



PRESS RELEASE

A DELEGATION FROM MALI ATTENDED THE

THE INTERNATIONAL FORUM AIM 2018

DUBAI, 9 – 11 AVRIL 2018 – WORLD TRADE CENTER

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The eighth edition of the annual Investment Meeting was held from April 09 to 11 2018, at the Dubai World Trade Center. This annual congress brings together the international community of investors from all sectors and state actors in the field of investment.

The challenge of this 8th edition was to create partnerships between developed and emerging markets through Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) for inclusive growth and sustainable development.

This edition featured the participation of delegations from 143 countries and gathered more than 20,000 participants.

A MALIAN DELEGATION CONDUCTED BY THE MINISTER OF INVESTMENT AND PRIVATE SECTOR PROMOTION



Meeting between Mr. Baber GANO, Minister of Investment and Private Sector Promotion and Mr. Abdulla A. Al Saleh, Undersecretary for Foreign Trade who represented the Ministry of Economy of the UAE.

Mali participated in this great meeting in international investment with the presence of a high-level delegation led by the Minister of Investment Promotion and Private Sector, **Mr. Baber Gano**. His Excellency **Mr. Boukary Sidibé** - Ambassador of Mali to the United Arab Emirates, **Mr. Moussa I. Touré** - Director General of the Agency for the Promotion of Investments in Mali (API-Mali), **Mr. Malick Antoine** - Head of CrossBoundary's investment advisory team, and **Ms. Coumba Sidibé Touré**, President of the Professional Association of Banks and Financial Institutions of Mali (APBEF) accompanied the Minister.



A SHOWCASE FOR THE PROMOTION OF MALI IN DUBAI

During the 3 days of the Forum, the Mali API team animated a nicely designed stand, which presented the 4 main priority sectors of opportunities of the country as well as the role of the API as a key contact for investors.



Stand du Mali

A DIRECT CONTACT FROM THE COUNTRY TO INVESTORS

A country presentation was held, on Tuesday, April 10, 2018 to highlight the abundant resources and concrete projects of the country to attract investors from the region. In particular, the major urban development project for the banks of the Niger River in Bamako was presented. It provides development opportunities in terms of infrastructure, real estate, energy, urban transport and all services related to urbanism. In parallel, investment opportunities in the agriculture, livestock, and infrastructure and energy sectors were presented through a project summary document.

A special interest was marked on the following 3 high-profitability investment projects, **the urban planning and development project of the city of Bamako, the project of the 24 MW hydroelectric power station - BAOULE IV and the call of offer for the 4th telecommunications license.**

MAJOR MEETINGS

The Malian delegation has benefited greatly from AIM 2018 by meeting potential partners and institutional investors.

Mr. Abdulla A. Al Saleh, representative of the UAE Minister of Economy received the Ministry of Economy HE Mr. Baber Gano, Minister of Investment Promotion and Private Sector and Mr. Moussa Touré, Managing Director of API Mali.

Following this meeting, Mr. Abdulla A. Al Saleh, confirmed the interest of the UAE for Mali and especially for its mining sector. An Emirati delegation promised to attend the Industry Show scheduled in Bamako, Mali from April 19 to 21 2018.

Mr. Gano and Mr. Touré also undertook a second meeting at the Dubai Chamber of Commerce and Industry (DCCI), with its Chairman, HE Majid Saif Al Ghurair, to set up a proactive roadmap for collaboration development between Mali and DCCI investors.

Finally, the API Mali carried out several business meetings with various international investors present on AIM Dubai, like:

- OLAM Group (Singapour)
- LOUKIL Group (Tunisia), which has concluded an agribusiness project of more than 30 M\$, in Bamako
- HONG KONG TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL (China)
- ALNOWAIS INVESTMENT (UEA)
- ROYAL INTERNATIONAL GROUP
- OBS GROUP



Meeting with Mr. Perry FUNG Regional Director (Africa and Middle East) HONG KONG TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL (China)



Meeting between Mr. Baber GANO, Minister of Investment Promotion and Private Sector and HE Mr. Majid Saif Al Ghurair, Chairman of the Dubai Chamber of Commerce.



ABOUT THE AGENCY FOR INVESTMENTS PROMOTION IN MALI - API MALI

The Agency for Investments Promotion in Mali (API-MALI) is a Public Administrative Establishment (EPA), which was created in 2005 and placed under the supervision of the Ministry in charge of investment. API-MALI, through its single counter, offers a single point of entry for all business creation, investor assistance and licensing procedures and code approvals. Mali's investments and accompanies many people on a daily basis in the implementation of their projects in Mali.

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