

# 2024 G7 Apulia Summit Interim Compliance Report

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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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## 17. Infrastructure: Partnership for Global Infrastructure and Investment

"We reaffirm our commitment to mobilize up to USD 600 billion through the PGII [Partnership for Global Infrastructure and Investment] by 2027 towards sustainable, inclusive, resilient, and quality infrastructure and investments with partner countries, with a particular focus on Africa and on the Indo-Pacific."

Apulia G7 Leaders' Communiqué

#### **Assessment**

	No Compliance	Partial Compliance	Full Compliance
Canada			+1
France			+1
Germany			+1
Italy			+1
Japan			+1
United Kingdom			+1
United States			+1
European Union			+1
Average		+1.00 (100%)	

## **Background**

First launched at the 2022 G7 Summit in Elmau, the Partnership for Global Infrastructure and Investment (PGII) highlights the growing importance of infrastructure development. The Covid-19 pandemic exposed significant gaps and inequalities in global infrastructure, supply chains, and development. In response, the G7 sought to address these issues through the PGII by building on previous infrastructure commitments and establishing a unified platform for collaboration on investments aimed at reducing global development disparities. Throughout its history the G7 has addressed the infrastructure-development link at various summits, advancing the issue through the global Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) in 2005. At the 2005 Gleneagles Summit, G8 leaders agreed to offer additional support to Africa to meet MDGs in the region. As part of this commitment, leaders pledged to mobilize investment in infrastructure to promote local business and trade. Examples of subsequent G7 deliberations on the subject follow:

At the 2007 Heiligendamm Summit, G8 leaders committed to yearly increases in their Official Development Assistance (ODA) amounts to Africa.<sup>2647</sup> This assistance consists of monetary sums allocated to African countries to support development projects, with a particular focus on infrastructure. Targeted development goals included bolstering good governance and supporting sustainable development.

At the 2008 Hokkaido-Toyako Summit, G8 leaders committed to collaborating with African leaders to develop private investment in the region.<sup>2648</sup> This included initiatives such as promoting "institutional capacity in financial markets, public-private partnerships to develop infrastructure, financial and technical assistance and risk-sharing guarantees for entrepreneurs and support of investment funds."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2646</sup> Chair's Summary, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 8 July 2005. Access Date: 11 September 2024. https://g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2005gleneagles/summary.html

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2647</sup> Growth And Responsibility in Africa, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 8 June 2007. Access Date: 11 September 2024. https://g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2007heiligendamm/g8-2007-africa.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2648</sup> G8 Hokkaido Toyako Summit Leaders' Declaration, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 8 July 2008. Access Date: 8 September 2024. https://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2008hokkaido/2008-declaration.html

At the 2013 Lough Erne Summit, G8 leaders pledged to explore public-private collaboration to facilitate investment into infrastructure projects in developing countries, with a particular focus on those in Africa.<sup>2649</sup>

At the 2014 Brussels Summit, G7 leaders stressed the importance of the MDGs.<sup>2650</sup> In Africa in particular, leaders committed to development that was inclusive, supportive of democracy and good governance, and sustainable infrastructure.

At the 2015 Elmau Summit, G7 leaders aimed to eliminate extreme poverty by 2030; complete the Millenium Development Goals; and support sustainability, inclusion, and good governance in their development agenda. They committed to pursuing infrastructural development goals in collaboration with the private sector.

At the 2016 Ise-Shima Summit, G7 members released the five Principles for Promoting Quality Infrastructure Investment, which aimed to promote development mindful of environmental, social, and governance implications of development.<sup>2652</sup> These goals were to be pursued in collaboration with the private sector.

At the 2017 Taormina Summit, G7 members noted the importance of high-quality infrastructure investment and, in Africa, supporting the African Union Agenda to provide future generations with quality infrastructure.<sup>2653</sup> Leaders committed to heightened collaboration with African leaders in pursuit of sustainable development.

At the 2018 Charlevoix Summit, G7 leaders reaffirmed their commitment towards stimulating sustainable and inclusive economic growth, in collaboration with the private sector, in line with the Sustainable Development Goals.<sup>2654</sup>

At the 2021 Cornwall Summit, G7 leaders recognized the challenges posed to developing countries by the Covid-19 pandemic and aimed to "build back better" with environmentally and socially sustainable infrastructure investment.<sup>2655</sup> Specific development goals included the use of ODA to help countries transition away from coal power.

At the 2022 Elmau Summit, G7 leaders launched the PGII initiative as a continuation to their initiatives from the 2021 Cornwall Summit, with an initial commitment to mobilize up to USD600 billion in collective investments over the next five years.<sup>2656</sup> In particular, they restated their support for sustainable development in Africa.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2649</sup> G8 Lough Erne Leaders Communiqué, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 18 June 2013. Access Date: 8 September 2024. https://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2013lougherne/lough-erne-communique.html

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2650</sup> G7 Brussels Summit Declaration, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 5 June 2014. Access Date: 11 September 2024. https://g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2014brussels/declaration.html

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2651</sup> Leaders' Declaration: G7 Summit, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 8 June 2015. Access Date: 11 September 2024. https://g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2015elmau/2015-G7-declaration-en.html

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2652</sup> G7 Ise-Shima Principles for Promoting Quality Infrastructure Investment, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 27 May 2016. Access Date: 8 September 2024. https://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2016shima/infrastructure-investment.html

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2653</sup> G7 Taormina Leaders' Communiqué, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 27 May 2017. Access Date: 24 September 2022. https://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2017taormina/communique.html

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2654</sup> Charlevoix Commitment on Innovative Financing for Development, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 9 June 2018. Access Date: 11 September 2024. https://g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2018charlevoix/communique.html

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2655</sup> Carbis Bay G7 Summit Communiqué: Our Shared Agenda for Global Action to Build Back Better, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 13 June 2021. Access Date: 11 September 2024. https://g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2021cornwall/210613-communique.html

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2656</sup> G7 Leaders' Communiqué, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 28 June 2022. Access Date: 8 September 2024. https://www.g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2022elmau/220628-communique.html

At the 2023 Hiroshima Summit, G7 leaders reaffirmed their commitment towards the PGII and mobilizing USD600 billion in funds by 2027.<sup>2657</sup> Moreover, they pledged to utilize innovative financing mechanisms to increase ODA spending, collaborate with the private sector, and to promote gender inclusivity in their development programs.

At the 2024 Apulia Summit, members "reaffirm[ed] [their] commitment to mobilize up to USD 600 billion through the PGII by 2027 towards sustainable, inclusive, resilient, and quality infrastructure and investments with partner countries, with a particular focus on Africa and on the Indo-Pacific."

#### **Commitment Features**

The "Partnership for Global Infrastructure and Investment" was launched at the G7's 2022 Elmau Summit. It coordinates infrastructure investment from public and multilateral contributors towards flagship projects, with a view toward encouraging private investment. PGII projects are often (though not exclusively) transnational economic corridors aimed at promoting trade connectivity and reliable supply chains between host countries.

The flagship PGII projects mentioned in the G7 members' joint statement on the PGII, issued at the Apulia Summit, are:

- The Lobito Corridor, between Angola, Zambia and the Democratic Republic of the Congo;
- The Middle Corridor, a transport route from Southeast Asia through to Eastern Europe via the Caspian Sea and the Caucasus using major ports in Kazakhstan, Türkiye, Georgia and Azerbaijan;
- The Luzon Corridor, connecting commercial hubs in the south of the Filipino island of Luzon; and
- The India-Middle East-Europe Corridor (IMEC) between India and France via sea routes through the Mediterranean Sea and Suez Canal, and land routes connecting Oman, the United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Qatar, Jordan and Israel.<sup>2658</sup>

The commitment specifies a focus on Africa and the Indo-Pacific regions.

#### **Definitions and Concepts**

"Reaffirm" is understood to mean "to affirm (something) again especially so as to strengthen or confirm." 2659 The original topline commitment to mobilize USD600 billion towards PGII-supported projects stems from language in the 2022 Elmau Summit communiqué, and as such the similar language present in this commitment reaffirms a previous pledge, rather than introducing a new goal.

"Commitment" is understood to mean "to do or perform, to pledge or bind (a person or an organization) to a certain course or policy."2660

"Mobilize" is understood to mean "to marshal (something, such as resources) for action." 2661 This definition, for coding purposes, appreciates the succeeding context (USD600 billion); thus, monetary sums are understood

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2657</sup> G7 Hiroshima Leaders' Communiqué, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 20 May 2023. Access Date: 8 September 2024. https://g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2023hiroshima/230520-communique.html

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2658</sup> G7 Partnership for Global Infrastructure and Investment Side Event Co-Chair Statement, G7 Information Centre (Borgo Egnazia) 13 June 2024. Access Date: 4 September 2024. https://g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2024apulia/240613-gpii.html <sup>2659</sup> Reaffirm, Merriam-Webster Dictionary (Springfield) n.d. Access Date: 2 September 2024. https://www.merriamwebster.com/dictionary/reaffirm

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2660</sup> Compliance Coding Manual for International Institutional Commitments, G7 and G20 Research Groups (Toronto) 12 November 2020. Access Date: 4 September 2024.

https://www.g7.utoronto.ca/compliance/Compliance\_Coding\_Manual\_2020.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2661</sup> Mobilize, Merriam-Webster Dictionary (Springfield) n.d. Access Date: 4 September 2024. https://www.merriamwebster.com/dictionary/mobilize

to be the objects of mobilization. Taken in context, leaders have committed to mobilize these sums both through their own disbursements and through encouraging private and multilateral investment.

"Sustainable" is understood to mean "of, relating to, or being a method of harvesting or using a resource so that the resource is not depleted or permanently damaged." For a project to be sustainable, it must demonstrate a focus on using natural resources in environmentally and ecologically conscious ways, and/or on adapting existing infrastructure to make existing consumption more efficient. Examples of projects conducive to sustainability include infrastructure retrofitting, decoupling from non-renewable and/or polluting energy sources, or sustainable financing over the long term.

"Inclusive" is understood to mean that "all parties are included in the discussion and decision-making process taking into account relative capabilities." For a project to be inclusive, it should include various stakeholders including representatives of the host country/countries and members of communities affected by infrastructure development. Additionally, a project models inclusivity by meaningfully recognizing and incorporating a wide array of groups (such as women and gender minorities, low-income people, or historically marginalized groups) into its policy-making efforts. Holding multilateral meetings with representatives of partner countries (defined below) or co-organizing public consultations on specific development plans that emphasize economic opportunities and access for individuals in marginalized groups are examples of compliant actions pertaining to inclusivity.

"Resilient" is understood to mean "tending to recover from or adjust easily to misfortune or change." <sup>2664</sup> For a project to be resilient, it must demonstrate a focus on preserving durable supply chains from major economic or environmental shocks, such as natural disasters. Endorsing projects that build with natural disaster-resistant materials would be an example of a strong action in this regard.

The definition of "quality" infrastructure conforms to the G7 Ise-Shima Principles for Promoting Quality Infrastructure Investment.<sup>2665</sup> For a project to represent a quality infrastructure investment, it must: 1) be economically efficient, effectively governed and resilient to natural and cyber-security risks; 2) create jobs and facilitate skills development in the local economy; 3) address all relevant social and environmental impacts; 4) align with higher-order climate- and environmental standards; and 5) meaningfully incorporate private finance and multilateral development banks in development.

The term "partner country" is understood in context as being any country involved with or hosting a PGII-endorsed project. For instance, Angola, Zambia and the Democratic Republic of the Congo would be considered partner countries to the Lobito Corridor, and any country outside the G7 supporting the project through their development agencies would also be considered a "partner country."

"Focus" is understood to mean "directed attention." While the commitment calls for a "particular focus" on projects in Africa and the Indo-Pacific region, there are ongoing PGII flagship projects that do not directly involve either region, and no aspect of the commitment implies exclusive focus on Africa and the Indo-Pacific.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2662</sup> Sustainable, Merriam-Webster Dictionary (Springfield) n.d. Access Date: 4 September 2024. https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/sustainable

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2663</sup> Compliance Coding Manual for International Institutional Commitments, G7 and G20 Research Groups (Toronto) 12 November 2020. Access Date: 4 September 2024.

https://www.g7.utoronto.ca/compliance/Compliance Coding Manual 2020.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2664</sup> Resilient, Merriam-Webster Dictionary (Springfield) n.d. Access Date: 18 September 2024. https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/resilient

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2665</sup> G7 Ise-Shima Principles for Promoting Quality Infrastructure, G7 Information Centre (Toronto) 27 May 2016. Access Date: 13 December 2024. https://g7.utoronto.ca/summit/2016shima/infrastructure-investment.html

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2666</sup> Focus, Merriam-Webster Dictionary (Springfield) n.d. Access Date: 4 September 2024. https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/focus

Thus, that a project in question does not support Africa and/or the Indo-Pacific region does not count against otherwise compliant actions.

