



# Advisory project on BMZ's Africa policy

## Context

African countries play an important role in developing international solutions to global challenges. While overcoming hunger, poverty and inequality is a key concern for most countries, the young and dynamic population is pressing for growth and change.

The German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) revised the priority areas of its work in and with Africa and published them in the '[Shaping the future with Africa](#)' Strategy Paper in 2023.

BMZ aligns its projects with the goals of the African Union (AU) and its member states and supports the representation of Africa in multilateral forums like the G20. In this context, BMZ also implements its feminist development policy and aims to contribute to overcoming colonial continuities and social prejudices regarding Africa.



*Young African entrepreneurs at the Africa Startup Connect Week in Berlin in 2023*

## Our objective

Our objective is to provide needs-based advice to BMZ on the development of its Africa Strategy and on shaping relations with African countries and institutions in a spirit of partnership.

<b>Term</b>	01.07.2022 - 30.06.2026
<b>Budget</b>	EUR 12.5 million
<b>Project manager</b>	Colin Gleichmann
<b>Commissioned by</b>	BMZ

## Our approach

The project advises BMZ's Africa Division on the implementation and strategic development of the ministry's Africa policy. GIZ advisors observe and analyse current developments on the African continent.

The project organises events for BMZ that feature dialogue between African and German actors and experts. It supports BMZ in communicating, implementing, and monitoring its Africa Strategy.

## Thematic priorities

BMZ has six priority areas for cooperation with Africa: (1) sustainable economic development, (2) overcoming poverty, (3) health, (4) gender equality, (5) rule of law, and (6) peace and security. We provide process-oriented advice to BMZ's Africa Division as required.

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Presentation of the Africa Strategy at BMZ in Berlin (from left): Liz Shoo, moderator, Ahunna Eziakonwa, UNDP Regional Director for Africa, Svenja Schulze, Federal Development Minister, Mavis Owusu-Gyamfi, Vice President of ACET ©Felix Zahn/photothek.net

## Examples of our work

During the G20 Compact with Africa Conference in Berlin in 2023, we worked with BMZ to organise a series of events with young entrepreneurs from Africa, BMZ and German organisations. BMZ invited 40 young entrepreneurs from 16 African countries to convene under the theme ‘Shaping the Future with Africa: Young Entrepreneurship as Key to a Just Transition’. At the workshop, they developed policy recommendations relating to training and capacity building, networks and partnerships, access to finance, and legal frameworks.

Afterwards, they had the opportunity to discuss their recommendations with political decision-makers such as the President of the African Development Bank Group (AfDB) Akinwumi A. Adesina, the Egyptian Minister of International Cooperation Rania A. Al-Mashat and German Development Minister Svenja Schulze. Chancellor Scholz attended the

workshop. The young entrepreneurs emphasised how important it was for their voices to be heard in political dialogue.



Young entrepreneurs and Chancellor Olaf Scholz in Berlin

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