Welcome to the Central African Republic!

The WBG Governor meeting with U.S. Investors at the CAR Lounge in Luanda.

On June 23-25, the Delegation of the Central African Republic (CAR), led by the Minister of Economy, Planning and International Cooperation, Governor of the World Bank Group (WBG), Prof. Richard Filakota, hosted a succession of visitors from the African and American private sectors at the CAR Exhibition Lounge during the 2025 U.S.-Africa Business Summit, in Luanda (Angola). The Minister was supported by the Ministers Counsellors to the Presidency of the Republic in charge of Finance and International Cooperation, respectively, Mr. Lazare Dokoula and Mr. Mohammadou Ousmane Tinguere; the WBG Alternate Executive Director for CAR, Ms. Marlène Suzie Nzengou; the CEO of SCI Capital S.A., Mr. Marc Mandaba; the Director General of Programming and Budgeting, Mr. Prud'homme Nguelekoumou at the Ministry of Economy, Planning and International Cooperation; and an expert from the Ministry of Finance and Budget, Mr. Elvis Koyaweda-Deba. This activity took place as part of the CAR partnerships with the Institutional Investor Network (IIN) and IBI Ventures.

Bilateral exchanges between the WBG Governor and the Senior Vice President of U.S. DFC in charge of investments.

Among the fifty or so participants in the Luanda Summit who met with the Delegation at the CAR Lounge, about thirty expressed their interest in supporting the country in the implementation of the National Development Plan (NDP) for 2024-2028. The absence of the U.S. International Development Finance Corporation (U.S. DFC) from the dinner, on June 22, was compensated by the visit of its Senior Vice President for Investments, Mr. Mateo Goldman, whom the Executive Director of IIN, Ms. Bintou Kabore Zerbo, introduced to the Delegation. During their exchanges, the Minister of Economy invited Mr. Goldman to participate in the Round Table on the NDP in September 2025, in Casablanca (Kingdom of Morocco).

The NDP's five priority areas are: (i) strengthening security and promoting governance and the rule of law; (ii) development of quality human capital and equitable access to quality basic social services; (iii) development of resilient and sustainable infrastructure; (iv) acceleration of production and value chains in productive sectors for inclusive and sustainable economic growth; and (v) environmental sustainability and resilience to crises and climate change effects.

The WBG Governor with the CCA President and CEO, co-organizer of the U.S.-Africa Business Summit.

The Executive Director of IIN also facilitated a brief meeting between Prof. Filakota and Ms. Florizelle Liser, President and CEO of the Corporate Council on Africa (CCA), co-organizer with the Government of Angola of the 2025 U.S.-Africa Business Summit. The role of CCA in the success of the Luanda Summit, as well as investment opportunities in CAR within the NDP framework and the Round Table in Morocco were the main topics of their discussion.

Meeting between the WBG Governor and the CEO of Precis Solar at the CAR Lounge in Luanda.

For three days, CAR representatives welcomed a series of American and African visitors working in different sectors, including energy and mining, but also defense, telecommunications, digital technology, education, employment, social and even charity. For some of these visitors, it was a second contact with the CAR Delegation following the dinner on June 22, or about additional discussions after a first visit to the country.

The Expert from the Ministry of Finance and Budget exchanging with the CEO of IBI Ventures, a CAR partner.

The partnership with IBI Ventures, represented by its CEO, Mr. Alphonse Ibi Kouagou (former WBG Executive Director for CAR), and IIN allowed CAR to access their networks including various institutional investors, private equity funds, sovereign wealth funds, philanthropists, and other private and public funding sources.

The Delegation at the CAR Lounge in Luanda.

Through forums such as the U.S.-Africa Business Summit, CCA introduces U.S. investors to investment opportunities and attracts U.S. capital to the African continent. The business dinner on June 22 and the CAR Lounge at the Exhibitors' Lounge allowed investors and representatives of the American and African private sectors to discover or learn more about CAR, opening the doors to future win-win partnerships. The next major event will be the NDP Round Table in Casablanca (Morocco), in September 2025.