## **General Interpretive Guidelines**

This commitment calls for further investment in existing flagship and other infrastructure projects or, due to the major role of private and multilateral investment in the PGII framework, actions that directly facilitate multilateral or private finance inflows to these projects. These projects must also be sustainable, inclusive, resilient and quality infrastructure and investments. Thus, this commitment is best understood in two dimensions. First, leaders have committed to mobilize significant funding for infrastructure projects. Secondly, leaders have committed that projects receiving funding will represent the majority of "sustainable, inclusive, resilient and quality" indicators.

Full compliance, or a score of +1, will be awarded to members that take strong action through the PGII and have done so whilst ensuring that supported projects are sustainable, inclusive, resilient and represent quality infrastructure and investments.

Examples of strong actions in dimension one include direct investment in projects via members' development agencies or projects (for example, the European Union's Global Gateway or Italy's Mattei Plan for Africa), the announcement of blended funding packages with private or multilateral partners, or the announcement of disbursements by private or multilateral funders that include some coordination, negotiation or other significant involvement by a member's institutions.

The sum of money mobilized is also relevant for determining compliance with the first dimension of this commitment. For compliance for multi-year financial commitments such as the USD600 billion goal set in 2022, members are not expected to progress based on a simple linear progression towards the goal. Each member is evaluated on the basis of whether or not there has been meaningful progress towards full compliance with the USD600 billion funding goal, and whether or not full compliance remains feasible under the framework of random progression towards the funding goal. This involves a consideration of money mobilized for each member under the two previous compliance cycles. Naturally, therefore, the expectations vary by member and do not involve hard-set quantitative delineations.

For full compliance, these actions also must align with the second dimension, with supported projects responding to concerns around sustainability, inclusivity, and encompassing overall developmental quality standards.

Actions that ensure compliance regarding sustainability, for example, might include those that mitigate the environmental impact of infrastructure development, provide countries with clean-energy infrastructure, or otherwise respond to the capacity of the recipient to sustain and maintain infrastructure without depleting limited resources. Actions that ensure compliance with inclusivity, for example, might connect rural or remote populations to quality services, invest in infrastructure that is accessible to large swathes of the population regardless of socio-economic status, or include and consult women and marginalized groups in the planning, construction, and governance of infrastructure projects. Actions that ensure compliance regarding resilience, for example, might include infrastructural projects designed to withstand natural disasters or those that are built with quality materials such that constant and costly maintenance is not required by recipients.

Partial compliance, or a score of 0, will be awarded to any member that takes strong action in support of the PGII and other infrastructure projects without action to ensure all projects represent sustainable, inclusive, resilient and quality infrastructure and investments, or if a member takes weak action in support of infrastructure projects whilst upholding a majority of investment criteria (dimension two). Weak actions may

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2667</sup> Compliance Coding Manual for International Institutional Commitments, Global Governance Program (Toronto) 12 November 2020. Access Date: 13 December 2024. https://g7.utoronto.ca/compliance/Compliance Coding Manual 2020.pdf

include consultations with partners that do not directly result in new funding disbursements or facilitate future funding, and statements reaffirming the commitment without material action to that effect.

Non-compliance, or a score of -1, will be awarded to any member that takes weak action in support of the PGII or other infrastructure projects but does not ensure compliance with a majority of the investment criteria, or to any member that does not take any action in support of infrastructure projects.

## **Scoring Guidelines**

-1	The G7 member has not taken any action towards mobilizing USD600 billion towards sustainable, inclusive, resilient and quality infrastructure projects or has taken only weak action towards mobilizing USD600 billion in infrastructure investments and has only ensured compliance with one or fewer of the following criteria in their investment: 1) sustainability, 2) inclusivity, and 3) resilience.
0	The G7 member has taken weak action towards mobilizing USD600 billion towards infrastructure projects and has ensured compliance with two or more of the following dimensions in their investment: 1) sustainability, 2) inclusivity, and 3) resilience, or has taken strong action towards mobilizing USD600 billion towards infrastructure projects but has not ensured compliance with all three criteria.
+1	The G7 member has taken strong action towards mobilizing USD600 billion towards infrastructure projects and has ensured compliance with all three criteria: 1) sustainability, 2) inclusivity, and 3) resilience.

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#### Canada: +1

Canada has fully complied with its commitment to mobilize up to USD600 billion through the Partnership for Global Infrastructure and Investment (PGII)by 2027 towards sustainable, inclusive, resilient, and quality infrastructure and investments with partner countries, with a particular focus on Africa and on the Indo-Pacific.

On 20 June 2024, Minister of International Development Ahmed Hussen announced a CAD85 million funding disbursement for the African Vaccine Manufacturing Accelerator (AVMA). This funding will support pandemic resilience and the development of vaccine manufacturing and supply chains, including infrastructure developments such as storage facilities, with African manufacturing partners.

On 1 July 2024, Minister of Export Promotion, International Trade and Economic Development Mary Ng welcomed a modernized Canada-Ukraine Free Trade Agreement.<sup>2669</sup> The modernized agreement aims to facilitate Ukrainian redevelopment, including telecommunications infrastructure.

On 17 July 2024, FinDev Canada announced a USD100 million loan to support clean electricity distribution and sustainable transport through FirstRand Bank.<sup>2670</sup> The funding aligns with the seventh Sustainable Development Goal on clean and affordable energy.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2668</sup> Canada announces support for vaccine manufacturing in Africa, Global Affairs Canada (Ottawa) 20 June 2024. Access Date: 29 September 2024. https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2024/06/canada-announces-support-for-vaccine-manufacturing-in-africa.html

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2669</sup> Modernized Canada-Ukraine Free Trade Agreement enters into force, Global Affairs Canada (Ottawa) 1 July 2024. Access Date: 29 September 2024. https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2024/07/modernized-canada-ukraine-free-trade-agreement-enters-into-force.html

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2670</sup> FinDev Canada announces US\$ 100M commitment to FirstRand Bank to support climate finance in Sub-Saharan Africa, FinDev Canada (Montreal) 17 July 2024. Access Date: 5 January 2025. https://www.findevcanada.ca/en/news/findev-canada-announces-us-100m-commitment-firstrand-bank-support-climate-finance-sub-saharan

On 23 September 2024, commitment to sustainable development in Africa. <sup>2671</sup> This includes promoting plans that support sustainable and resilient infrastructure in African countries, as well as efforts to accelerate the mobilization of G7 and domestic resources.

On 27 September 2024, the Government of Canada signed a joint statement on the security and resilience of undersea cables during the 79th annual United Nations General Assembly. The statement emphasizes the importance of the resilience, sustainability and inclusivity of infrastructure and therefore constitutes action towards promoting resilient infrastructure.

On 16 October 2024, Minister Hussen announced CAD29.4 million in funding to support credit, loan and insurance access for financially underserved groups worldwide.<sup>2673</sup> This disbursement, undertaken jointly alongside the Desjardins private insurance company, aims to promote inclusive development and investment by connecting underserved groups with lines of credit and other financial services.

On 17 October 2024, Minister Ng announced the Team Canada Trade Mission to Australia, which she will lead in February 2025.<sup>2674</sup> This mission will provide insights for Canadian companies on investment opportunities in various sectors, including digital infrastructure, and will foster deeper partnerships in the Indo-Pacific region.

On 5 November 2024, FinDev Canada and international partners including Proparco signed a USD100 million financing agreement to advance wind and solar production in Argentina. The funding supports affordable, reliable, sustainable, clean and modern energy infrastructure in Argentina.

On 7 November 2024, FinDev Canada committed CAD18.8 billion in a multilateral funding arrangement for clean and reliable electricity in the Dominican Republic.<sup>2676</sup> The funding supports modern solar power production and storage capabilities to increase sustainable energy in the country.

On 12 November 2024, Minister of the Environment and Climate Change Steven Guilbeault launched the USD1.5 billion GAIA climate finance platform.<sup>2677</sup> GAIA aims to mobilize climate investment including for energy infrastructure in 25 developing and emerging economies.<sup>2678</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2671</sup> Foreign Ministers' Chair's Statement (New York) 23 September 2024. Access Date: 26 October 2024. https://www.g7.utoronto.ca/foreign/240923-statement.html

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2672</sup> Joint Statement on the Security and Resilience of Undersea Cables in a Globally Digitalized World, Global Affairs Canada (Ottawa) 27 September 2024. Access Date: 31 October 2024. https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2024/09/joint-statement-on-the-security-and-resilience-of-undersea-cables-in-a-globally-digitalized-world.html

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2673</sup> Canada announces \$29.4 million in funding to support small-scale financial institutions in developing countries, Global Affairs Canada (Montréal) 16 October 2024. Access Date: 13 December 2024. https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2024/10/canada-announces-294-million-in-funding-to-support-small-scale-financial-institutions-in-developing-countries.html

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2674</sup> Minister Ng announces 2025 Team Canada Trade Missions to bring more of Canada to the Indo-Pacific, Global Affairs Canada (Ottawa) 17 October 2024. Access Date: 31 October 2024. https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2024/10/minister-ng-announces-2025-team-canada-trade-missions-to-bring-more-of-canada-to-the-indo-pacific.html

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2675</sup> FMO, FinDev Canada and Proparco support Argentinian renewable energy sector with US\$ 100 million FMO-syndicated loan to Gennei, FinDev Canada (Montreal) 5 November 2024. Access Date: 5 January 2025. https://www.findevcanada.ca/en/news/fmo-findev-canada-and-proparco-support-argentinian-renewable-energy-sector-us-100-million-fmo

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2676</sup> FinDev Canada, IDB Invest and FMO invest in Enertur to boost renewable energy in the Dominican Republic, FinDev Canada (Montreal) 7 November 2024. Access Date: 5 January 2025. https://www.findevcanada.ca/en/news/findev-canada-idb-invest-and-fmo-invest-enertur-boost-renewable-energy-dominican-republic

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2677</sup> During the World Leaders Climate Action Summit at COP29, Minister Guilbeault announces major Canadian-led climate finance platform, Environment and Climate Change Canada (Baku) 12 November 2024. Access Date: 28 December 2024. https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/news/2024/11/during-the-world-leaders-climate-action-summit-at-cop29-minister-guilbeault-announces-major-canadian-led-climate-finance-platform.html

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2678</sup> GAIA – US\$ 1.48 billion blended finance platform for climate projects in emerging markets and developing economies – commercial agreement on significant terms, FinDev Canada (Baku) 13 November 2024. Access Date: 28 December 2024. https://www.findevcanada.ca/en/news/gaia-us-148-billion-blended-finance-platform-climate-projects-emerging-markets-and-developing

On 14 November 2024, Minister Ng and Prime Minister Justin Trudeau participated in the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Ministerial Meeting.<sup>2679</sup> Minister Ng engaged in talks with other APEC members regarding economic partnerships and connectivity. Additionally, Prime Minister Trudeau announced the development of a new economic partnership agreement with Indonesia, which aims to promote investment as well as labour and capital mobility between the two countries.

On 18 November 2024, Canada made an unspecified pledge as part of a USD1.3 billion multilateral investment "for developing low-carbon production processes and green lead markets in developing and emerging countries." <sup>2680</sup>

On 28 November 2024, Global Affairs Canada released a report summarizing a multi-stakeholder consultation process on Canada's climate-related official development assistance (ODA) programs. The report notes call for increased disbursements for low-income countries and to better integrate private-sector finance and Indigenous perspectives into climate-related ODA programs. This process aims to improve the inclusivity of Canada's climate-related ODA programs.

On 6 December 2024, Minister Ng led a Team Canada Trade Mission to the Philippines.<sup>2682</sup> During the visit, representatives of the two countries signed arrangements for broader cooperation on sustainable nuclear energy infrastructure.

On 18 December 2024, FinDev Canada announced a USD35 million financing agreement to fund sustainable infrastructure projects including the energy transition in Sub-Saharan Africa.<sup>2683</sup>

Canada has fully complied with its commitment to mobilize up to USD600 billion through the PGII by 2027 towards sustainable, inclusive, resilient, and quality infrastructure and investments with partner countries, with a particular focus on Africa and on the Indo-Pacific. Canada has taken strong action toward building sustainable, inclusive, resilient, and quality infrastructure systems. Qualitatively, Canada has taken strong action to ensure the inclusivity of its development assistance programs, particularly those geared towards climate and environmental finance.

