

# Gaia Africa Climate Fund 2022

Catalysing Africa's Climate Infrastructure Development Cycle USD 200 Million





Signatory of:



# **OUR WAY OF LIFE IS IN THE BALANCE**

Africa is the tipping point

• 7 of

- 17% of world's population
- 7 of the top 20 fastest growing economies
- 17 of the top 20 fastest growing cities
- Youngest population
- Greatest renewable energy potential
- Energy consumption to quadruple over next 20 years
- <2% global renewable energy investment

If Africa is to energise using fossil fuels, the impact will be **global** 

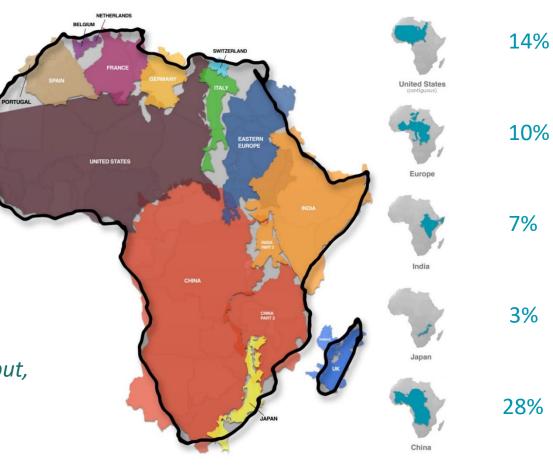
"Africa's contribution to climate change has been the least but,

as we chart our economic future,

Africa must be central to the **global climate solution**."









62%

TOTAL:

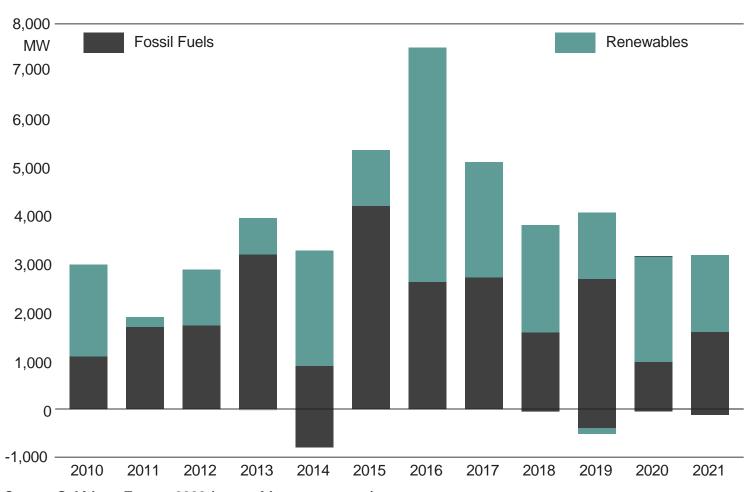
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**Emissions** 

# **FOSSIL FUELS STILL DOMINATE**

Need to accelerate renewable energy projects

**Sub-Saharan Africa Net New On-Grid Capacity by Fuel** 



Source: © African Energy 2022 (www.africa-energy.com)

# **CHALLENGE**

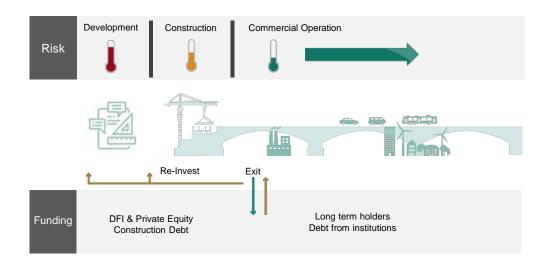
# Sub-Saharan Africa Starved of Electricity

- Access to electricity critical to rise above poverty
- Nearly 600 million without electricity
- Only 7 countries have electrification rate >50%
- Lack of alternative means businesses depend on fossil fuels. Generator Use: Kenya, 57%; Tanzania, 42%; Ethiopia, 41%
- Generator power costs x 4 of grid power

