

The Dutch approach to Global Gateway

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Through Global Gateway, the Netherlands is turning its expertise into opportunities for trade, energy and sustainable growth. Together with our private and local partners, we are building connections that foster shared prosperity, sustainability and inclusive development. From strengthening trade corridors to accelerating the transition to clean energy, the Netherlands contributes to Global Gateway through collaboration, innovation and proven expertise. Here are our three flagships that demonstrate how our efforts are making a tangible impact on the ground.



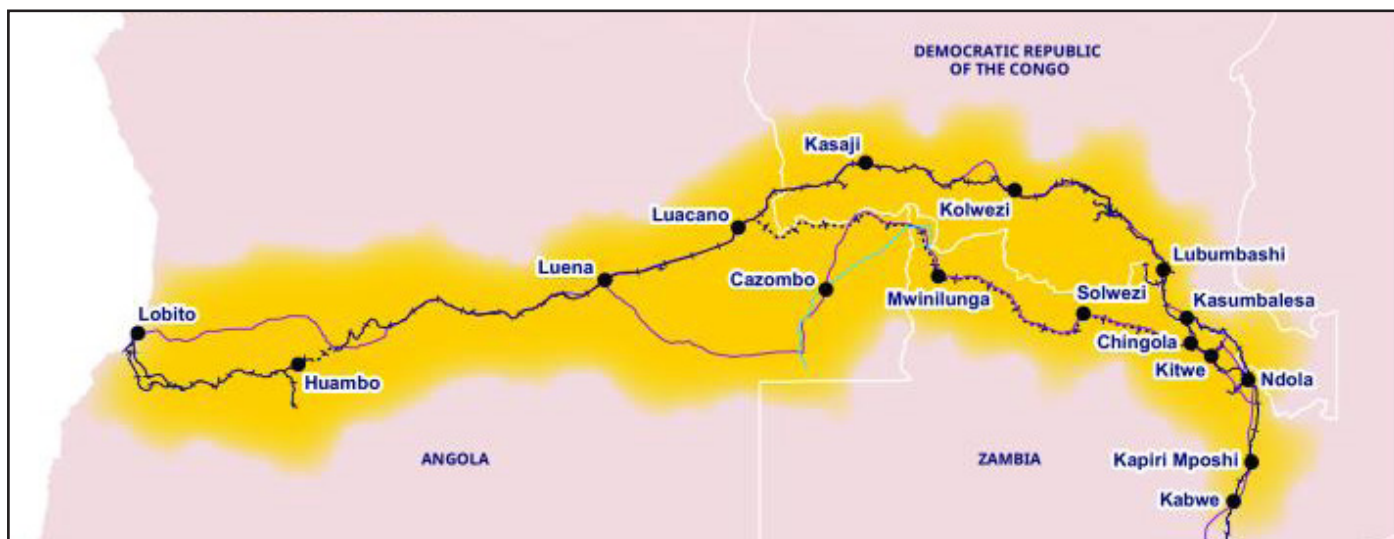
The Northern Corridor: Shifting East Africa's horticulture exports from air to sea

Transport Connectivity

Through investments in cool chain infrastructure, digital trade facilitation and technical assistance, the Netherlands is enabling a sustainable shift from air to sea freight for East African produce to European markets. Optimized trade routes lower emissions, save on transport cost, improve food security, and open up new export opportunities – securing millions of livelihoods. We're scaling up ongoing public and private investments in logistics, transport and agriculture sectors with €17 million in EU-finance for projects in Kenya and further in the region, combined with €10 million Dutch co-financing. In May 2025, the first container of roses was successfully shipped by train and sea to the Netherlands, proving that this transition into sustainable transport is within reach.

- **Implementing consortium:** Invest International, Trademark Africa, Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- **Private partners:** Horticulture industry, logistics companies, freight operators active in East Africa, from both the region and Europe





The Lobito Corridor: From transport to trade corridor

Transport Connectivity

Along the Lobito Corridor – which links the port in Lobito, Angola, via a railway network to the DRC and Zambia – the Netherlands is contributing to the development of the Caála Logistics Platform. The Caála Logistics Platform is a major logistics and transport hub that will enable agricultural trade flows by lowering logistics costs, strengthening cold-chain infrastructure and connecting SMEs to regional and international markets. It will be combined in the future with programs to stimulate agro-production and processing, thereby assuring wider trade- and economic benefits along the corridor.

- **Implementing consortium:** Invest International, ARCCLA, Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- **Private partners:** Through an upcoming tender, we will open the doors for private sector (logistics, freight, horticulture industry) partners in to join forces on this corridor project sector

Green Hydrogen Namibia: Working together for a carbon-free future

Climate and Energy

Namibia and the Netherlands are partnering to combine their strengths for the transition to renewable energy in the field of green hydrogen. Namibia's abundant solar and wind resources, along with its commitment to a carbon-free future, complement the Netherlands' logistical position as gateway to Europe and its expertise in knowledge and technology to harness these renewable sources effectively. Developing Namibia's green hydrogen industry will not only result in green industrialization and job creation, but it will also create a pathway to export low-cost green hydrogen to Europe via Dutch ports.

- **Implementing consortium:** Invest International, Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- **Private Partners:** The Port of Rotterdam, Gasunie.

