

PIDG pathfinder



I am delighted to introduce the new PIDG quarterly newsletter. The last few months have been productive for us with a number of projects reporting milestone achievements across our sectors in Africa and Asia. One highlight is EAI's arrangement of the

long-term debt finance for a €305 million new port development in the Gabon Special Economic Zone. You can read more in our 'Project round-up'.

GuarantCo and TAF are collaborating with Jazz, Pakistan's largest digital telecoms company, to co-finance an online sign language service to empower people with hearing impairments.

Two new newsletter columns, 'Talking point' and Delivering impact will highlight aspects of the new PIDG five-year strategy.

Ben Ogonji, Nairobi-based HSES Manager, has written a powerful feature on a fatal accident and subsequent lessons learned for a PIDG-financed project in Nigeria, and Alice Chapple, PIDG Director of Development Impact, has written about and how we can respond to the challenges of climate change.

Finally, I have been fortunate to contribute to a number of interesting speaking forums, including the Japan Africa Business panel at TICAD7 where we discussed how Japanese businesses can collaborate with local companies in Africa as a route to growth; and the annual Swiss-Africa Business day in Zug, where the theme was Overcoming the Infrastructure Gap in Africa.

If you have any comments or suggestions for this newsletter, please let us know.

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