Thus, Canada receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Zulal Tunc

#### France: +1

France has fully complied with its commitment to mobilize up to USD600 billion through the Partnership for Global Infrastructure and Investment (PGII)by 2027 towards sustainable, inclusive, resilient, and quality infrastructure and investments with partner countries, with a particular focus on Africa and on the Indo-Pacific.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2679</sup> Minister Ng strengthens economic ties at Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Ministerial Meeting in Lima, Peru, Global Affairs Canada (Ottawa) 18 November 2024. Access Date: 13 December 2024. https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2024/11/minister-ng-strengthens-economic-ties-at-asia-pacific-economic-cooperation-ministerial-meeting-in-lima-peru.html

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2680</sup> Cop: Germany, UK, Canada co-operate on climate finance, argus Media (London) 18 November 2024. Access Date: 5 January 2025. https://www.argusmedia.com/en/news-and-insights/latest-market-news/2629945-cop-germany-uk-canada-co-operate-on-climate-finance

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2681</sup> What we heard: Canada's next international climate and nature finance commitment for developing countries, Global Affairs Canada (Ottawa) 28 November 2024. Access Date: 13 December 2024. https://international.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/consultations/2024-05-10-climate-nature-finance/report

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2682</sup> In Manila, Philippines, Minister Ng concludes Canada's largest Team Canada Trade Mission, Global Affairs Canada (Ottawa) 6 December 2024. Access Date: 8 December 2024. https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2024/12/in-manila-philippines-minister-ng-concludes-canadas-largest-team-canada-trade-mission.html

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2683</sup> FinDev Canada invests US\$ 35 million in Pembani Remgro Infrastructure Fund II to develop sustainable infrastructure in South Africa, FinDev Canada (Montreal) 18 December 2024. Access Date: 5 January 2025. https://www.findevcanada.ca/en/news/findev-canada-invests-us-35-million-pembani-remgro-infrastructure-fund-ii-develop-sustainable

On 30 June 2024, the French Development Agency (AFD) signed a cooperation agreement with the European Union and the Egyptian government to support food security by constructing new wheat silos across six Egyptian governorates with an EUR60 million grant.<sup>2684</sup> Under the agreement, the AFD will work with the Egyptian Ministry of Supply and Internal Trade to construct enough silos to accommodate an extra 420,000 tons of grains.

On 5 July 2024, the AFD committed EUR800,000 to a Franco-Moroccan partnership in decarbonized hydrogen. This investment supports decarbonization and increased sustainability as part of Morocco's energy transition.

On 17 July 2024, the AFD committed EUR60 million to finance the Seven Forks Solar Power Plant project in Kenya.<sup>2686</sup> This project will produce environmentally sustainable energy while also reducing the cost of electricity and contributing to the economic development of Kenya.

On 25 July 2024, President Emmanuel Macron met with the President-elect of Indonesia Prabowo Subianto to discuss the development of Franco-Indonesian security and development initiatives.<sup>2687</sup> This partnership aims to address urban development and to the support energy transition in Indonesia.

On 26 July 2024, President Macron met with the President of Madagascar Andry Rajoelina to discuss Franco-Malagasy partnerships. 2688 Proposed collaboration includes initiatives such as developing transport and energy infrastructure in Madagascar.

On 23 September 2024, G7 foreign ministers reaffirmed their commitment towards sustainable development in Africa. This includes promoting plans that support sustainable and resilient infrastructure in African countries, as well as efforts to accelerate the mobilization of G7 and domestic resources.

On 15 October 2024, the AFD strengthened its partnership with Microfinance Solidaire, providing an additional EUR2 Million in loans.<sup>2690</sup> These loans help Microfinance Solidaire to assist entrepreneurs who work to provide access to clean energy across Sub-Saharan Africa, Southeast Aisa and Hati.

On 15 October 2024, in a joint press release with Canada, the United Kingdom and Germany among others, Secretary of State to the Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs Thani Mohamed-Soilihi announced the

<sup>2690</sup> Microfinance Solidaire pursues its support for microentrepreneurs, backed by Proparco, Agence Française de Développement (Paris) 15 October 2024. Access Date: 19 December 2024. https://www.proparco.fr/en/actualites/microfinance-solidaire-pursues-its-support-microentrepreneurs-backed-proparco

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2684</sup> EU-Egypt Strategic Partnership: Egypt, AFD Group and EU join forces to strengthen Egypt's food security, Agence Française de Développement (Paris) 30 June 2024. Access Date: 29 September 2024. https://www.afd.fr/en/actualites/communique-depresse/eu-egypt-strategic-partnership-egypt-afd-group-and-eu-join-forces-strengthen-egypts-food-security

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2685</sup> Innovating in decarbonized hydrogen: partnership between AFD, IRESEN and SATT Paris-Saclay, France in Morocco (Rabat) 5 July 2024. Access Date: 29 September 2024. https://ma.ambafrance.org/Innover-dans-l-hydrogene-decarbone-partenariat-entre-l-AFD-l-IRESEN-et-la-SATT

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2687</sup> Entretien avec Prabowo Subianto, Président élu de la République d'Indonésie, Élysée (Paris) 25 July 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 29 October 2024. https://www.elysee.fr/emmanuel-macron/2024/07/25/entretien-avec-prabowo-subianto-president-elu-de-la-republique-dindonesie

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2688</sup> Entretien avec Andry Rajoelina, Président de la République de Madagascar, Élysée (Paris) 26 July 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 29 October 2024. https://www.elysee.fr/emmanuel-macron/2024/07/26/entretien-avec-andry-rajoelina-president-de-la-republique-de-madagascar

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2689</sup> Foreign Ministers' Chair's Statement (New York) 23 September 2024. Access Date: 26 October 2024.

https://www.g7.utoronto.ca/foreign/240923-statement.html <sup>2690</sup> Microfinance Solidaire pursues its support for microentrepreneurs, backed by Proparco, Agence França

Hamburg Platform for Sustainable Development.<sup>2691</sup> This platform will combine and standardize public and private investments in emerging markets and developing economies to support large-scale sustainable development projects in line with the Sustainable Development Goals.

On 24 October 2024, Secretary Mohamed-Soilihi participated in the G7 Ministerial Meeting on Development.<sup>2692</sup> During this meeting, he reaffirmed France's commitment to combat malnutrition and support food security in pursuit of its global health goals.

On 28 October 2024, President Macron and the King Mohammed VI of Morocco reaffirmed the partnership between France and Morocco to further sustainable development.<sup>2693</sup> This partnership includes promoting joint initiatives to strengthen road, rail and maritime infrastructure, as well as urban mobility.

On 29 October 2024, the AFD granted Bancóldex, Colombia's export-import bank, access to a USD100 million line of credit.<sup>2694</sup> The line of credit is particularly geared towards supporting entrepreneurial projects that improve Colombia's climate adaptability.

On 1 November 2024, the AFD and European Union concluded an implementation agreement for an economic cooperation program with Indonesia.<sup>2695</sup> Over the course of five years, starting in 2025, the AFD and EU will provide funding of at least EUR3 million to support Indonesia's clean energy transition, with a particular focus on infrastructure investments to facilitate decarbonization and green hydrogen use.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2691</sup> Plateforme de Hambourg pour le développement durable – De nouvelles alliances sont nécessaires pour fournir des financements mixtes à grande échelle (Berlin, le 15 octobre 2024), Ministère de L'Europe et des Affaires Étrangères (Berlin) 15 October 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 26 October. https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/fr/politique-etrangere-de-la-france/developpement/evenements-et-actualites-sur-le-theme-du-developpement/evenements-et-actualites-sur-le-theme-du-developpement-durable-de-nouvelles-alliances <sup>2692</sup> M. Thani Mohamed-Soilihi, Secrétaire d'État chargé de la Francophonie et des Partenariats internationaux, s'est rendu à Pescara, en Italie au G7 en format développement (24 octobre 2024), Ministère de L'Europe et des Affaires Étrangères (Paris) 24 October 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 26 October 2024.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2693</sup> Déclaration relative au « partenariat d'exception renforcé » entre le Royaume du Maroc et la République française, Élysée (Paris) 28 October 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 29 October 2024.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2694</sup> BANCÓLDEX ACCÈDE À UNE LIGNE DE CRÉDIT TRANSFORMATIONNELLE DE L'AFD DE 100 MILLIONS DE DOLLARS, Agence Française de Développement (Paris) 8 November 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 13 December 2024. https://www.afd.fr/fr/actualites/communique-de-presse/bancoldex-accede-une-ligne-de-credit-transformationnelle-de-lafd-de-100-millions-de-dollars

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2695</sup> L'INDONÉSIE, LA FRANCE ET L'UE RENFORCENT LEUR PARTENARIAT POUR ACCÉLÉRER LA TRANSITION ÉNERGÉTIQUE, Agence Française de Développement (Paris) 8 November 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 13 December 2024. https://www.afd.fr/fr/actualites/communique-de-presse/lindonesie-la-france-et-lue-renforcent-leur-partenariat-pour-accelerer-la-transition-energetique

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2696</sup> L'INDONÉSIE, LA FRANCE ET L'UE RENFORCENT LEUR PARTENARIAT POUR ACCÉLÉRER LA TRANSITION ÉNERGÉTIQUE, Agence Française de Développement (Paris) 8 November 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 13 December 2024. https://www.afd.fr/fr/actualites/communique-de-presse/lindonesie-la-france-et-lue-renforcent-leur-partenariat-pour-accelerer-la-transition-energetique

On 4 November 2024, Secretary Mohamed-Soilihi attended the World Urban Forum (WUF) in Cairo.<sup>2697</sup> The WUF aims to improve the international development of sustainable cities. At this meeting, Secretary Mohamed-Soilhi spoke on the development of smart cities and housing, while also reaffirming France's commitment with Egypt to develop more sustainable cities through the AFD.

On 5 November 2024, Proparco, a development finance institution of the French government, and international partners including FinDev Canada signed a USD100 million financing agreement to advance wind and solar production in Argentina.<sup>2698</sup> The funding supports affordable, reliable, sustainable, clean and modern energy in Argentina.

On 8 November 2024, the AFD signed an EUR400 million to the government of South Africa, to facilitate South Africa's transition to a low-emission economy. The loan aims to ensure an inclusive transition process for communities in South Africa that primarily use, or benefit economically from, coal-powered energy.

On 12 November 2024, AFD officials participated in the fourth ASEAN [Association of South East Asian Nations]-France Development Partnership Committee meeting.<sup>2700</sup> At this meeting, the AFD committed EUR2.5 million to support the development of an integrated ASEAN-wide electricity network.

On 19 November 2024, the AFD concluded a partnership with the government of Montenegro valued at EUR50.95 million.<sup>2701</sup> The funding aims to support Montenegro's climate adaptability, renewable energy investments and infrastructure modernization.

France has fully complied with its commitment to mobilize up to USD600 billion through the PGII by 2027 towards sustainable, inclusive, resilient, and quality infrastructure and investments with partner countries, with a particular focus on Africa and on the Indo-Pacific. Through the AFD, France has advanced several international partnerships with leaders in the focus areas of Africa and the Indo-Pacific and has mobilized funds towards projects that involve infrastructure development in comply with the criteria of sustainability, inclusivity, and resilience.

Thus, France receives a score of +1.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2697</sup> 12e édition du Forum urbain mondial (FUM) en faveur des villes durables (du 4 au 8 novembre 2024), Ministère de L'Europe et des Affaires Étrangères (Paris) 4 November 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 4 December 2024. https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/fr/politique-etrangere-de-la-france/la-france-et-les-nations-unies/evenements-et-actualites-liesaux-nations-unies/actual ites/article/12e-edition-du-forum-urbain-mondial-fum-en-faveur-des-villes-durables-du-4-au-8<sup>2698</sup> FMO, FinDev Canada and Proparco support Argentinian renewable energy sector with US\$ 100 million FMO-syndicated loan to Gennei, FinDev Canada (Montreal) 5 November 2024. Access Date: 5 January 2025. https://www.findevcanada.ca/en/news/ fmo-findev-canada-and-proparco-support-argentinian-renewable-energy-sector-us-100-million-fmo <sup>2699</sup> L'AGENCE FRANÇAISE DE DÉVELOPPEMENT CONCLUT LES NÉGOCIATIONS POUR LE PRÊT DE POLITIQUE PUBLIQUE DE 7,6 MILLIARDS DE RANDS (400 MILLIONS D'EUROS) POUR LA TRANSITION ÉNERGÉTIQUE JUSTE DE L'AFRIQUE DU SUD, Agence Française de Développement (Paris) 8 November 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 13 December 2024. https://www.afd.fr/fr/actualites/communique-de-presse/lagence-francaise-de-developpement-conclut-les-negociationspour-le-pret-de-politique-publique-de-76-milliards-de-rands-400-millions-deuros-pour-la-transition <sup>2700</sup> QUATRIÈME RÉUNION DU COMITÉ DE PARTENARIAT DE DÉVELOPPEMENT ASEAN-FRANCE : LA FRANCE RENFORCE LE PARTENARIAT POUR UN DÉVELOPPEMENT DURABLE ET RÉSILIENT EN ASIE DU SUD-EST, Agence Française de Développement (Paris) 12 November 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 13 December 2024. https://www.afd.fr/fr/actualites/communique-de-presse/quatrieme-reunion-du-comite-de-partenariat-de-developpementasean-france-la-france-renforce-le-partenariat-pour-un-developpement-durable-et-resilient-en-asie-du-sud <sup>2701</sup> MONTÉNÉGRO ET FRANCE : UN PARTENARIAT AMBITIEUX POUR UNE TRANSITION VERTE, Agence Française de Développement (Paris) 19 November 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 13 December 2024. https://www.afd.fr/fr/actualites/communique-de-presse/montenegro-et-france-un-partenariat-ambitieux-pour-une-transition-verte

#### Germany: +1

Germany has fully complied with its commitment to mobilize up to USD600 billion through the Partnership for Global Infrastructure and Investment (PGII) by 2027 towards sustainable, inclusive, resilient, and quality infrastructure and investments with partner countries, with a particular focus on Africa and on the Indo-Pacific.

