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ACCELERATE AFRICA



To mark the Institution's anniversary, **ACCELERATE AFRICA** is a landmark Initiative of the Crans Montana Forum that addresses a crucial need for most of African states. Its legitimacy and significant potential for impact stem from the Forum's 40 years of experience and its extensive knowledge of the Continent.

This Strategic Initiative aims to serve the structural upgrading and global integration of African States in times that herald the emergence of a new world, disrupted and undergoing profound transformation.

It represents one of the most ambitious actions ever undertaken by the Crans Montana Forum in support of the African continent.



ACCELERATE AFRICA is based on a simple but fundamental conviction: in an international environment profoundly transformed by the digital revolution, the sophistication of compliance standards, cybersecurity, artificial intelligence, the oversizing of large groups and the increasing integration of markets, no State can claim to sit at the table of international affairs or play its full role in the global economy without having institutions, systems and infrastructures aligned with the best international standards.

For over forty years, the Crans Montana Forum has maintained an exceptional and profound relationship with Africa, based on trust, continuity, independence, and rigorous ethics. Heads of State and Government, ministers, central bank governors, business leaders, international financial institutions, and civil society actors regularly find there a neutral, credible, and respected platform for promoting a modern vision of governance and development.



This unique experience, combined with an international reputation and solidly established ethics, provides the Forum with a particular legitimacy to support African states in this new, essential phase of their transformation, which is now unavoidable.

ACCELERATE AFRICA's specific mission is to put this relational, institutional and moral capital at the service of a concrete approach to the overall upgrading of African states.

This is not an assistance program, nor simply an economic promotion initiative.

It is a high-level operational platform designed to identify, structure, and facilitate access for African governments to top-tier technological, institutional, and organizational solutions capable of effectively and credibly accelerating the modernization of the state, the economy, and public governance.

The Initiative covers multiple strategic areas closely linked to contemporary requirements of competitiveness and sovereignty. It concerns, among many others, the security of State operations, the traceability and integrity of data, cybersecurity, secure archiving, the digitalization of public services, e-governance, customs, tax and health systems, payment platforms, the governance of natural resources, logistics infrastructure, global security, the energy transition, digitalization, as well as the controlled integration of artificial intelligence into decision-making processes.

Through these instruments and many others, States benefit from solutions that strengthen transparency, improve administrative efficiency, secure transactions of all kinds, improve the investment and trade climate and, consequently, consolidate investor confidence.

The originality and effectiveness of ACCELERATE AFRICA lie in the method chosen.

The Crans Montana Forum identifies, sector by sector, a select circle of international companies and partners that meet the most demanding criteria in terms of competence, financial strength, reputation, compliance and ethics.

These partners are chosen not only for the excellence of their technologies, products or services, but also for their demonstrated ability to operate in complex institutional environments and deliver measurable and indisputable results.

The Forum's role is that of a trusted institutional third party. Thanks to its neutrality, diplomatic experience, and international network, it acts as a strategic facilitator between African governments and world-renowned solution providers.



This mediation function helps to reduce information asymmetries, guarantee the quality of proposals, ensure a coherent approach to reforms and constantly preserve the best interests of the States concerned.

Beyond pure technology, ACCELERATE AFRICA aims for a broader ambition: to enable African countries to reach a level of institutional and economic performance fully compatible with the demands of contemporary globalization.

A state whose administrative, financial, regulatory and digital systems are aligned with international standards is better able to attract investment, mobilize concessional or private financing, negotiate on an equal footing with its partners and sustainably secure its growth trajectory.

The initiative helps strengthen the sovereignty of African states. By providing public administrations and strategic sectors with reliable, secure solutions that comply with international best practices, it allows governments to maintain control over their data, decision-making processes, and critical infrastructure, while benefiting from the latest advances in digital transformation.

In this perspective, ACCELERATE AFRICA aims to become the reference partner for any national strategy of reform, modernization and international openness.

Each country will be able to access, according to its priorities, a portfolio of proven solutions and a carefully qualified international network of expertise. The Forum provides the strategic guidance, quality assurance, and credibility necessary for the success of these initiatives.

Through this initiative, the Crans Montana Forum confirms its commitment to actively contribute to the emergence of an Africa fully integrated into global economic, financial and technological flows.

With forty years of commitment to the Continent, the Forum intends to use its influence, reputation and ethical standards to promote sustainable transformation, enabling African states to convert their exceptional potential into internationally recognized economic, institutional and strategic power.

**A KEY POINT FOR SERVING THE INTERESTS OF PARTNER STATES:
a rigorous selection of international partners**

One of ACCELERATE AFRICA's major strengths lies in its unique ability to identify, within the global economy, the companies best suited to the real needs of each African state engaged in a strategy of modernization and international integration.



This capability is the result of many years of continuous relationships with key players in industry, finance, technology, infrastructure, and specialized services.

Over four decades, the Forum has maintained an ongoing dialogue with thousands of leaders from multinational corporations, technology companies, financial institutions, consulting firms, and leading industrial groups. This in-depth knowledge of international markets, corporate cultures, and operational capabilities now represents an exceptional strategic asset.

This experience leads to two essential observations:

1

Companies that spontaneously approach African states are always very interested – more rarely, very interesting...

2

The reputation of an international group, however prestigious, does not in itself constitute a guarantee of suitability to the specific needs of a State or a public administration

While the world's largest companies certainly possess remarkable skills, their size, internal organization, and business priorities do not always allow them to offer the level of availability, flexibility, and customization required by certain national transformation projects.

Many governments naturally turn to the most visible brands, convinced that they necessarily represent the ideal solution.

But experience shows that alongside these large groups there are medium-sized companies, often less publicized but highly performing, which have proven their technical excellence, financial strength and ability to make long-term commitments to their institutional clients.

These companies offer significant advantages.

Their structure allows them to be more accessible at the highest decision-making levels, more responsive in adapting their solutions, more attentive to the specific expectations of their partners, and more motivated to build long-term relationships based on trust and results. Keen to conquer and consolidate new markets, they give each project their full attention and ensure that their clients' requirements are fully met.

The added value of the Crans Montana Forum lies precisely in knowing how to identify these outstanding actors, to assess their reputation and ethical behavior, to appreciate the quality of their international references and to determine their ability to respond concretely and reliably to the priorities of African States.



This selection mission is one of the most important foundations of ACCELERATE AFRICA.

Thus, the Initiative does not simply connect governments with potential suppliers.

It organizes a particularly demanding qualification process to select, for each strategic sector, the partners offering the best balance between technological excellence, operational robustness, decision-making accessibility, contractual flexibility, and long-term commitment.

Thanks to this approach, participating countries benefit not only from the best available solutions, but also from partners who are truly aligned with their modernization goals.

The Crans Montana Forum puts one of its most valuable comparative advantages at the service of Africa: its intimate knowledge of the global economy, its knowledge of Africa and its proven ability to distinguish, beyond mere notoriety, the companies best suited to support the structural transformation of the continent effectively, loyally and excellently.

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