

 Early Warning System

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Benin - Trade Finance Facility for SMEs and Other Businesses in Benin



Quick Facts

Countries	Benin
Financial Institutions	African Development Bank (AFDB)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	FI
Voting Date	2026-07-17
Borrower	NSIA Banque Bénin
Sectors	Finance, Industry and Trade
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	\$ 28.76 million
Loan Amount (USD)	\$ 28.70 million
Project Cost (USD)	\$ 21.05 million



Project Description

According to bank provided information, the project aims to increase access to trade finance for SMEs and other local enterprises in Benin by strengthening NSIA Banque Bénin's capacity to provide foreign-currency financing for international trade transactions. More specifically, the facility seeks to address shortages of foreign-currency liquidity and trade finance, reduce financing constraints faced by local firms, support imports of productive equipment for manufacturing and agro-industry, strengthen domestic production and exports, and improve access to finance for women- and youth-owned or led enterprises. The project is also expected to contribute to private-sector development by expanding NSIA Banque Bénin's trade finance offering and supporting enterprise growth.

The Trade Finance Facility for SMEs and Other Enterprises in Benin is a non-sovereign financial-sector operation designed to strengthen the trade finance capacity of NSIA Banque Bénin and expand access to foreign-currency liquidity for local enterprises engaged in international trade. The project consists of a EUR 25 million Trade Finance Line of Credit with a maturity of 3.5 years and a three-year principal grace period. The facility will support SMEs and other local companies active mainly in agribusiness, agro-industry, manufacturing and import-export activities. It will particularly finance imports of equipment for manufacturing and agro-industrial activities, with the aim of increasing domestic production capacity, improving local supply and supporting exports. The facility is expected to support low-carbon activities with limited vulnerability to climate risks. The African Development Bank will provide the full EUR 25 million trade finance line of credit to NSIA Banque Bénin. The document does not identify any direct co-financier for this specific operation. However, NSIA Banque Bénin has separately mobilized other resources as part of its broader funding diversification strategy, including a EUR 20 million portfolio guarantee from Proparco, a EUR 15 million line of credit from Swedfund, a EUR 15 million line of credit from FMO, and a EUR 5 million facility from the Global Climate Partnership Fund for green projects. These are separate financing arrangements and are not presented as co-financing of the AfDB facility. The borrower and implementing financial intermediary is NSIA Banque Bénin S.A. The Bank and NSIA Banque Bénin will sign a trade finance line-of-credit agreement governing the use of the proceeds and ensuring that the resources benefit SMEs and other enterprises involved in international trade.



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- African Development Bank (AFDB)

Financial Intermediary

Financial Intermediary: A commercial bank or financial institution that receives funds from a development bank. A financial intermediary then lends these funds to their clients (private actors) in the form of loans, bonds, guarantees and equity shares. Financial intermediaries include insurance, pension and equity funds. The direct financial relationship is between the development bank and the financial intermediary.

- [NSIA Banque Benin](#) (Financial Intermediary)



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