On 19 June 2024, State Secretary for Development Jochen Flasbarth signed an agreement with Mozambican Foreign Minister César Francisco de Gouveia Júnior for climate and development cooperation between Germany and Mozambique.<sup>2702</sup> German involvement will develop green energy infrastructure initiatives, including storm-proof power grids and climate-adapting retrofits to existing houses and power lines.

On 20 June 2024, the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) announced that it would support the African Vaccine Manufacturing Accelerator (AVMA).<sup>2703</sup> The AVMA aims to strengthen pandemic resilience and vaccine manufacturing and supply chains, including infrastructure developments such as storage facilities, alongside African manufacturing partners.

On 28 June 2024, Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development Svenja Schulze concluded a cooperation agreement on climate and renewable energies with the government of Morocco.<sup>2704</sup> As part of this agreement, Germany will support the development of a green hydrogen industry in Morocco and facilitate electricity trading between Morocco and the European Union given Morocco's wind and solar conditions.

On 13 September 2024, Chancellor Olaf Scholz and the President of Kenya William Ruto reaffirmed their dedication to a German-Kenyan climate and development partnership, as well as continued collaboration in the development of sustainable technologies.<sup>2705</sup> This reaffirms Germany's commitment towards aiding sustainable energy initiatives in Kenya, furthering German-Kenyan industrial relations and expanding Kenyan access to sustainable supply chains.

On 23 September 2024, G7 foreign ministers reaffirmed their commitment to sustainable development in Africa.<sup>2706</sup> This includes promoting plans that support sustainable and resilient infrastructure in African countries, as well as efforts to accelerate the mobilization of G7 and domestic resources.

On 24 September 2024, Chancellor Scholz, in collaboration with the President of Namibia Nangolo Mbumba, chaired the United Nations Summit of the Future and coordinated negotiations for the Pact for the Future.<sup>2707</sup> The Pact for the Future aims to mobilize significant investments and resources, and to remove obstacles to sustainable development.<sup>2708</sup> The pact also aims to expand sustainable trade with developing nations and to provide them with sustainable and accessible project financing.

https://www.g7.utoronto.ca/foreign/240923-statememt.html

<sup>2707</sup> For a better present and future, Press and Information Office of the Federal Government (New York) 24 September 2024. Access Date: 24 October 2024. https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-en/news/united-nations-summit-of-the-future-2311248 <sup>2708</sup> Pact for the Future, Global Digital Compact and Declaration on Future Generations, United Nations (New York) 23 September 2024. Access Date: 24 October 2024. https://www.un.org/sites/un2.un.org/files/sotf-pact for the future adopted.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2702</sup> Deutschland und Mosambik schließen Klima- und Entwicklungspartnerschaft, Bundesministerium für Wirtschaftliche Zusammenarbeit und Entwicklung (Berlin) 19 June 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 29 September 2024. https://www.bmz.de/de/aktuelles/aktuelle-meldungen/deutschland-und-mosambik-klima-und-entwicklungspartnerschaft-215620 <sup>2703</sup> Neue Finanzierung für Impfstoffe aus Afrika, Bundesministerium für wirtschaftliche Zusammenarbeit und Entwicklung (Berlin) 20 June 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 29 September 2024.

https://www.bmz.de/de/aktuelles/aktuelle-meldungen/neue-finanzierung-fuer-impfstoffe-aus-afrika-215652

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2704</sup> Deutschland und Marokko vereinbaren Allianz für Klima und Energie, Bundesministerium für Wirtschaft und Klimaschutz (Berlin) 28 June 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 30 December 2024. https://www.bmwk.de/ Redaktion/DE/Pressemitteilungen/2024/06/20240628-deutschland-marokko-allianz-fuer-klima-und-energie.html

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2705</sup> Engere Kooperation im Bereich Migration, Die Bundesregierung (Berlin) 13 September 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 24 October 2024. https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-de/aktuelles/scholz-trifft-ruto-2308452 <sup>2706</sup> Foreign Ministers' Chair's Statement (New York) 23 September 2024. Access Date: 26 October 2024.

On 11 October 2024, Chancellor Scholz committed EUR170 million towards the redevelopment of Ukrainian infrastructure.<sup>2709</sup> This support follows Russian attacks on Ukrainian energy infrastructure including power stations and power lines. Specifically, these funds will support the repair and restoration of heating infrastructure.

On 15 October 2024, in a joint press release with France, Canada and the United Kingdom among others, the Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development announced the Hamburg Platform for Sustainable Development.<sup>2710</sup> This platform combines and standardizes public and private investments in emerging markets and developing economies to support large-scale sustainable development projects following the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

On 16 October 2024, the Government of Germany adopted the Focus on India strategic document, updating bilateral Indo-German relations across multiple fields, including development cooperation.<sup>2711</sup> Policy goals for 2025 and onwards include establishing energy security, collaborating on energy storage technologies, expanding local public transport and partnering with India to support sustainable development initiatives in Africa and the Pacific Island states.<sup>2712</sup>

On 25 October 2024, Chancellor Scholz and the Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi co-chaired the seventh India-Germany Inter-Governmental Consultations to expand the Focus on India initiative.<sup>2713</sup> Both parties affirmed a focus on sustainability, renewable energy and development cooperation. Both parties also reaffirmed their commitment to the Green and Sustainable Development Partnership and announced the India-Germany Innovation and Technology Partnership Roadmap as well as the Indo-German Green Hydrogen Roadmap. Chancellor Scholz and Prime Minister Modi also announced the scaling up of development projects in Cameroon, Ghana and Malawi, as well as the launch of pilot development projects in Madagascar and Ethiopia under the Triangular Development Cooperation initiative.

On 12 November 2024, the KfW, Germany's development financial institution, announced a EUR23 million loan to Axian Energy to develop a solar energy system in the Casamance region of Senegal.<sup>2714</sup> The investment, facilitated by the KfW's Deutsche Investitions- und Entwicklungsgesellschaft subsidiary, seeks to increase the energy supply in Senegal by mobilizing low-carbon energy sources.

On 18 November 2024, Minister for Economic Affairs and Climate Action Robert Habeck announced a USD220 million German pledge "for developing low-carbon production processes and green lead markets in developing and emerging countries."<sup>2715</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2709</sup> "Playing for time won't work", Press and Information Office of the Federal Government (Berlin) 14 October 2024. Access Date: 24 October 2024. https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-en/news/chancellor-zelensky-berlin-2314868

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2710</sup> New alliances are needed to provide blended finance at scale, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (Berlin) 15 October 2024. Access Date: 26 October 2024. https://www.bmz.de/en/news/press-releases/hamburg-sustainability-platform-to-provide-blended-finance-231056

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2711</sup> India as a key partner in the Indo-Pacific: The German Government adopts Focus on India paper, Federal Foreign Office (Berlin) 16 October 2024. Access Date: 30 October 2024. https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/en/aussenpolitik/focus-on-india/2680284

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2712</sup> Focus on India, Federal Foreign Office (Berlin) 16 October 2024. Access Date: 30 October 2024. https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/blob/2680288/8909ac2c501ab85d55defff7d1b8b75d/241016-fokus-indien-data.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2713</sup> Joint Statement: 7th India-Germany Inter-Governmental Consultations (IGC), Federal Foreign Office (New Delhi) 25 October 2024. Access Date: 30 October 2024. https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/en/newsroom/news/-/2681720

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2715</sup> Cop: Germany, UK, Canada co-operate on climate finance, argus Media (London) 18 November 2024. Access Date: 5 January 2025. https://www.argusmedia.com/en/news-and-insights/latest-market-news/2629945-cop-germany-uk-canada-co-operate-on-climate-finance

On 19 November 2024, the Federal Environment Ministry and the Federal Foreign Office announced, at the 2024 United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP29), a EUR60 million contribution to the Adaptation Fund.<sup>2716</sup> These funds will contribute to climate adaptation efforts in developing countries.

On 28 November 2024, Germany pledged EUR200 million in loans to finance the energy transition in South Africa.<sup>2717</sup> The funds aim to support solar and wind power and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. These loans will also finance vocational and technical schools to train skilled workers for South Africa's energy transition, aiming to simultaneously combat social inequality and support industry by equipping young workers with skills that the South African economy needs. Alongside pairing these loans with a separate fund combatting violence against women, the aims of this action constitute compliance with ensuring inclusivity.

Germany has fully complied with its commitment to mobilize up to USD600 billion through the PGII by 2027 towards sustainable, inclusive, resilient, and quality infrastructure and investments with partner countries, with a particular focus on Africa and on the Indo-Pacific. Germany has made significant investments in infrastructure in partner nations and well as led international initiatives to meet these targets, such as the Pact for the Future. German and German-supported infrastructure initiatives support climate adaptation, combat social inequalities, and support energy transitions, indicating compliance with the qualitative criteria of sustainability, inclusivity and resilience.

Thus, Germany receives a score of +1.

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#### Italy: +1

Italy has fully complied with its commitment to mobilize up to USD600 billion through the Partnership for Global Infrastructure and Investment (PGII) by 2027 towards sustainable, inclusive, resilient, and quality infrastructure and investments with partner countries, with a particular focus on Africa and on the Indo-Pacific.

On 15 June 2024, the Italian government organized an event on African development on the sidelines of the G7 summit.<sup>2718</sup> This event allowed representatives involved with various initiatives for African Infrastructural Development across both public and private sectors to come together and collaborate.

On 23 June 2024, the Italian Embassy in Mogadishu and the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation launched a EUR2 million initiative to improve the tracking of local water and land resources in cooperation with the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO).<sup>2719</sup> This initiative will support local adoption of the FAO's digital management, aiding local decision-making and climate resilience against flooding. The FAO's Digital Services Portfolio aims to foster digital inclusion and therefore counts for the inclusion criteria.<sup>2720</sup>

<sup>2717</sup> Germany remains important partner for South Africa's socially just energy transition, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (Berlin) 28 November 2024. Access Date: 5 December 2024. https://www.bmz.de/en/news/press-releases/germany-supports-south-africas-socially-just-energy-transition-239574

<sup>2718</sup> President Meloni's closing press conference at the G7 Summit, Italian Government Presidency of the Council of Ministers (Rome) 15 June 2024. Access Date: 25 September 2024. https://www.governo.it/en/articolo/president-meloni-s-closing-press-conference-g7-summit/26481

<sup>2719</sup> Somalia: Italia e FAO lanciano iniziativa per migliorare la gestione di risorse idriche e terrestri, L'Agenzia Italiana per la Cooperazione allo Sviluppo (Nairobi) 23 June 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 25 September 2024. https://www.aics.gov.it/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/Somalia-Italia-e-FAO-lanciano-iniziativa-per-migliorare-la-gestione-dirisorse-idriche-e-terrestri.pdf

<sup>2720</sup> FAO Digital Services Portfolio, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (Rome) n.d. Access Date: 5 January 2025. https://www.fao.org/digital-services/en

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2716</sup> COP 29: Deutschland investiert mit Beitrag zu internationalem Klimaanpassungsfonds in globale Resilienz und Stabilität, Auswärtigen Amt (Baku) 19 November 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 30 November 2024. https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/de/newsroom/2685558-2685558

On 26 June 2024, Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni delivered a speech to the Chamber of Deputies, reaffirming Italy's commitment to infrastructure development.<sup>2721</sup> She underscored the necessity of continued cooperation in this area and highlighted Italy's efforts to integrate its own development initiatives within the EU Global Gateway initiative, particularly in the Lobito Corridor.

On 6 July 2024, Prime Minister Meloni signed an agreement with the President of Algeria Abdelmadjid Tebboune to collaborate on sustainable agriculture as part of the Mattei Plan for supporting African development.<sup>2722</sup> As part of the agreement, the Government of Algeria will grant land to a private Italian company that will then rejuvenate it for sustainable agricultural use.

On 8 July 2024, Director General for Development Cooperation at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Stefano Gatti, Director of International Cooperation and Development Finance at the Italian National Promotional Institution Paolo Lombardo signed an agreement with the Government of Mozambique for the construction of the "Centro Agroalimentare di Manica" in the western Manica province of Mozambique.<sup>2723</sup> Italy will contribute EUR38 million in financing towards building this regional processing and distribution hub for local food and agricultural products.

