

 Early Warning System

IFC-50963

ISC-First Circle



Quick Facts

Financial Institutions	International Finance Corporation (IFC)
Status	Proposed
Bank Risk Rating	B
Voting Date	2025-06-09
Borrower	First Circle Capital
Sectors	Communications, Finance, Industry and Trade
Investment Type(s)	Equity
Investment Amount (USD)	\$ 4.00 million
Project Cost (USD)	\$ 25.00 million



Project Description

According to the IFC, the proposed project consists of an IFC equity investment of up to US\$4 million in First Circle Africa Fund I, a female-led, pan-African venture capital fund focused on pre-seed and seed-stage investments in FinTech companies across Africa. The Fund targets high-potential sectors including FinTech SaaS, InsurTech, Alternative Lending Models, Interoperability & Infrastructure, and Climate FinTech. It aims to raise US\$25 million, with a hard cap of US\$30 million. In addition, IFC, as the implementing entity of the Women's Entrepreneurs Finance Initiative (We-Fi), will commit up to US\$2 million as a limited partner in the Fund.



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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.

- [First Circle Capital](#) (Financial Intermediary)



Private Actors Description

As stated by the IFC, the Fund is domiciled in Delaware, US, and will be managed by First Circle Capital led by two female Managing Partners, Selma Ribica and Agnes Kisuule.



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