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CENTRAL AFRICA

DOUALA REGIONAL OFFICE

Cameroon, Chad, Gabon, Congo-Brazzaville, Democratic Republic of Congo, Central African Republic, Equatorial Guinea, Sao Tome and Principe

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20 years' presence in Central Africa

€651 million

signed since 2010, of which nearly 65% in Cameroon

Proparco, the **Agence française de développement (AFD Group)** subsidiary dedicated to private sector financing, provides funding and support to both businesses and financial institutions, particularly in Africa, by promoting sustainable economic, social and environmental development practices. It partners projects in key development sectors - financial institutions, businesses, infrastructure (with a specific focus on renewable energies), agribusiness, low-emission industries, healthcare and education.

Africa is a key priority for AFD Group. The Choose Africa initiative, launched in 2019, raised €3.5 billion to boost the private sector by kickstarting growth in some 40,000 African SMEs. This €3.5 billion - of which €780 million was part of the Choose Africa Resilience component during the Covid-19 pandemic - breaks down into €2.8 billion worth of loans and guarantee operations to secure easier access to credit for micro-businesses and SMEs, and €517 million in venture capital investment for start-ups and SMEs.





RENEWABLE ENERGIES

Developing sustainable energy solutions

As part of the Nachtigal multi-partner project, **Proparco** is investing €60 million in the construction and operation of a dam for a 35-year period, a 420 MW hydroelectric power plant on the Sanaga River at Nachtigal Falls and the construction of a 50 km transmission line to Nyom. This ambitious project will help put Cameroon on a sustainable development path by producing locally available, lowemission energy (845,000 tCO₂eq. avoided/year). When it is commissioned in 2024, the electricity produced will represent nearly 30% of the output of the interconnected network.

In Central Africa, **Proparco** focuses on providing support for infrastructure projects (especially in renewable energy and transport), the development of agriculture and the agri-food sector, strengthening the (national and Pan African) banking system and the productive sector - especially SMEs - and on developing quality basic goods and services (education, collecting and treating urban waste, etc.).

Proparco also remains committed to national and Pan African finance institutions (banks, microcredit institutions, etc.) to strengthen their capacity to invest in key activities for development - particularly in SMEs - and to promote the financial and economic inclusion of entrepreneurs and people on low incomes.

Proparco on the ground

A Regional Office in Douala and an office in Democratic Republic of Congo

BANKS AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

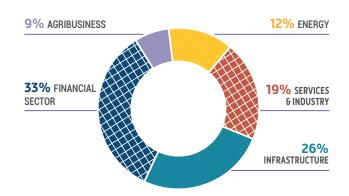
Helping to provide credit to businesses and key economic sectors

Société Générale, a universal bank with a solid presence in Central Africa, has four subsidiaries in the region and supports the growth of SMEs and corporates in a variety of sectors, including manufacturing, agribusiness, energy, infrastructure and commerce. With €172 million in guarantees and a €12.5 million loan, **Proparco's** partnership with Société Générale subsidiaries helps underpin the development of businesses in the CEMAC region. These operations strengthen local financing capacities through risk-sharing arrangements and longer-term financial resources. They help develop the private sector in key economic sectors.

A DIVERSIFIED FINANCIAL OFFERING



OUR REGIONAL OPERATIONS BROKEN DOWN BY SECTOR





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