On 30 September 2024, Prime Minister Meloni met with the CEO of investment firm BlackRock, Larry Fink, after Blackrock's participation in the 2024 G7 Apulia Summit PGII side event.<sup>2724</sup> Prime Minister Meloni and Fink discussed the potential for new equitable partnerships in Africa, investments into African countries and the creation of new financing instruments for African projects.

On 9 October 2024, Foreign Affairs Minister Antonio Tajani met with Brazilian government officials and entrepreneurs at the Italy-Brazil Business Forum.<sup>2725</sup> During this Forum, two of Italy's state-owned banks concluded an agreement that allows the Banco do Brasil access to a EUR250 million line of credit to finance a port in the municipality of Aracruz.

On 10 October 2024, Prime Minister Meloni met with the United States Secretary of Commerce Gina Raimondo to discuss economic relations between Italy and the United States.<sup>2726</sup> In particular, they discussed cooperation on the implementation of the Mattei Plan, particularly the development of the Lobito Corridor.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2721</sup> President Meloni's address to the Chamber of Deputies ahead of the European Council meeting on 27-28 June, Italian Government Presidency of the Council of Ministers (Rome) 6 July 2024. Access Date: 26 September 2024. https://www.governo.it/en/articolo/president-meloni-s-address-chamber-deputies-ahead-european-council-meeting-27-28-june/26151

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2722</sup> Italy and Algeria sign agreement on high-tech regenerative agriculture, Italian Government Presidency of the Council of Ministers (Rome) 8 July 2024. Access Date: 25 September 2024. https://www.governo.it/en/articolo/italy-and-algeria-sign-agreement-high-tech-regenerative-agriculture/26192

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2723</sup> Mattei Plan for Africa: agreement signed for food and agriculture center in Mozambique, Italian Government Presidency of the Council of Ministers (Rome) 8 July 2024. Access Date: 25 September 2024. https://www.governo.it/en/articolo/mattei-planafrica-agreement-signed-food-and-agriculture-centre-mozambique/26202

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2724</sup> President Meloni meets with Chairman and CEO of BlackRock, Italian Government Presidency of the Council of Ministers (Rome) 30 September 2024. Access Date: 27 October 2024. https://www.governo.it/en/articolo/president-meloni-meets-chairman-and-ceo-blackrock/26693

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2725</sup> In São Paulo, Tajani meets with the Brazilian Government and entrepreneurs. "The Italian System must strengthen in Latin America," Ministero degli Affari Esteri e della Cooperazione Internazionale (Rome) 9 October 2024. Access Date: 13 December 2024. https://www.esteri.it/en/sala\_stampa/archivionotizie/comunicati/2024/10/a-san-paolo-tajani-incontra-il-governo-e-gli-imprenditori-del-brasile-il-sistema-italia-deve-rafforzarsi-in-america-latina/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2726</sup> Meeting with United States Secretary of Commerce, Italian Government Presidency of the Council of Ministers (Rome) 10 October 2024. Access Date: 27 October 2024. https://www.governo.it/en/articolo/meeting-united-states-secretary-commerce/26754

On 10 October 2024, the Italian Export Credit Agency, the European Investment Bank and Enel announced up to USD300 million in funding for Enel Colombia's power grids and renewable energy generation projects. This funding will be used to develop two solar photovoltaic plants with a capacity of approximately 486 megawatts to support individuals in the Bogotá Region. By adding grid capacity, this project will make energy more affordable in Columbia.

On 24 October 2024, the G7 Ministerial Meeting on Development launched the PGII Secretariat to improve the coordination and implementation of investments.<sup>2728</sup> The Secretariat will also communicate PGII progress and further infrastructure initiatives.

On 18 November 2024, President Meloni committed to increasing Italy's contribution to the three-year renewal of the International Development Association.<sup>2729</sup> The measure aims to boost Italy's support for projects within the framework of the Mattei Plan including investment in infrastructure.

On 27 November 2024, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Edmondo Cirielli signed an agreement to provide a EUR45 million funding package to the Republic of the Congo.<sup>2730</sup> This funding aims to support the development of the Republic of the Congo's healthcare system.

On 3 December 2024, Italy's new MedOr Project held its inaugural meeting.<sup>2731</sup> The project aims to foster geo-economic and social-cultural partnerships with countries in Africa, the Middle and Far East, South America and the Mediterranean. Participants discussed developing programs for infrastructure and transport services in partner countries.

Italy has fully complied with its commitment to mobilize up to USD600 billion through the PGII by 2027 towards sustainable, inclusive, resilient, and quality infrastructure and investments with partner countries, with a particular focus on Africa and on the Indo-Pacific. Italy has taken strong action towards ensuring sustainable, resilient and inclusive African infrastructure through the Mattei Plan.

Thus, Italy receives a score of +1.

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## Japan: +1

Japan has fully complied with its commitment to mobilize up to USD600 billion through the Partnership for Global Infrastructure and Investment (PGII) by 2027 towards sustainable, inclusive, resilient, and quality infrastructure and investments with partner countries, with a particular focus on Africa and on the Indo-Pacific.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2727</sup> Colombia: EIB Global provides Enel Colombia with \$300 million loan for renewable energy generation and power grid improvements, European Investment Bank (Luxembourg) 10 October 2024. Access Date: 28 December 2024. https://www.eib.org/en/press/all/2024-371-eib-global-provides-enel-colombia-with-usd300-million-loan-for-renewable-energy-generation-and-power-grid-improvements

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2728</sup> Communiqué, Meeting of G7 Development Ministers, G7 Information Centre (Pescara) 23 October 2024. Access Date: 24 October 2024. https://www.g7.utoronto.ca/dev/2024-communique.html

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2729</sup> Vertice G20, incontro del Presidente Meloni con il Presidente della Banca Mondiale, Governo Italiano (Rome) 18 November 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 25 November 2024. https://www.governo.it/it/articolo/vertice-g20-incontro-del-presidente-meloni-con-il-presidente-della-banca-mondiale/27074

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2730</sup> Deputy Minister Cirielli signs an agreement for the development of integrated healthcare services in the Republic of the Congo, Ministero degli Affari Esteri e della Cooperazione Internazionale (Rome) 27 November 2024. Access Date: 13 December 2024. https://www.esteri.it/en/sala\_stampa/archivionotizie/comunicati/2024/11/vice-ministro-cirielli-firma-accordo-per-lo-sviluppo-dei-servizi-sanitari-integrati-della-repubblica-del-congo/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2731</sup> MedOr Project: Inaugural Meeting of the Strategic Committee Held at Palazzo Chigi, Italian Government Presidency of the Council of Ministers (Rome) 3 December 2024. Access Date: 7 December 2024. https://www.governo.it/en/articolo/medor-project-inaugural-meeting-strategic-committee-held-palazzo-chigi/27213

On 20 June 2024, the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) released a round of "Sustainability Bonds" amounting to JPY20 billion<sup>2732</sup> These bonds support JICA's development aid disbursements, broadly supporting the Agency's mandate including infrastructural investments. JICA has committed not to use any proceeds from these bonds towards projects using coal as an energy source, demonstrating compliance with sustainability concerns.

On 20 June 2024, the Development Bank of Japan Inc. (DBJ) has agreed to invest in Breakthrough Energy Ventures Select Fund I, managed by Breakthrough Energy Ventures (BEV) that focuses on scaling emissionsfree global companies.<sup>2733</sup> As the first Japanese bank to invest in the fund, DBJ aims to accelerate carbon neutrality by leveraging its risk capital and collaborating with BEV to support decarbonization efforts and promote sustainable development.

On 5 July 2024, JICA committed approximately JPY84 billion in development assistance to the city of Mumbai, India.<sup>2734</sup> The aid will support the Mumbai Metro Line 3 construction process, which aims to improve public transit connectivity in Mumbai. IICA expects that the loan agreement will support various UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), including SDG 9 (Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure), SDG 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities) and SDG 13 (Climate Action).

On 30 July 2024, JICA signed a Record of Discussions for cooperation on "The Project for Strengthening the Implementation Capacity of Water Supply Services through Introduction of Volumetric Flow Meter in Tajikistan" with the Government of Tajikistan.<sup>2735</sup> This partnership aims to support Tajikistan's progress towards achieving SDG 6, clean water and sanitation.

On 1 August 2024, IICA signed an agreement to provide grant aid to the Government of Kyrgyzstan for multiple initiatives backed by up to JPY2.153 billion in grants.<sup>2736</sup> Initiative targets include improving air connectivity and supporting healthcare infrastructure in Kyrgyzstan including the treatment of breast cancer and cardiovascular disease.

On 8 August 2024, JICA signed an agreement with the Government of Tajikistan to provide aid up to JPY2 billion for the Project of Improvement of the Water Supply System located in Jomi District.<sup>2737</sup> These funds will support access to clean water in surrounding areas.

<sup>2736</sup> Signing of Grant Agreement with the Kyrgyz Republic: Contributing to improving the quality of public medical services through the provision of medical equipment and to enhance regional connectivity and economic development through the improvement of international airports, Japan International Cooperation Agency (Tokyo) 13 August 2024. Access Date: 31 October 2024. https://www.jica.go.jp/english/information/press/2024/20240808\_31.html

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2732</sup> JICA Launches JYP 20 Billion Non-Guaranteed Domestic Bonds Tranches, Japan International Cooperation Agency (Tokyo) 20 June 2024. Access Date: 29 September 2024. https://www.jica.go.jp/english/information/press/2024/20240620\_31.html <sup>2733</sup> DBJ to Invest in Breakthrough Energy Ventures Fund to Support Later-Stage Climate Innovations --First Japanese Bank to invest in BEV Select Fund I--, Development Bank of Japan (Tokyo) 20 June 2024. Access Date: 29 December 2024. https://www.dbj.jp/en/topics/dbj news/2024/html/20240620 204823.html

<sup>2734</sup> インド向け円借款貸付契約の調印:本邦企業も多く進出するムンバイでメトロ建設~交通渋滞緩和を通じ、経済活動の活発化及び気候 変動の抑制に貢献~, 国際協力機構 (Tokyo) 5 July 2024. Translation provided by Google Translate. Access Date: 29 September 2024. https://www.jica.go.jp/information/press/2024/20240702\_31.html

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2735</sup> Signing of Record of Discussions on Technical Cooperation Project with Tajikistan: Contributing to the improvement of water supply services through the establishment of a foundation for the nationwide distribution of metered tariff model, Japan International Cooperation Agency (Tokyo) 13 August 2024. Access Date: 31 October 2024.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2737</sup> Signing of Grant Agreement with Tajikistan: Support for improving the water supply service, Japan International Cooperation Agency (Tokyo) 13 August 2024. Access Date: 31 October 2024. https://www.jica.go.jp/english/information/press/2024/20240808 32.html

On 19 August 2024, JICA signed an agreement with the Government of Palau to grant up to JPY2.79 billion for the Project for the Reconstruction of Minato Bridge.<sup>2738</sup> This project will strengthen trade connectivity in Palau, demonstrating Japan's commitment to infrastructural development in the Indo-Pacific region.

On 30 September 2024, JICA signed a loan agreement of up to USD100 million with the Development Bank of Southern Africa.<sup>2739</sup> This project aims to support the sustainable economic development of the Republic of South Africa by facilitating the financing of renewable energy initiatives that will drive the growth of green infrastructure.

On 14 October 2024, JICA signed an agreement with the Government of Madagascar to grant up to JPY2.9 billion for the Project for the Expansion and Improvement of Water Supply System in Toamasina.<sup>2740</sup> This project aims to support access to safe water and aligns with both Japan's commitment to support infrastructural development in Africa and United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 6.

On 16 October 2024, JICA signed a Record of Discussions to cooperate with Tunisia on the "The Project for Urban Mobility Master Plan Study in Greater Tunis." The project aims to improve regional infrastructure to reduce the effects of traffic congestion and air pollution and aligns with Japan's commitment to support infrastructural development in Africa.

On 17 October 2024, JICA signed an agreement with the Government of Tanzania to grant up to JPY4.1 billion to support the Project for Construction of Dodoma City Inner Ring Road.<sup>2742</sup> This aid will fund the construction of new roads and aligns with Japan's commitment to support infrastructural development in Africa.

On 24 October 2024, the JICA signed a loan agreement of maximum JPY6.58 billion with Ecuador for the Chachimbiro Geothermal Development Project.<sup>2743</sup> This project will help promote the use of renewable energy, diversification of power sources and increase in power generation capacity.