#### Ineffective

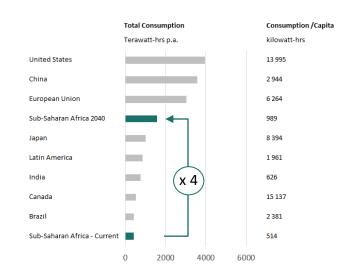
# Clean Energy Project Development Cycle

- Funding gaps (development & secondary) preventing effective development cycle
- The <u>primary bottleneck</u> has become the <u>secondary market</u> preventing capital to be recycled into new greenfield projects



# SSA Electricity Consumption Set to Increase

- SSA has 7 out of 20 fastest growing economies
- Total energy consumption x 4 by 2040





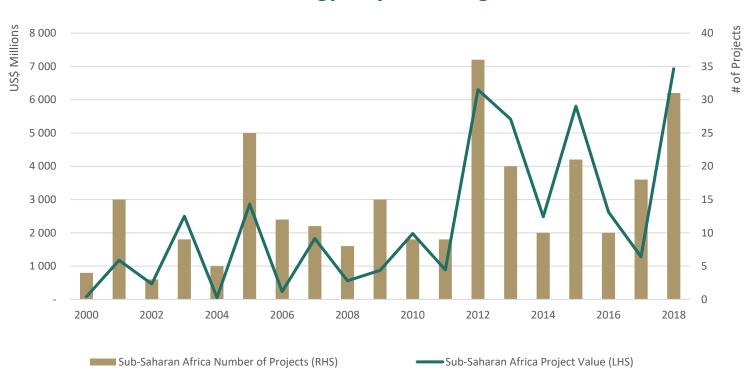
# **CAPITAL RECYCLING NEEDS**

## Pipeline of Projects Requiring Exits

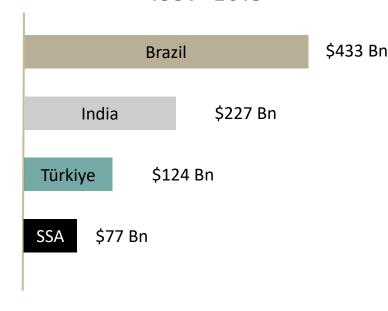
#### The Necessity for Secondary Transactions

- · An established exit path is critical in creating a sustainable initial financing platform
  - Allows greenfield investors to recycle their capital
  - Creates demand for new projects
  - · Reduces exit risk and therefore upfront risk premium along with project costing to the benefit of the host nation

# **Renewable Energy Projects Brought Online**



PPP Projects



Data from: 1991 -2015

Sources: The World Bank and Public-Private Infrastructure Advisory Facility (PPIAF), Private Participation in Infrastructure Database, 2016,

http://ppi.worldbank.org/index.aspx.

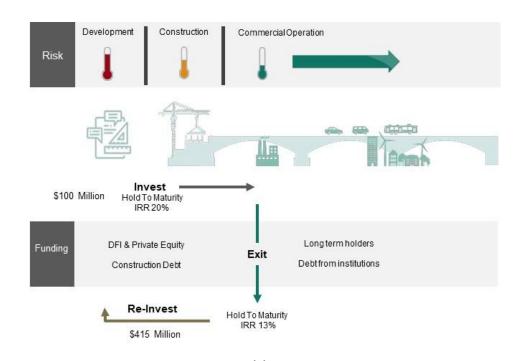


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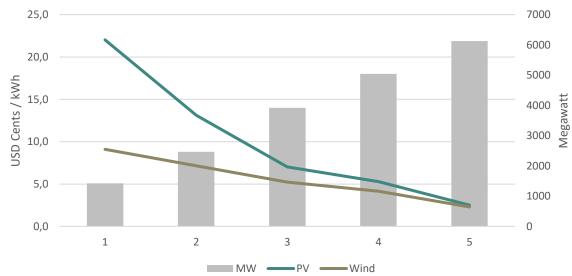
# The effect of sound funding and development ecosystem

