

# ATIGS 2018 and the Sustainable Development Goals

The International Trade Centre (ITC), has joined forces with the Africa Trade and Investment Global Summit (ATIGS), to advance the event goals and objectives for the 2018 event and beyond.



GAA Exhibitions & Conferences, organisers of [ATIGS 2018](#) announced that ATIGS 2018 will be held under the main theme *Driving Trade, Unleashing Investment and Enhancing Economic Development: the Gateway to African Markets*; and that ATIGS 2018 goals and objectives are aligned with two of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs): SDGs 8 and 17.

The vision of ATIGS is built on the model of rotating the location of the summit every two years through a bidding process and organising country specific ATIGS in between, with upcoming editions in: Washington D.C - 2018, Dubai-2020; Beijing -2022; Brussels-2024, Addis Ababa -2026; and, South America-2028. Several high-level speakers have already confirmed to grace ATIGS 2018 from South Africa, Ghana, USA, Nigeria, UAE, Australia, China, and Kenya among others.

The Preliminary Featured Sessions will include: Africa and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development; AU Agenda 2063: The Africa Future We Want; Stepping Up the Pace: African Development Bank 'High 5'; African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA); Doing Business in Africa tracks; Investing in Africa tracks; and investor talks, public private partnership, Government keynotes, regional focus discussions, countries focus briefings; and Industrialise Africa tracks, among others.

"ATIGS 2018 is designed to contribute to AGOA, Trade Africa, World Trade Organization Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA), SDGs Agenda 2030 and AU Agenda 2063, by playing an important contribution in enabling companies all around the world and global investors to access African markets as a one-stop shop facilitating international trade and investment partners to support all internationally agreed sustainable development goals and objectives," said Bako AMBIANDA, director GAA Exhibitions & Conferences.

ATIGS 2018, will bring together new and established partners from around the world under one roof in to increase business ties and partnerships, highlight and showcase trade and investment opportunities across Africa and enable companies from around the world to expand or establish operations in Africa.

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