On 30 October 2024, JICA signed an agreement with the Government of Laos to provide up to JPY2.84 billion for the Project for Improvement of Vientiane International Airport.<sup>2744</sup> This project aims to increase the efficiency of the airport and contributes to SDG 9.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2738</sup> Signing of Grant Agreement with Palau: strengthening the bridge and stabilize transportation capacity by re-constructing the Minato Bridge, Japan International Cooperation Agency (Tokyo) 19 August 2024. Access Date: 31 October 2024. https://www.jica.go.jp/english/information/press/2024/20240819\_21.html

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2739</sup> Signing of a Loan Agreement for Green Finance Promotion Project in Republic of South Africa (Private Sector Investment Finance): Boosting Energy Transition over the Country, Japan International Cooperation Agency (Tokyo) 30 September 2024. Access Date: 29 December 2024. https://www.jica.go.jp/english/information/press/2024/20241118\_21.html

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2740</sup> Signing of Grant Agreement with Madagascar: Contributing to safe and stable water supply through constructing, installing, and replacing water supply facilities in Toamasina, Japan International Cooperation Agency (Tokyo) 21 October 2024. Access Date: 31 October 2024. https://www.jica.go.jp/english/information/press/2024/20241021\_21.html

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2741</sup> Signing of Record of Discussions on Technical Cooperation Project with the Republic of Tunisia: Supporting sustainable urban development through the development of urban transport master plans, Japan International Cooperation Agency (Tokyo) 17 October 2024. Access Date: 31 October 2024. https://www.jica.go.jp/english/information/press/2024/20241017\_41.html <sup>2742</sup> Signing of Grant Agreement with Tanzania: Contributing to smoother traffic and improvement of the living environment through road development in the capital, Japan International Cooperation Agency (Tokyo) 25 October 2024. Access Date: 31 October 2024. https://www.jica.go.jp/english/information/press/2024/20241025\_21.html

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2743</sup> Signing of Japanese ODA Loan Agreement for Ecuador: Promoting the Use of Renewable Energy, Diversifying Power Sources, and Increasing Power Generation Capacity through Construction of a Geothermal Power Plant, Japan International Cooperation Agency (Tokyo) 25 October 2024. Access Date: 29 December 2024. https://www.jica.go.jp/english/information/press/2024/20241025\_41.html <sup>2744</sup> Signing of Grant Agreement with Lao People's Democratic Republic: Contributing to strengthening the industrial base and connectivity with neighboring countries through improvement of Vientiane International Airport, Japan International Cooperation Agency (Tokyo) 31 October 2024. Access Date: 31 October 2024.

On 18 November 2024, JICA loaned the Government of Iraq JPY60.040 million to bring the Basrah Oil Refinery up to higher sustainability standards.<sup>2745</sup> This money will go towards constructing a new fluid catalytic cracking complex which will increase efficiency and reduce the environmental toll of activities.

On 19 November 2024, Ambassador Tsutomu Koizumi signed a grant agreement to provide up to JPY615 million to Laos for "The Project for Strengthening Disaster Response Capacity through the Establishment of Evacuation Shelters." These funds will improve Laotian climate resilience by constructing flood shelters, which will be built accessibly and in response to the needs of women, children, and people with disabilities.

On 25 November 2024, JICA signed a loan agreement with the Government of Bangladesh to provide JPY38.206 million in funding for the development of a railway bridge and sewer treatment system.<sup>2747</sup> These projects are aimed at creating sustainable, safe and accessible infrastructure.

On 29 November 2024, JICA agreed to loan the Development Bank of South Africa up to USD100 million for the financing of renewable energy projects.<sup>2748</sup> This long-term funding aims to help South Africa develop its sustainable green infrastructure sector.

On 4 December 2024, Ambassador Naohisa Okuda signed an agreement to provide up to JPY700 million to Vanuatu for economic and social development.<sup>2749</sup> The project will equip Vanuatu with a research vessel and other items to monitor and sustainably manage its fisheries.

On 5 December 2024, Ambassador Keisuke Senda signed an agreement providing up to JPY390 million to Samoa for economic and social development.<sup>2750</sup> This project will provide Samoa with equipment to develop its drinking water infrastructure, addressing Samoa's most pressing infrastructural needs.

Japan has fully complied with its commitment to mobilize up to USD600 billion through the PGII by 2027 towards sustainable, inclusive, resilient, and quality infrastructure and investments with partner countries, with a particular focus on Africa and on the Indo-Pacific. Japan has mobilized significant funds and has ensured compliance with sustainability inclusivity, and resilience, through supporting emissions reductions, improving access to markets and clean water, and building accessible disaster shelters.

Thus, Japan receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Zulal Tunc

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 <sup>2745</sup> Signing of Japanese ODA Loan Agreement with the Republic of Iraq: Contributing to an increase in high-quality oil products that meet environmental standards through the upgrading of the Basrah Refinery, Japan International Cooperation Agency (Tokyo) 18
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 2746 Signing and Exchange of Notes concerning the Grant Aid to the Lao People's Democratic Republic "The Project for Strengthening Disaster Response Capacity through the Establishment of Evacuation Shelters," Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 19
 November 2024. Access Date: 20 December 2024. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/pressite\_000001\_00741.html
 2747 Signing of Japanese ODA Loan Agreement with Bangladesh: Contributing to efficient logistics and improve connectivity through constructing railway bridge, and Improving living, sanitation and water environment by developing a sewerage system, Japan International Cooperation Agency (Tokyo) 27 November 2024. Access Date: 8 December 2024.
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2748</sup> Signing of a Loan Agreement for Green Finance Promotion Project in Republic of South Africa (Private Sector Investment Finance): Boosting Energy Transition over the Country, Japan International Cooperation Agency (Tokyo) 29 November 2024. Access Date: 8 December 2024. https://www.jica.go.jp/english/information/press/2024/20241118\_21.html

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2749</sup> Grant Assistance to the Republic of Vanuatu: Signing and Exchange of Notes on "the Economic and Social Development Programme (Fishery Research Vessel)", Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 4 December 2024. Access Date: 20 December 2024. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/pressite\_000001\_00782.html

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2750</sup> Grant Assistance to the Independent State of Samoa: Signing and Exchange of Notes on "the Economic and Social Development Programme (Equipment related to the development of underground water resources)", Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 5 December 2024. Access Date: 20 December 2024. https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/pressite\_000001\_00790.html

#### United Kingdom: +1

The United Kingdom has fully complied with its commitment to mobilize up to USD600 billion through the PGII by 2027 towards sustainable, inclusive, resilient, and quality infrastructure and investments with partner countries, with a particular focus on Africa and on the Indo-Pacific.

On 20 June 2024, the United Kingdom pledged GBP49 million towards the launch of the Gavi Investment Opportunity and African Vaccine Manufacturing Accelerator (AVMA) aimed at promoting investment in local vaccine manufacturing and development in Africa.<sup>2751</sup> AVMA initiatives improve pandemic resilience through the development of vaccine supply chains, storage facilities, and related infrastructure with African manufacturing partners.

On 12 July 2024, Trade Commissioner for Asia Pacific Martin Kent and British Ambassador to Laos Melanie Barlow attended the ASEAN (Association of South East Asian Nations)-UK Senior Economic Officials meeting.<sup>2752</sup> During the meeting, British officials spoke on their efforts to deepen economic bonds including by promoting the United Kingdom's infrastructure business in the region.

On 15 July 2024, delegates from United Kingdom Export Finance (UKEF) met with representatives of the Guatemalan government, private industry, and financial institutions to discuss how the United Kingdom could help finance infrastructure projects in the country.<sup>2753</sup>

On 17 July 2024, a UKEF delegation met with officials from the Government of Honduras.<sup>2754</sup> The bilateral aimed to explore infrastructure projects in Honduras that could benefit from UK financing and investment.

On 8 August 2024, UKEF and the Polish export credit agency, KUKE, granted a EUR249 million loan through the Standard Chartered Bank to be utilized for construction of solar power plants in Turkey.<sup>2755</sup> The funding will allow the development of the project and the advancement of the renewable energy sector in Turkey.

On 27 August 2024, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for the Indo-Pacific Catherine West announced GBP12.9 million in funding for several programs, most notably Transforming Energy Access (TEA) and the Pacific Resilience Facility (PCF).<sup>2756</sup> The TEA funds support solar and hydrogen systems while the PCF provides general climate finance to the region. The funds contribute to financing infrastructure.

On 9 September 2024, CEO of UKEF Tim Reid and Executive Vice-President of the Chilean Production Development Corporation announced a partnership agreement aimed to aid in the green hydrogen sector.<sup>2757</sup>

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2751</sup> Foreign Secretary to attend Gavi summit to launch AVMA, Government of the United Kingdom (London) 20 June 2024. Access Date: 25 September 2024. https://www.gov.uk/government/news/foreign-secretary-to-attend-gavi-summit-to-launch-avma <sup>2752</sup> UK deepens commitment to ASEAN-UK Economic ties in Vientiane, Government of the United Kingdom (London) 12 July 2024. Access Date: 25 September 2024. https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-deepens-commitment-to-asean-uk-economic-ties-in-vientiane

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2753</sup> UK delegation seeks to enhance trade with Guatemala through competitive financing, Government of the United Kingdom (London) 15 July 2024. Access Date: 3 October 2024. https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-delegation-seeks-to-enhance-trade-with-guatemala-through-competitive-financing

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2754</sup> UK Delegation Seeks to Enhance Trade with Honduras through Competitive Financing, Government of the United Kingdom (Guatemala City) 17 July 2024. Access Date: 30 October 2024. https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-delegation-seeks-to-enhance-trade-with-honduras-through-competitive-financing

 $<sup>^{2755}</sup>$  UK and Poland Target Green Exports with £249 Million Financing for Solar Project, Government of United Kingdom (London) 8 August 2024. Access Date: 1 November 2024. https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-and-poland-target-green-exports-with-249-million-financing-for-solar-project

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2756</sup> UK Announces New Climate Funding for Pacific as Minister Visits New Zealand and Tonga, Government of United Kingdom (London) 27 August 2024. Access Date: 1 November 2024. https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-announces-new-climate-funding-for-pacific-as-minister-visits-new-zealand-and-tonga

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2757</sup> UK-Chile Agreement paves the way for Green Hydrogen Exports, Government of United Kingdom (London) 9 September 2024. Access Date: 1 November 2024. https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-chile-agreement-paves-way-for-green-hydrogen-exports

The two governmental agencies aim to jointly assist hydrogen projects in Chile through the GBP5 billion provided by the UK export credit support.

On 17 September 2024, Minister for Africa Ray Collins announced GBP3.8 million for investment in green energy in Ghana with Shell Foundation.<sup>2758</sup>

On 17 September 2024, the Government of the United Kingdom announced GBP1.9 million in investment towards supporting the technology sector in Ghana and Nigeria as part of the UK-Africa Technology and Innovation Partnerships Programme.<sup>2759</sup> This initiative aims to establish partnerships with local non-profits in West Africa such to improve delivery of digital services, stimulate the economy and accelerate local innovation.

On 24 September 2024, the UK's Mobilising Institutional Capital Through Listed Product Structures (MOBILIST) flagship program, designed to mobilize investment for projects aligned with the UN Sustainable Development Goals, entered into a partnership with the Nairobi Securities Exchange.<sup>2760</sup> This collaboration aims to stimulate the Kenyan economy and increase capital investment in local projects focused on sustainable climate action and development.

On 12 November 2024, the British Embassy Phnom Penh and Cambodia's Ministry of Commerce convened the 2nd UK-Cambodia Joint Trade Investment Forum.<sup>2761</sup> The forum reviewed British-Cambodian progress in trade policy, developmental investment and bilateral business achievements.

On 7 October 2024, UKEF and Virgin Money provided GBP2 million in funding for Alicat Workboats to build two offshore wind workboats for Turkey.<sup>2762</sup> This funding aids in the global shortage of workboats that service offshore wind infrastructure and highlights the United Kingdom's commitment to aid developing countries in transition to renewable energy.

On 27 October 2024, Prime Minister Keir Starmer and State Secretary for Foreign, Commonwealth, and Development Affairs David Lammy announced funding to encourage investment for climate change in vulnerable nations and support Powering Renewable Energy Opportunities in six Pacific Island Countries, which will test clean energy technologies.<sup>2763</sup> These measures ensure protection for countries that are susceptible to extreme impacts of climate change and help their transition to sustainable energy.