South Africa's Independent Renewable Energy Programme

- 10 years = 6,000 MW
- Decrease in prices
  - Solar 8.8 x
  - $\circ$  Wind 4 x
- Offset fossil fuels
- > R250 billion direct investment
- > 38,000 full time jobs created



## Renewable Energy





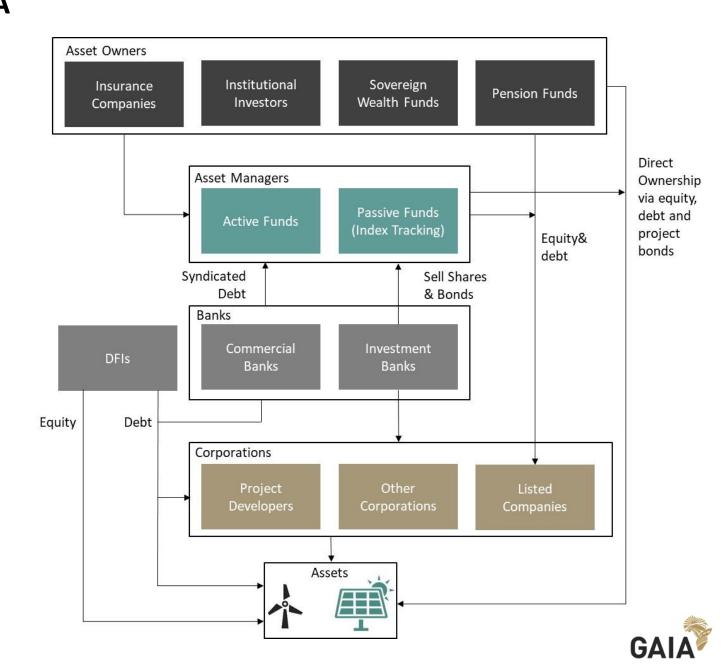
# **CASE STUDY – SOUTH AFRICA VS AFRICA**

#### Entire investment chain activated in South Africa

#### Sub-Saharan Africa's investment chain is inefficient

Entities	Local	International	
Asset Owners	Inactive	Inactive	
Asset Managers	Inactive	Semi- Active	
Banks	Semi- Active	Active	
Corporations	Semi- Active	Active	

- In order to accelerate project development on the continent an active and efficient funding ecosystem is required
- A vibrant secondary market is needed to draw in asset owners with a product that matches their risk and return requirements
- Gaia is the pioneer in activating these previously excluded investors, crowding-in more financial capital for African sustainable infrastructure

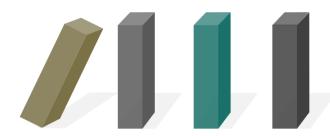


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\$200m Fund to Acquire Secondary Equity Interests in Renewable Energy + Water & Sanitation Projects in Sub-Saharan Africa

**Investment Strategy** 

Mission: Catalyse a sustainable project development cycle

















#### **KEY OBJECTIVES**

Accelerate the project development cycle by providing an exit and allowing developers/investors to realise value and reinvest into the cycle

Crowd in more investors at all stages of the project development cycle

Effect direct upskilling and skill transfer to develop a local skilled workforce to support a sustainable local industry

Provide access to clean renewable energy

#### TARGET SIZE

US\$ 200 million



#### **IMPACT**

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Accelerate the climate infrastructure project development snowball

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Direct upskilling & skill transfer to support a sustainable local industry

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Prioritising and promoting exemplary governance structures

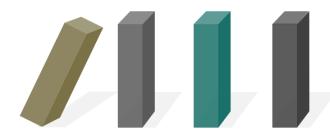


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# SECTOR FOCUS/ IMPACT THEMES

Sustainable & Renewable infrastructure (utility scale)

- Primary focus energy
- Secondary focus water & sewage (limited deal flow currently)







