

Cocktail Reception

DAY 1 - OPENING

Plenary and Presidential Roundtable (tbc)

Sectorial Roundtables and Project Showcases: Infrastructure, Ports & Logistics, Energy and Renewables and Financial Markets

Gala Dinner

DAY 2 - DJIBOUTI INVESTOR DAY

Investor's Day:

Matching Money to Bankable Projects

Sectorial Roundtables and Project Showcases: Agriculture & Fisheries, Tourism, Digital Economy, Fintech & Data Centers

Bilateral Meetings and Workshops





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