On 8 November 2024, UKEF committed to new agreements on sustainable and clean energy at the 29th Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.<sup>2764</sup> UKEF signed

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2758</sup> Minister for Africa Lord Collins Reaffirms UK-Ghana Partnership, Government of United Kingdom (London) 16 September 2024. Access Date: 1 November 2024. https://www.gov.uk/government/news/minister-for-africa-lord-collins-reaffirms-uk-ghana-partnership <sup>2759</sup> UK announces £1.9m for Science, Tech & Innovation in West Africa, Government of the United Kingdom (Abuja) 17 September 2024. Access Date: 7 November 2024. https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-announces-19m-for-science-tech-innovation-in-west-africa

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2760</sup> New UK-Kenya investment partnership rings in UK trade visit, Government of the United Kingdom (Nairobi) 24 September 2024. Access Date: 7 November 2024. https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-uk-kenya-investment-partnership-rings-in-uk-trade-visit

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2761</sup> UK and Cambodia Hold 2nd Joint Trade and Investment Forum, Government of the United Kingdom (Phnom Penh) 12 November 2024. Access date: 8 December 2024. https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-and-cambodia-hold-2nd-joint-trade-and-investment-forum

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2762</sup> Norfolk Boat Builder Wins Major Offshore Wind Contract with Government Backing, Government of United Kingdom (London) 7 October 2024. Access Date: 1 November 2024. https://www.gov.uk/government/news/norfolk-boat-builder-wins-major-offshore-wind-contract-with-government-backing

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2763</sup> UK Attends Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting in Samoa, Government of United Kingdom (London) 27 October 2024. Access Date: 1 November 2024. https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-attends-commonwealth-heads-of-government-meeting-in-samoa

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2764</sup> UK leadership drives international shift towards cleaner export finance, UK Export Finance (London) 8 November 2024. Access Date: 29 November 2024. https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-leadership-drives-international-shift-towards-cleaner-export-finance

an agreement with Indonesia's state electricity company, enabling them to finance energy transition projects in Indonesia which use UK goods and services. UKEF also has agreed to facilitate GBP10 billion in funds to finance clean-growth projects in association with the Net Zero Export Credit Agencies. Through these initiatives, UKEF supports sustainable energy transitions and helps finance global clean energy projects.

On 15 November 2024, the Minister of State for Development and for Women and Equalities Anneliese Dodds announced a GBP30 million investment in the Weather and Climate Information Services (WISER) Africa program, including GBP4 million for WISER Kenya. The program partners with key organizations and aims to strengthen climate hazard adaptation, enhance early warning systems, and support drought-affected communities. The goals of the program are formed in collaboration with affected communities, particularly with women from these communities, indicating inclusive consultation processes.

On 18 November 2024, the United Kingdom pledged approximately USD211 "for developing low-carbon production processes and green lead markets in developing and emerging countries." 2766

On 28 November 2024, Minister Dodds announced an investment of GBP1.98 billion over three years to the International Development Association, the World Bank's fund dedicated to supporting the world's lowest-income countries.<sup>2767</sup> This funding will be directed towards projects fostering economic growth, alleviating poverty and mitigating the effects of climate change.

On 5 December 2024, UKEF issued a loan of GBP60 million to support Cameroon in enhancing the productivity of extensive agricultural land areas with the involvement of British companies.<sup>2768</sup> The project responds to environmental, social, and economic issues, supporting green growth and land productivity, supporting schools and other facilities, and improving the economic fortunes of agricultural workers and other Cameroonians utilizing adjacent infrastructure.

On 17 December 2024, Prime Minister Starmer announced GBP35 million in assistance for Ukraine, aimed at supporting Ukrainian infrastructure, amidst increasing Russian attacks.<sup>2769</sup> These funds will help rebuild Ukraine's energy infrastructure in anticipation of Ukraine's winter energy demands.

The United Kingdom has fully complied with its commitment to mobilize up to USD600 billion through the PGII by 2027 towards sustainable, inclusive, resilient, and quality infrastructure and investments with partner countries, with a particular focus on Africa and on the Indo-Pacific. The United Kingdom has supported various initiatives, with significant funds, supporting inclusive, sustainable, and resilient infrastructure development.

<sup>2766</sup> Cop: Germany, UK, Canada co-operate on climate finance, argus Media (London) 18 November 2024. Access Date: 5 January 2025. https://www.argusmedia.com/en/news-and-insights/latest-market-news/2629945-cop-germany-uk-canada-co-operate-on-climate-finance

<sup>2768</sup> £60 Million Land Improvement Deal Announced at UK's West & Central Francophone Africa Trade Forum, Government of the United Kingdom (London) 5 December 2024. Access Date: 8 December 2024. https://www.gov.uk/government/news/60-million-land-improvement-deal-announced-at-uks-west-central-francophone-africa-trade-forum

<sup>2769</sup> Prime Minister announces new sanctions and £35 million of emergency support for Ukraine as Russia continues to attack critical national infrastructure, Government of the United Kingdom (London) 17 December 2024. Access Date: 20 December 2024. https://www.gov.uk/government/news/prime-minister-announces-new-sanctions-and-35-million-of-emergency-support-for-ukraine-as-russia-continues-to-attack-critical-national-infrastructure

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2765</sup> UK Pledges Ksh 660 Million to Kenya to Boost Weather and Information Services, Government of the United Kingdom (Nairobi) 15 November 2024. Access Date: 8 December 2024. https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-pledges-ksh-660-million-to-kenya-to-boost-weather-and-information-services

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2767</sup> New UK Investment to Unlock Billions to Tackle Root Causes of Irregular Migration, Climate Change and Growth Crises., Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (London) 28 November 2024. Access Date: 8 December 2024. https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-uk-investment-to-unlock-billions-to-tackle-root-causes-of-irregular-migration-climate-change-and-growth-crises--2

Thus, the United Kingdom receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Sharvi Jain

#### United States: +1

The United States has fully complied with its commitment to mobilize up to USD600 billion though the Partnership for Global Infrastructure and Investment (PGII) by 2027 towards sustainable, inclusive, resilient, and quality infrastructure and investments with partner countries, with a particular focus on Africa and on the Indo-Pacific.

On 15 June 2024, Vice President Kamala Harris committed over USD500 million towards energy aid in Ukraine.<sup>2770</sup> This aid will increase energy supply, maintain the energy grid and restore destroyed infrastructure.

On 27 June 2024, the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) Deputy Administrator Isobel Coleman announced USD66.8 million in funding to Zambia in response to current drought conditions in the country.<sup>2771</sup> This money will not only provide humanitarian aid to alleviate the ongoing crisis but to also support the country's agricultural base and future drought resilience.

On 12 July 2024, American Special Coordinator for the Partnership for Global Infrastructure and Investment Helaina Matza traveled to Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan to discuss opportunities for strategic infrastructure investments related to the Trans-Caspian Corridor alongside local partners.<sup>2772</sup>

On 15 July 2024, Assistant Secretary of State for Western Hemisphere Affairs Brian Nichols and Ambassador to Honduras Lisa Kubiske reaffirmed the US commitment towards infrastructure development ahead of the Americas Partnership for Economic Prosperity ministerial meeting.<sup>2773</sup> The officials spoke on the importance of development approaches that combine sustainability, inclusivity and resilience, giving examples of initiatives the United States has taken to these ends.

On 17 July 2024, the United States, India and Tanzania announced the launch of a Triangular Development Project.<sup>2774</sup> The project aims to strengthen and promote the development of clean and reliable energy infrastructure in Tanzania.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2770</sup> Vice President Kamala Harris Announces Over \$1.5 Billion to Bolster Ukraine's Energy Sector, Address Humanitarian Needs, and Strengthen Civilian Security, United States Agency for International Development (Washington D.C.) 15 June 2024. Access Date: 29 September 2024. https://www.usaid.gov/news-information/press-releases/jun-15-2024-/vice-president-kamala-harris-announces-over-1-billion-bolster-ukraines-energy-sector-address-humanitarian-needs-and-strengthen-civilian-security <sup>2771</sup> USAID Announces More Than \$66 Million to Support Zambia in Efforts to Combat Drought, Support Resilience, and Strengthen Food Security as a Feed the Future Accelerator Country, United States Agency for International Development (Washington D.C.) 27 June 2024. Access Date: 25 September 2024. https://www.usaid.gov/news-information/press-releases/jun-27-2024-usaid-announces-more-66-million-support-zambia-efforts-combat-drought-support-resilience-and-strengthen-food-security-feed-future-accelerator-country

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2772</sup> Acting Special Coordinator for the Partnership for Global Infrastructure and Investment Matza's Travel to Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan, United States Agency for International Development (Washington D.C.) 12 July 2024. Access Date: 25 September 2024. https://www.state.gov/acting-special-coordinator-for-the-partnership-for-global-infrastructure-and-investment-matzastravel-to-uzbekistan-and-kazakhstan/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2773</sup> Assistant Secretary for Western Hemisphere Affairs Brian A. Nichols and Ambassador Lisa Kubiske on the America's Partnership for Economic Prosperity Ministerial, United States Department of State (Washington D.C.) 15 July 2024. Access Date: 25 September 2024. https://www.state.gov/assistant-secretary-for-western-hemisphere-affairs-brian-a-nichols-and-ambassador-lisa-kubiske-on-the-americas-partnership-for-economic-prosperity-ministerial/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2774</sup> U.S., India, and Tanzania Partner to Accelerate Renewable Energy Development in Tanzania, United States Embassy in Tanzania (Dar es Salaam) 17 July 2024. Access Date 19 December 2024. https://tz.usembassy.gov/u-s-india-and-tanzania-partner-to-accelerate-renewable-energy-development-in-tanzania/

On 27 August 2024, the United States announced further investment in the Pacific Islands of USD1 million for the expansion of a biogas project in Tuvalu at the 53rd Pacific Island Forum Leaders meeting.<sup>2775</sup> This investment will help support a sustainable clean energy transition in Tuvalu by investing in locally based energy transition infrastructure initiatives.

On 28 August 2024, the Department of State announced that Acting Special Coordinator for the PGII Helaina Matza recently traveled to the Democratic Republic of Congo and Tanzania, where she discussed expanding the Lobito Corridor in those countries.<sup>2776</sup> The parties also discussed progress towards the greenfield Zambia-Lobito rail line and new US-led investments aiming to expand the Lobito Corridor to the Indian Ocean.

On 11 September 2024, the Department of State announced several key outcomes from the U.S.-Nigeria Strategic Energy Dialogue.<sup>2777</sup> These included technological assistance and over USD80 million in commitments to aid Nigeria's clean energy transition and a new Clean Energy Alliance of Nigeria launched by the State Department to advance "clean, reliable, and affordable" energy.

On 17 September 2024, the USAID and the Department of State announced USD75 million in development assistance for Moldova.<sup>2778</sup> These funds aim to accelerate the development of Moldova's transportation and logistics infrastructure.

On 3 October 2024, USAID announced USD50 million in funding for the Enterprises for Development, Growth, and Empowerment (EDGE) Fund.<sup>2779</sup> This additional funding aims to support the EDGE Fund's goal of promoting private sector engagement surrounding international challenges such as increasing the representation of women in corporate supply chains and delivering medicines to remote communities.

On 20 October 2024, USAID announced that Deputy Administrator Isobel Coleman will travel to Italy to discuss the PGII and other issues.<sup>2780</sup> Deputy Administrator Coleman will also reaffirm the United States' commitment towards developing sustainable infrastructure.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2775</sup> FACT SHEET: Following Through on the U.S.- Pacific Islands Partnership 53<sup>rd</sup> Pacific Islands Forum (PIF) Leaders Meeting in Nuku'Alofa, Tonga August 26-30, 2024, The White House (Washington D.C.) 27 August 2024. Access Date: 31 October 2024. https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2024/08/27/fact-sheet-following-through-on-the-u-s-pacific-islands-partnership-53rd-pacific-islands-forum-pif-leaders-meeting-in-nukualofa-tonga-august-26-30-2024/
<sup>2776</sup> Digital Press Briefing: Lobito Corridor Expansion and United States Infrastructure on the African Continent, United States Department of State (Dodoma) 28 August 2024. Access Date: 27 October 2024. https://www.state.gov/digital-press-briefing-lobito-corridor-expansion-and-u-s-infrastructure-on-the-african-continent-2

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2777</sup> U.S.-Nigeria Strategic Energy Dialogue Highlights Key Bilateral Cooperation, United States Department of State (Washington D.C.) 11 September 2024. Access Date: 19 December 2024. https://www.state.gov/u-s-nigeria-strategic-energy-dialogue-highlights-key-bilateral-cooperation/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2778</sup> The United States Announces an Additional \$75 Million in Development Assistance for Moldova, United States Agency for International Development (Washington D.C.) 17 September 2024. Access Date: 6 November 2024. https://www.usaid.gov/news-information/press-releases/sep-17-2024-united-states-announces-additional-75-million-development-assistance-moldova <sup>2779</sup> United States Agency for International Development Launches New Window of \$50 Million for EDGE Fund to Boost Innovation through Private Sector Partnerships, United States Agency for International Development (Washington D.C.) 3 October 2024. Access Date: 27 October 2024. https://www.usaid.gov/news-information/press-releases/oct-03-2024-usaid-launches-new-window-50-million-edge-fund-boost-innovation-through-private-sector-partnerships <sup>2780</sup> Deputy Administrator Isobel Coleman Travels to Italy, United States Agency for International Development (Washington D.C.) 2024 October 20. Access Date: 27 October 2024. https://www.usaid.gov/news-information/press-releases/oct-20-2024-deputy-administrator-isobel-coleman-travels-italy

On 12 November 2024, the Biden-Harris Administration announced USD10 million for the Investment Mobilization Collaboration Alliance's third funding window through Power Africa, focusing on clean energy and critical mineral projects in Africa.<sup>2781</sup>

On 14 November 2024, USAID announced USD53.7 million in blended finance for various climate finance initiatives.<sup>2782</sup> This disbursement aims to directly fund and promote private investment into climate-smart development programs.