#### **GEOGRAPHY**

Sub-Saharan Africa (Excl. South Africa)



# Asset Stage

Secondary Expansion

Greenfield

#### **INVESTMENT STAGE & RETURN**

Target Allocation	Target Return US\$	Number of Deals	Capital Allocation
75% - 100%	12% - 14%	4 – 6	USD150m-
0% – 20%	15% - 18%	1-2	USD30m+
0% - 15%	16% - 25%	1 - 2	USD15m+
Blended Return	15% - 18%	6 - 8	



# **SDG 13 IS AT RISK - SOLUTION**

#### Risk Reality Mismatch

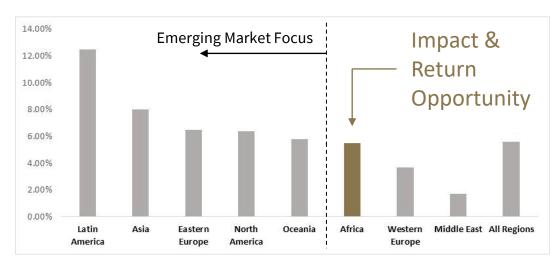
- Infrastructure in Sub-Saharan Africa provides premium returns at reduced risk in comparison to emerging peers
- Low default rate the result of risk-mitigating measures employed by the projects, including: power purchase agreements with fixed dollar denominated tariffs, World Bank Insurance, long term O&M contracts, DFI's as co-funders

# Renewables IRR (US\$)

	Operating Greenfield	
Europe	4% - 7%	7% - 9%
North America	6% - 8%	8% - 10%
Asia	8% - 10%	+12%
Latin America	+10%	+12%
Africa	+12%	+16%
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- Diversification benefits
- Risk return premium to emerging market peers
- US\$ Inflation linked return
- Dividend returns

# **Project Finance Default Rates 1990 - 2016**



Source: Moodys Investor Service



# GENERATING A MEASURABLE IMPACT ALONGSIDE A FINANCIAL RETURN

# Gaia Impact Investment Criteria: Movement alignment, Economic & Climate justice

## Twin Objective: Focus on Impact & Returns

First: Identify high-impact opportunities that contributes to the UN's Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs).

**Secondly:** Applies traditional fundamental analysis & due diligence to select to optimise the portfolio's impact and risk-adjusted returns.

### Gaia Impact Management Framework

IMM: Use Gaia's best practices impact management and measurement (IMM) framework to evaluate and report on impact.

ESMS: Adopted an Environmental Social Management System (ESMS) setting out impact and sustainability considerations

### Highest standards and adopted "best-practices" of Impact Reporting

Gaia will adhere to the highest standards of impact reporting – SFDR, EU Taxonomy, Article 9 fund and IRIS+.

Work with international impact advisor Impact to ensure "best-practices"

#### ESG – Full integration in the Investment Process

- Alignment with international standards
- · Use of best practice material like the IFC Performance Standards

#### Sustained impact and value-add a priority

- Enablers: Legal provisions, 100-day plans include impact/ ESG considerations
- Value-add commitment during holding period work with investees
- Impact considerations at exit





















