Early Warning System

AFDB-P-CM-HAB-012

Cameroon - Trade Finance Facility for SMEs and Other Enterprises

Quick Facts

Countries	Cameroon
Financial Institutions	African Development Bank (AFDB)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	FI
Voting Date	2026-10-20
Borrower	AFG-Bank Cameroon
Sectors	Finance
Investment Type(s)	Guarantee, Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	$ 44.94 million
Loan Amount (USD)	$ 33.70 million

Project Description

According to bank provided information, the project aims to strengthen AFG-Bank Cameroon’s capacity to provide trade-finance services to SMEs and other local enterprises, reduce liquidity and risk-sharing constraints, and facilitate strategic imports and exports in Cameroon. More specifically, the facility seeks to improve access to financing for businesses involved in international trade, reduce the cost and constraints of trade transactions, support productive investment in manufacturing and agro-industry, and contribute to the expansion of cross-border trade. The facility is expected to support at least EUR 362.5 million in trade flows over the life of the project, including approximately EUR 262.5 million through the Trade Finance Line of Credit and EUR 100 million through the Transaction Guarantee. It is also expected to generate approximately EUR 33.9 million in additional import-tax revenues.

The Trade Finance Facility for SMEs and Other Enterprises in Cameroon is a non-sovereign financial-sector operation in favour of AFG-Bank Cameroon aimed at expanding access to trade finance for local businesses engaged in international trade. The facility has a total amount of EUR 40 million and comprises (i) a Trade Finance Line of Credit of up to EUR 30 million, with a maturity of 3.5 years and a three-year grace period on principal, and (ii) a Transaction Guarantee facility of EUR 10 million with a five-year tenor. The facility will support SMEs and other local enterprises in Cameroon, particularly businesses active in climate-sensitive agribusiness and import-export activities. It is expected to finance mainly imports of equipment for the manufacturing and agro-industrial sectors, contributing to increased domestic production, stronger local supply and improved export capacity. AFG-Bank Cameroon, formerly Banque Atlantique Cameroun, is the largest subsidiary of Atlantic Financial Group. The Bank will provide both components of the facility. The Trade Finance Line of Credit will be governed by an agreement ensuring that the resources are used for eligible SMEs and enterprises engaged in international trade, while the Transaction Guarantee will support the confirmation of eligible trade-finance transactions originated by AFG-Bank. The Bank will also enter into separate agreements with confirming banks.

Investment Description

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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.

- AFG-Bank Cameroon (Financial Intermediary)

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