

The Lobito Corridor

Catalysing Inclusive Growth through Infrastructure-Enabled Trade and Logistics in Angola

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Transport Connectivity

Across Africa, the Lobito Corridor is emerging as a powerful connecting route, especially for landlocked countries seeking access to global markets as well as promoting regional trade. By linking inland regions rich in resources and with high agricultural potential to the coast, the corridor is more than just a transport route – it catalyzes trade and inclusive growth in the region, and opens up new possibilities for farmers, entrepreneurs and communities to participate on regional and global markets.



The Dutch Contribution: Caála Logistics Platform

Along this vital trade corridor, the Netherlands, together with Angola and the EU, is contributing to the development of the Caála Logistics Platform. This major logistics and transport hub in Angola's central Huambo province, will add local value creation alongside the Lobito Corridor. The hub uses the railway to connect Angola's agriculture to global exports and regional trade with the Democratic Republic of Congo, and later Zambia. The platform is central in a 360-degree approach. It lowers logistics costs, builds cold-chain links, and connects SME's with regional and international markets. This will boost agricultural trade flows. Next steps include programs for agro-production and processing, expanding trade and economic gains across the region.

Through this Global Gateway initiative, the Netherlands and the EU connect public infrastructure with private investment. Team Europe works together on project development, investment facilitation, and coordination across the corridor. These steps aim to unlock trade, create economic impact, and support Angola's diversification.

Interventions and impact

Strategic Objectives

The strategic objectives focus on turning the Caála Logistics Platform into a functioning hub that drives trade flows, brings SME's into regional and international markets, and attracts private investment through a public-private partnership. Alongside this, opportunities along the Lobito Corridor will be identified and tested to show where the model can be expanded and replicated. At the same time, institutions and the private sector in Huambo province, with Caála as the focal point, will be brought together so that current programmes and investments reinforce each other and deliver stronger economic impact.

Stakeholders

The project brings together a wide range of stakeholders. Invest International and the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs form the implementing consortium that drives the initiative. A private operator will be selected to run the logistics platform and ensure its long-term sustainability. On the government side, ARCCLA is engaged, while DG INTPA and the EU Delegations in Angola provide coordination and support from the European level. Together, these actors shape the development and operation of the Caála Logistics Platform and the wider Lobito Corridor initiative.