# THEORY OF CHANGE

Understanding the target impact & aligning with UN SDGs







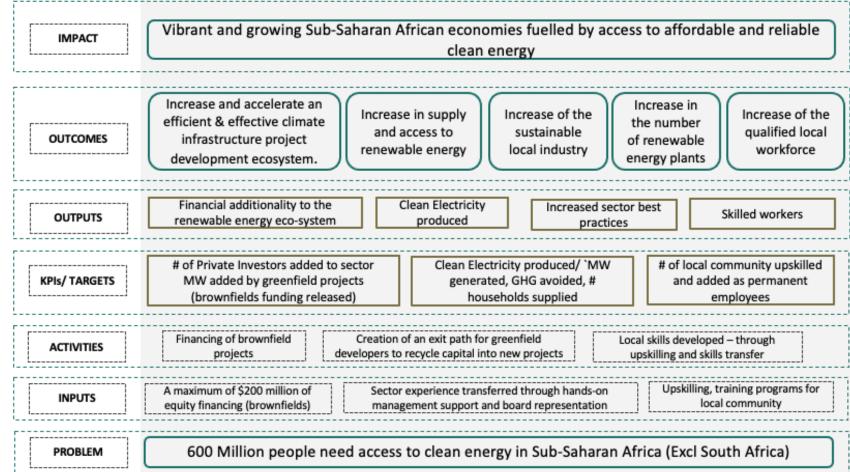








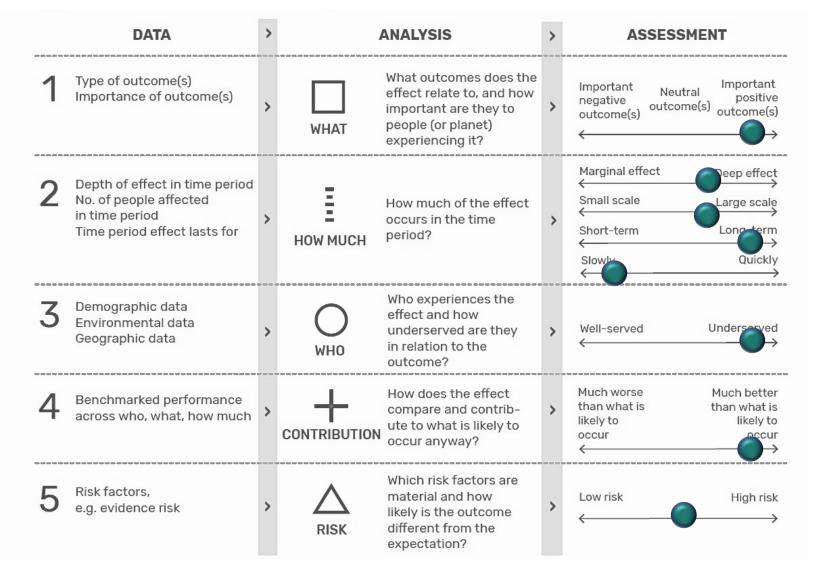






# IMP FRAMEWORK

## Evaluate impact scale, depth & duration – 5 dimensions of impact







- Enabling an effective secondary market in SSA to attract more capital
- Local skills gap + women underrepresented.
- More available clean energy
- 600m need clean energy in SSA
- Insufficient eco-system to channel more capital in and target investment
- The financial system needs to be activated and catalyzed for long-term benefit.
- Africa only received 2% of the world's funding to address climate change
- · Brownfield equity financing
- Impact/ ESG value add investee level
- Skills transfer focus local + women
- ESMS adopted
- Extensive ESG analysis, impact monitoring through investment cycle + engagement

















# PIPELINE AVAILABILITY

# Fund strategy applicable across geographies and requires 6 – 8 transactions

- 12 Priority countries identified (Botswana, Tanzania, Kenya, Ethiopia, Uganda, Rwanda, Cameroon, Cote d'Ivoire, Nigeria, Ghana, Mauritius, Senegal).
- Proprietary database of projects requiring exits which are operational or under construction between 2018 – 2021.

#### 2018 – 2021: Projects Operating & Under Construction

#### **12 Priority Countries**

- 2,2GW Capacity
- 68 Projects
- 135 Equity Investors

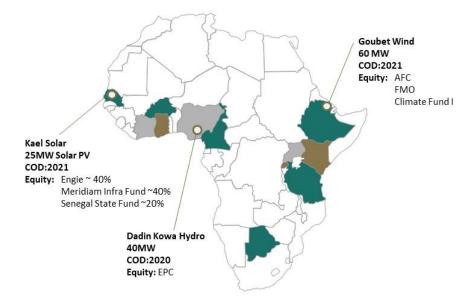
#### Sub-Saharan Africa

- 4,4 GW Capacity
- 116 Projects
- 212 Equity Investors



## **Transaction Counterparties**

- Independent Power Producers (IPP)
- Project Developers
- o PE Funds
- o DFIs
- o Equipment Manufacturers & EPC Contractors



Technology	Priority Countries	SSA
Hydro	33	41
Wind	3	3
Solar	25	60
Geothermal	1	1
Biomass	1	1
Other*	5	10

<sup>\*</sup>Certain projects may use a combination of technologies i.e. solar and biomass.