On 18 November 2024, the Department of State announced that Special Coordinator Matza will attend the third meeting of the Trilateral Luzon Economic Corridor Steering Committee, engaging in direct consultations with partners in the Philippines and Japan to promote the development of the Luzon Corridor.<sup>2783</sup>

On 19 November 2024, the United States announced a new contribution of USD325 million to the Clean Technology fund at the G20 summit alongside a call to action by President Joe Biden for leaders to invest in the global clean energy transition.<sup>2784</sup>

On 3 December 2024, President Biden announced the development of a permanent USAID mission to Angola.<sup>2785</sup> The new mission represents an elevation of the USAID-Angola partnership and will promote further cooperation between the United States and Angola, especially on infrastructure development.

On 3 December 2024, the United States and Angola co-hosted the PGII Lobito Trans-Africa Corridor Summit, where leaders reaffirmed and collaborated on their commitment to investing in infrastructure to develop the Corridor connecting the Atlantic and Indian Oceans.<sup>2786</sup> The leaders also committed to accelerate the Zambia-Lobito rail project at the summit.

On 3 December 2024, Secretary Blinken signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Ukrainian Foreign Minister Andrii Sybiha regarding American support for Ukraine's energy infrastructure.<sup>2787</sup> The memorandum

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2781</sup> FACT SHEET: Biden-Harris Administration Leverages Historic U.S. Climate Leadership at Home and Abroad to Urge Countries to Accelerate Global Climate Action at the 29th U.N. Climate Change Conference (COP29), The White House (Washington D.C.) 12 November 2024. Access Date: 19 December 2024. https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2024/11/12/fact-sheet-biden-harris-administration-leverages-historic-u-s-climate-leadership-at-home-and-abroad-to-urge-countries-to-accelerate-global-climate-action-at-the-29th-u-n-climate-change-con/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2782</sup> USAID Announces More Than \$53 Million in Blended Finance Partnerships, United States Agency for International Development (Washington D.C.) 14 November 2024. Access Date: 13 December 2024. https://www.usaid.gov/news-information/press-releases/nov-14-2024-usaid-announces-more-53-million-blended-finance-partnerships

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2783</sup> Acting Special Coordinator for the Partnership for Global Infrastructure and Investment Matza's Travel to the Philippines, U.S. Department of State (Washington D.C.) 18 November 2024. Access Date: 13 December 2024. https://www.state.gov/acting-special-coordinator-for-the-partnership-for-global-infrastructure-and-investment-matzas-travel-to-the-philippines/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2784</sup> FACT SHEET: Continuing a Legacy of Leadership at the G20, The White House (Washington D.C.) 19 November 2024. Access Date: 29 November 2024 https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2024/11/19/fact-sheet-continuing-a-legacy-of-leadership-at-the-g20/

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2786</sup> FACT SHEET: Partnership for Global Infrastructure and Investment in the Lobito Trans-Africa Corridor, The White House Briefing Room (Lobito) 3 December 2024. Access Date: 7 December 2024. https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2024/12/02/fact-sheet-president-bidens-trip-to-angola/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2787</sup> Secretary Antony J. Blinken and Ukrainian Foreign Minister Andrii Sybiha at Memorandum of Understanding Signing in Support of Ukraine Energy Resilience and Before Their Meeting, U.S. Department of State (Washington D.C.) 3 December 2024. Access Date: 20 December 2024. https://www.state.gov/secretary-antony-j-blinken-and-ukrainian-foreign-minister-andrii-sybiha-at-memorandum-of-understanding-signing-in-support-of-ukraine-energy-resilience-and-before-their-meeting/

includes a conditional USD825 million grant to Ukraine to develop its energy infrastructure beyond emergency needs.<sup>2788</sup>

On 10 December 2024, the Department of State released a media note outlining talks between the Unites States and the Philippines surrounding energy policy.<sup>2789</sup> The two countries committed to deepening their collaboration on the Philippines' energy transition, including the rollout of nuclear energy.

The United States has fully complied with its commitment to mobilize up to USD600 billion though the PGII by 2027 towards sustainable, inclusive, resilient, and quality infrastructure and investments with partner countries, with a particular focus on Africa and on the Indo-Pacific. The United States has made investments in the development of infrastructure in Africa with a focus on sustainability, resilience and the inclusivity of minority groups and vulnerable populations. The worldwide sum of infrastructure investments from the United States constitutes full compliance.

Thus, the United States receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Michael Chou

## European Union: +1

The European Union has fully complied with its commitment to mobilize up to USD600 billion through the Partnership for Global Infrastructure and Investment (PGII) by 2027 towards sustainable, inclusive, resilient, and quality infrastructure and investments with partner countries, with a particular focus on Africa and on the Indo-Pacific.

On 20 June 2024, the European Union and its member states announced a total investment of over EUR750 million towards the African Vaccines Manufacturing Accelerator (AVMA) with EUR220 million directly contributed from the European Union budget.<sup>2790</sup> The AVMA aims to bolster Africa's pandemic resilience through boosting the continent's domestic vaccine manufacturing industry.

On 29 June 2024, the European Union provided EUR30 million in grants and EUR271 million in loans to Egypt to reduce pollution, towards decarbonization and to enhance energy efficiency as part of the Green Sustainable Industry programme.<sup>2791</sup> The assistance package also includes EUR60 million for grain storage infrastructure.

On 25 June 2024, the European Union signed an Enhanced Partnership and Cooperation Agreement with Kyrgyzstan.<sup>2792</sup> This agreement deepens cooperation in various areas related to development, sustainability, and resilience.

On 29 June 2024, President of the European Commission Ursula von der Leyen met with Egyptian President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi at the EU-Egypt Investment Conference. During the conference, the two signed a Memorandum of Understanding for a EUR1 billion Macro-Financial Assistance initiative that aims to bolster

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<sup>2788</sup> MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING between Ukraine and the USA regarding Collaboration on Ukrainian Energy System Resilience, U.S. Embassy in Ukraine (Kyiv) 5 December 2024. Access Date: 20 December 2024. https://ua.usembassy.gov/memorandum-of-understanding-between-ukraine-and-the-usa-regarding-collaboration-on-ukrainian-energy-system-resilience-2/2789 U.S. and Philippines Hold 2nd Annual Energy Policy Dialogue, U.S. Department of State (Washinton D.C.) 10 December 2024. Access Date: 20 December 2024. https://www.state.gov/u-s-and-philippines-hold-2nd-annual-energy-policy-dialogue/2790 Team Europe announces over €750 million to the African Vaccines Manufacturing Accelerator, European Commission (Brussels) 20 June 2024. Access Date: 25 September 2024. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip\_24\_3262 2791 The EU and Egypt team up to mobilise private sector investments at Investment Conference and sign a Memorandum of Understanding underpinning €1 billion in macro-financial assistance for Egypt, European Commission (Brussels) 29 June 2024. Access Date: 29 September 2024. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip\_24\_3481 2792 The European Union and the Kyrgyz Republic sign an Enhanced Partnership and Cooperation Agreement (EPCA), European Commission (Brussels) 25 June 2024. Access Date: 25 September 2024. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip\_24\_3462

Egypt's economic growth and sustainable transition.<sup>2793</sup> The new funding seeks to attract private investment into Egypt and support Egyptian water management and construction initiatives, among other priorities.

On 30 June 2024, the European Union signed a cooperation agreement with the Agence Française de Développement (AFD) and the Egyptian government to support food security by constructing new wheat silos across six Egyptian governorates.<sup>2794</sup> Under the agreement, the European Union will mobilize part of a general EUR100 million Food and Resilience Facility to support cooperation between the Egyptian government and the AFD on developing enough wheat silos to support about 420,000 additional tons of grains.

On 2 July 2024, President von der Leyen announced EUR1.2 billion in investments for the Western Balkans with the aim of promoting unity in the region and fostering a sustainable green transition.<sup>2795</sup> Infrastructure projects funded by these investments include a new high-speed rail-line in the region as well as water and sanitation facilities.

On 31 August 2024, the European Commission announced the entry into force of the EU-Angola Sustainable Investment Facilitation Agreement.<sup>2796</sup> This agreement aligns with the Africa-EU Global Gateway Investment Package and aims to facilitate investment to unlock underprioritized sectors of Angola's economy. Additionally, the agreement aims to uphold both parties' commitment to respecting both labor rights and climate sustainability regulations.

On 11 September 2024, the European Investment Bank (EIB) and Development Bank of Southern Africa (DBSA) each announced EUR100 million in funding for the DBSA's Embedded Generation Investment Programme for small and medium sized renewable energy projects in South Africa.<sup>2797</sup> This initiative will mainly support solar photovoltaic and onshore wind projects in the private sector to produce 384 megawatts of renewable electricity.

On 12 September 2024, the EIB and FirstRand Bank Ltd. each announced EUR200 million in funding for renewable energy including solar photovoltaic and wind energy and energy efficiency projects in South Africa.<sup>2798</sup> This initiative aims to decrease South Africa's reliance on fossil fuels, reduce carbon emissions and increase renewable energy in the country.

On 9 October 2024, the European Commission agreed on a EUR1.8 billion financial support package for Moldova as it moves towards European Union ascension.<sup>2799</sup> This funding will support initiatives concerning

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2793</sup> EU and Egypt strengthen investment opportunities at Investment Conference in Cairo, European Commission (Brussels) 2 July 2024. Access Date: 25 September 2024. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ac\_24\_3606

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2794</sup> EU-Egypt Strategic Partnership: Egypt, AFD Group and EU join forces to strengthen Egypt's food security, Agence Française de Développement (Paris) 30 June 2024. Access Date: 29 September 2024. https://www.afd.fr/en/actualites/communique-depresse/eu-egypt-strategic-partnership-egypt-afd-group-and-eu-join-forces-strengthen-egypts-food-security

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2795</sup> European Commission announces additional €1.2 billion investment package for infrastructure and support to entrepreneurship in the Western Balkans, European Commission (Brussels) 2 July 2024. Access Date: 25 September 2024. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip\_24\_3586

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2796</sup> EU's first Sustainable Investment Facilitation Agreement enters into force with Angola, European Commission (Brussels) 31 August 2024. Access Date: 8 November 2024. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip\_24\_4462

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2797</sup> EIB and Development Bank of Southern Africa increase support for private sector renewable energy to € 600 million/ ZAR 11.9 billion, European Investment Bank (Luxembourg) 11 September 2024. Access Date: 28 December 2024.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2798</sup> South Africa: EIB and FirstRand Bank boost renewable energy investments with € 400 million/ZAR 7.9 billion initiative, European Investment Bank (Luxembourg) 12 September 2024. Access Date: 28 December 2024.

https://www.eib.org/en/press/all/2024-336-eib-and-firstrand-bank-boost-renewable-energy-investments-in-south-africa-with-eur-400-millionzar-7-9-billion-initiative

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2799</sup> Commission adopts €1.8 billion support package to underpin Moldova's economic growth plan on its path to the EU, European Commission (Chişinău) 9 October 2024. Access Date: 7 November 2024. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip 24 5124

infrastructural development, the green transition including electricity, and improving internet access to remote communities. This initiative, therefore, supports both sustainable and inclusive development.

On 10 October 2024, the EIB, Enel and the Italian Export Credit Agency announced up to USD300 million in funding for Enel Colombia's power grids and renewable energy generation projects.<sup>2800</sup> This funding will be used to develop two solar photovoltaic plants with a capacity of approximately 486 megawatts to support individuals in the Bogotá Region.

On 16 November 2024, President von der Leyen and President of South Africa Cyril Ramaphosa inaugurated the global 'Scaling up Renewables in Africa' campaign as the latest initiative under the EU-Africa Global Gateway Investment Package. <sup>2801</sup> The initiative aims to fund responses to targets set by the 28th Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change to triple renewable energy and double energy efficiency worldwide.

The European Union has fully complied with its commitment to mobilize up to USD600 billion through the PGII by 2027 towards sustainable, inclusive, resilient, and quality infrastructure and investments with partner countries, with a particular focus on Africa and on the Indo-Pacific. The European Union has taken strong action to invest significant funds in infrastructure projects, including throughout Africa and the Indo-Pacific, ensuring compliance with sustainability, resilience and inclusivity criteria by supporting energy transitions, access to services for remote communities and food supply chain resilience.

Thus, the European Union receives a score of +1.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2800</sup> Colombia: EIB Global provides Enel Colombia with \$300 million loan for renewable energy generation and power grid improvements, European Investment Bank (Luxembourg) 10 October 2024. Access Date: 28 December 2024. https://www.eib.org/en/press/all/2024-371-eib-global-provides-enel-colombia-with-usd300-million-loan-for-renewable-energy-generation-and-power-grid-improvements

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2801</sup> Scaling up Renewables in Africa Campaign, European Commission (Brussels) 16 November 2024. Access Date: 8 December 2024. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip 24 5881