

 Early Warning System

IFC-40243

DCM ABI Bond



## Quick Facts

<b>Countries</b>	Ivory Coast
<b>Specific Location</b>	Benin, Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, Mali, Niger, Senegal and Togo
<b>Financial Institutions</b>	International Finance Corporation (IFC)
<b>Status</b>	Proposed
<b>Bank Risk Rating</b>	FI
<b>Voting Date</b>	2018-06-15
<b>Borrower</b>	Atlantic Business International
<b>Sectors</b>	Finance
<b>Investment Type(s)</b>	Loan
<b>Investment Amount (USD)</b>	\$ 100.00 million
<b>Loan Amount (USD)</b>	\$ 100.00 million



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## Project Description

According to IFC website, the proposed project is to invest in a social bond to be issued by Atlantic Business International. The proceeds raised through the issuance of the social bond will be used to finance and/or refinance eligible social projects across ABI's subsidiaries in Benin, Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, Mali, Niger, Senegal and Togo. The bond will be issued in accordance with IFC's investment criteria and the Social Bond Principles, 2017 of the International Capital Market Association. The project's expected development impacts are:

1. High Social Impact Financing: will support projects and activities that (i) support employment generation and better access to financial services through lending to micro, small and medium enterprises, including women-owned small and medium enterprises, or, (ii) provide better and more affordable access to essential services to low-income populations
2. Development of a social bond market: will promote more capital market financing to high social impact projects amongst issuers and investors. The development of the social bond market will provide an impetus to the development of the overall bond market which is a high developmental priority for IFC in Africa.



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### People Affected By This Project

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- Development of a social bond market: Through its demonstration effect, the project will promote more capital market financing to high social impact projects amongst issuers and investors. The development of the social bond market will provide an impetus to the development of the overall bond market which is a high developmental priority for IFC in Africa.



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## Investment Description

- International Finance Corporation (IFC)

## Private Actors

- Atlantic Business International (Financial Intermediary)
- [Groupe Banque Atlantique](#) (Parent Company)

Atlantic Business International is the central entity of Banque Atlantique group, a leading regional banking group present in 9 countries in west and central Africa. ABI employs over 1,600 people, manages around 700,000 customer accounts and has over 205 branches in the region. As of December 2017, ABI had total assets of US\$6.1 billion and total shareholders' equity of US\$491 million. ABI is headquartered in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire.



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