# **ABOUT GAIA FUND MANAGERS**

# Innovative team able to raise and deploy funding effectively

- Established 2012
- Focus on sustainable renewable energy and infrastructure investments across sub-Saharan Africa
- Gaia pioneered the secondary (brownfield) infrastructure investment landscape in South Africa:
  - Concluded 1<sup>st</sup> secondary (brownfield) transaction
  - Listed 1<sup>st</sup> renewable energy holding company (Yield Co)
  - o Listed 1st collective investment scheme (UCITS) holding structure
- Team











Fund management Sector Experience Experience

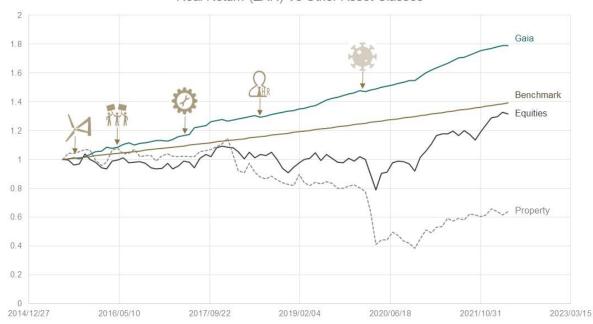
Track Record

- Ability to manage setbacks and guide project management to resolve issues:
  - Turbine collapse
  - Turbine fires
  - o Industrial action & riots
  - o Local community disputes
  - Gearbox failures
  - o Management Re-Organisation
  - o Insurance disputes
  - Warranty claims

# US\$250 Mn invested over 12 transactions since 2015



#### Real Return (ZAR) Vs Other Asset Classes

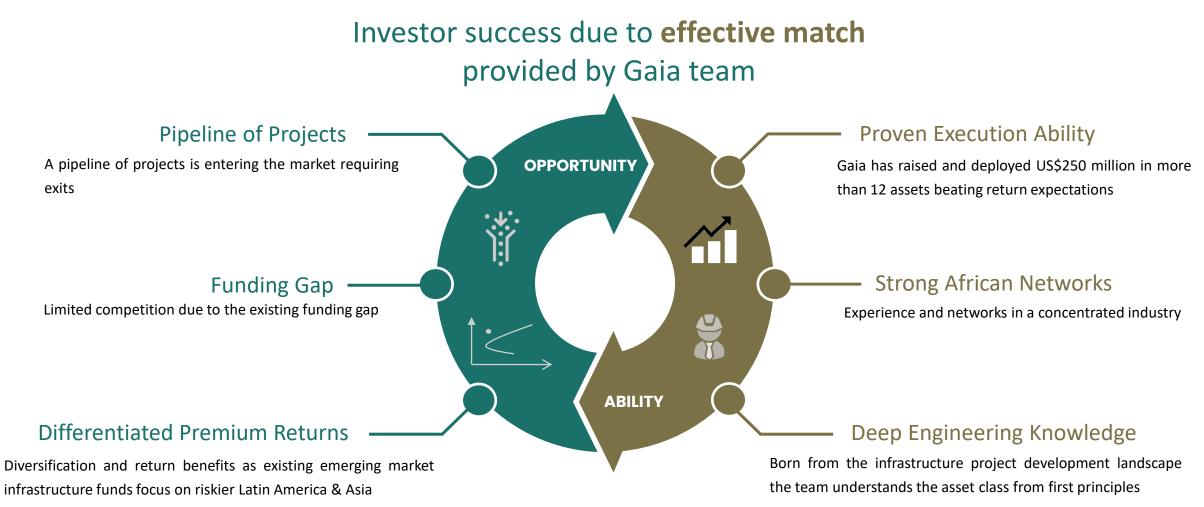




# **POSITIONING**

## Ability, track record and exposure as competitive strengths

The fund addresses both (1) a structural sector need in filling a project financing funding gap and (2) provides investors access to African infrastructure as an asset class.





# REGIONAL EXPERIENCE

### Local HQ & Strong Networks

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#### **Extensive Regional Transaction Experience**

Executive team members have transacted in more than

18 Sub-Saharan African countries.

- Kenya
- Nigeria
- Sierra Leone
- Tanzania
- Uganda
- Zimbabwe
- Botswana
- Zambia Benin

- Rwanda Seychelles
- Malawi
- Namibia
- Mozambique
- Ghana

  - DRC
  - Senegal
  - South Africa

#### **Notable Infrastructure Transactions**

- Mozambique Cahora Bassa Dam Ownership Restructuring - US\$950m
- Zambia Kariba Hydro Extension US\$420m
- Ghana TOPL Gas IPP US\$130m
- Zambia Small Hydro Portfolio Development US\$10m
- Zambia Itezhi-Tezhi Hydro IPP US\$270m
- South Africa 12 Renewable energy IPP investments & 1 Toll road concession - US\$250m

#### **Diverse & Complimentary Team**

- Deep engineering knowledge
- Diverse project & investor exposure
- Proven execution ability
- Proven governance structures

#### **Independents & Experts**



A-L. Olivier IC Member





B. Gyepi-Garbrah IC Member









ICFA Coach



C. Ferreira

IC Member

**Directors / Management** 



M. Nieuwoudt Chairman







R. de Wit

Managing Director

T. Lister M. Hønsi Chief Impact & Risk EU Relations Manager





I. Knoetze Legal & Compliance





Y. du Plessis Accounting



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M. Schabort Deal Associate











K. Schabort Analyst & ESG



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Administration



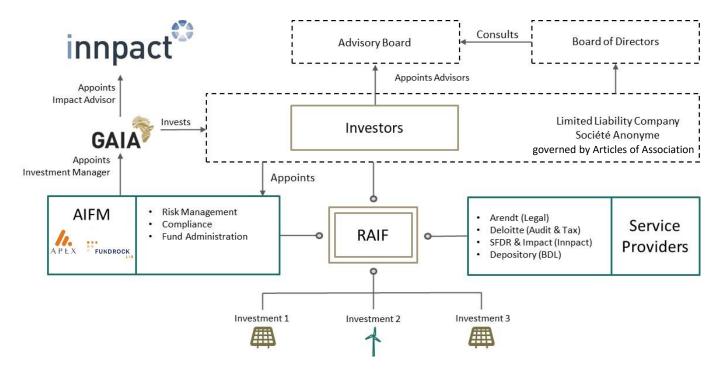
Dr. D. Kennon



# **STRUCTURE & GOVERNANCE**

## Regulated and Well-supported – Company structure





RAIF company structure allows listing on a Green Exchange as potential exit option

#### **Fund Board**



K. Ramachandran

Maitland (AIFM)



R. Marney
Independent



R. de Wit













M. Nieuwoudt

Gaia



C. Ferreira

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Independent





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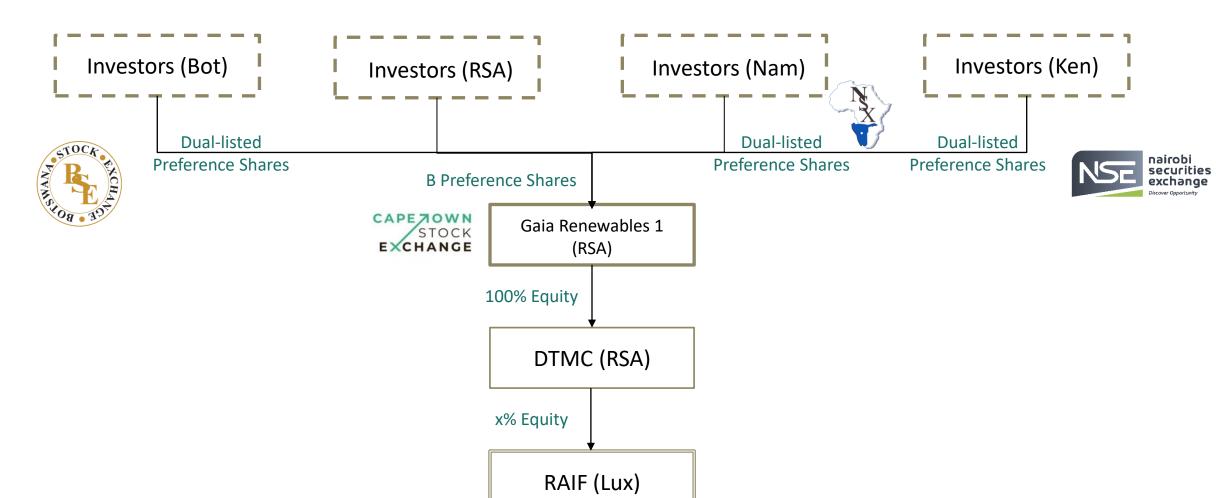


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# A STRUCTURE FOR AFRICAN INVESTORS

Mobilising Capital Markets for this Initiative





# THE GLOBAL CLIMATE INITIATIVE NEEDS CAPITAL RECYCLING

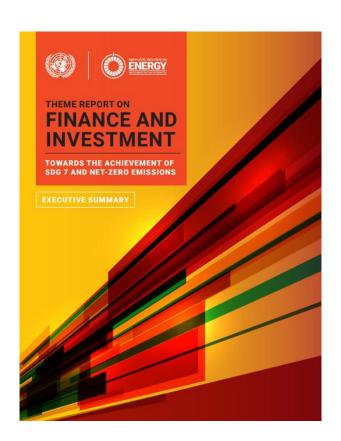
Ensure Optimal Financing Ecosystem







#### **RECOMMENDATION 5**



"Governments, DFIs, the private sector, and donors should work together to develop a coordinated framework to address market barriers, support the capacity-building of local financiers, and ensure an optimal finance and investment ecosystem...

Financing options include bonds, shares, special purpose vehicles (SPVs), and the **secondary market**."



# **KEY FUND TERMS & TIMELINES**

# Summary of key fund terms

Structure	Reserved Alternative Investment Fund (Luxembourg)	Activity	Timeline
Sector	Utility Scale Climate Infrastructure (Renewable energy, water & sewage)	7.00.5104	
Investment Stage	Equity. Primary Focus: Operating Assets		
Target Return	15%		
Target Size	USD 200 Million	Fund Launch	End-2021
First Close	USD 50 Million	Laurich	
Currency	USD		
Term	10 Years	Information Memo and DD	June 2022
Commitment Period	3 Years from First Close	Room Access	
Exit	Listing of RAIF company on Green Exchange or Sale to Pension Fund, Yield Co, PE Fund		
Advisory Fee	1% on first close and 1,5% on invested funds pa	Conclude Subscription	1H2023
Hurdle rate	8%	Agreement	
Performance Fee	15% above hurdle + Impact to be linked with carry		
Governance	<ul> <li>Management by AIFM.</li> <li>Independent legal management of LLC.</li> <li>Independent Investment committee members.</li> <li>Anchor investor and other large investors to have members on Advisory</li> </ul>	Establish Fund	Just before First Close
	board.		
Exclusions	Fees exclude external advisor costs	Target First Close	2H2023
Fund Manager & Administrator	Maitland Lux	Cluse	



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