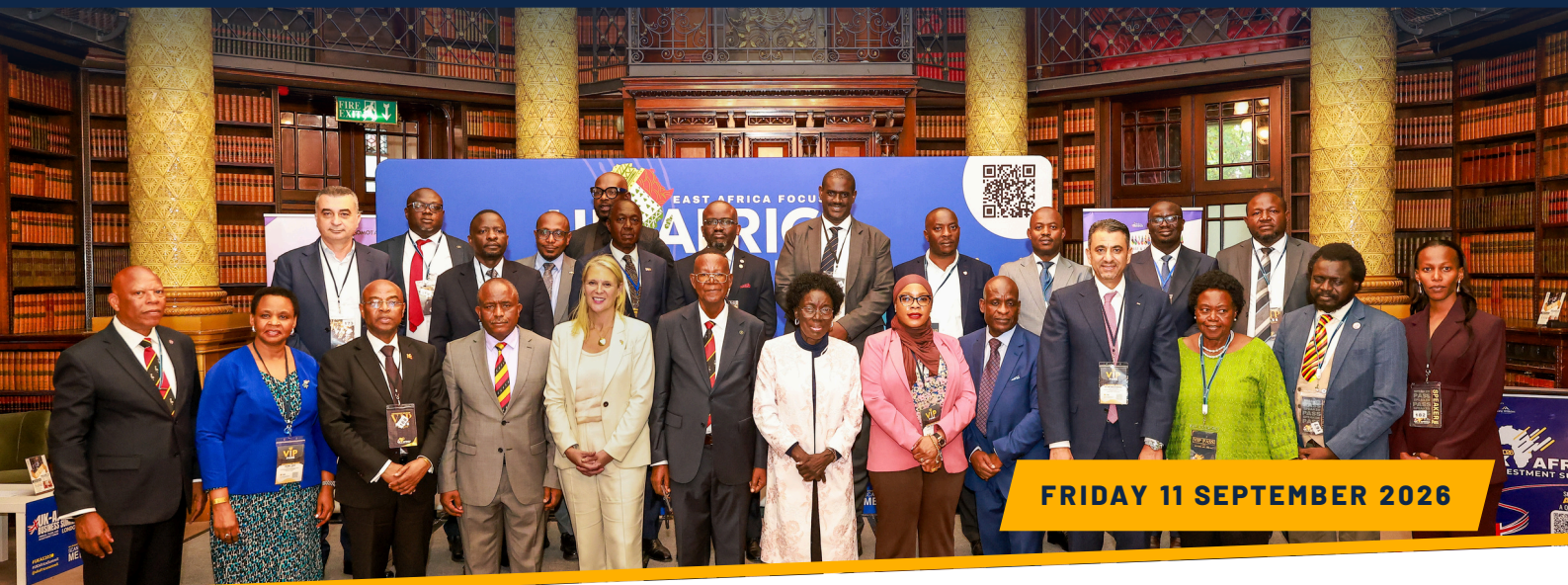




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From Access to Production: What London Delivered

The 16th UK–Africa Investment Summit brought governments, investors, financiers, project sponsors and business leaders together at The Royal Horseguards Hotel & One Whitehall Place. The objective was clear: to move African investment opportunities from access to production. Uganda took part as Strategic Growth Partner. Rt. Hon. Robinah Nabbanja, Prime Minister of Uganda, was Chief Guest.

THEME

**Trade Corridors and
Industrial Platforms:
From Access to
Production**

629

REGISTRATIONS

448

ORGANISATIONS

31

COUNTRIES AND
TERRITORIES

56%

OF REGISTRANTS IN SENIOR
DECISION-MAKING ROLES

WHAT THE SUMMIT SET OUT TO CONVERT

GEOLOGY

Processing

COFFEE

Brands

POWER

Factories

PROJECTS

Bankable
transactions

WHAT LONDON PRODUCED

SIGNED

100 learners

Oxford College of Education Group will sponsor 100 learners in Uganda in a partnership with Mandulis Energy.

DELIVERED

AI dialogue

Hon. Eng. Jonard Asiimwe was hosted at the UK Parliament by Lord Uday Nagaraju of Bloomsbury after the Summit.

AGREED IN PRINCIPLE

Jordan–Africa room

A dedicated room covering the whole continent is proposed for UKAIS 2027.

PLANNED

Uganda mission

A Trade and Investment Mission to Uganda is planned for February 2027.



Rt. Hon. Robinah Nabbanja
Prime Minister of the Republic of Uganda

CHIEF GUEST ADDRESS

Make it in Uganda, sell it across Africa

The Prime Minister urged investors to see Uganda as a production base for regional and continental markets, not only a market for goods and services. Membership of the East African Community, COMESA and the African Continental Free Trade Area supports that case.

She named four growth areas: agro-industrialisation, tourism, mineral-based industrial development including oil and gas, and science, technology and innovation. Her four commitments to investors: facilitate investment, coordinate institutions, keep improving the business environment and provide clear policy direction.

"You cannot speak about industrialisation without power."

H.E. Lisa Chesney MBE

British High Commissioner to Uganda

She welcomed the shift from market access to production. The UK investment portfolio in Uganda exceeds £1.3 billion, with a further £1 billion in the pipeline through UK Export Finance, British International Investment, the Private Infrastructure Development Group and private-sector partners.

"The biggest risk connected with Uganda is not investing. It is being too slow."

H.E. Alastair Long

His Majesty's Trade Commissioner for Africa

He named four barriers to investment: infrastructure gaps, high borrowing costs, insufficient project preparation and difficulty mobilising capital at the required scale and speed.

"Trade is not charity. Investment must be commercially sustainable."

Lord Uday Nagaraju of Bloomsbury

Member of the House of Lords. Founder and Director, AI Policy Labs

The strategic question is how Africa can own a greater share of the value that AI creates. He argued that AI is becoming physical infrastructure that depends on chips, data centres, fibre and, above all, reliable power.

"Good governance is economic infrastructure."

H.E. MP Khaled Mousa Abu Hassan

Chairman of the Economy and Investment Committee, Jordanian House of Representatives

He presented Jordan as a strategic bridge connecting Africa with the Middle East and Asia. He called for discussions to lead to projects, joint ventures and long-term commercial partnerships.

"We do not want the relationship between Jordan and Africa to be one of market and consumer. We want it to be partner and partner."

Rt. Hon. Rebecca Kadaga

First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for East African Community Affairs, Uganda

In the closing remarks, she called on UK Export Finance and British International Investment to align their support with regional industrial corridors. Her address reinforced the theme, From Access to Production.

"Partnerships are most durable when they are built on mutual production, not just mutual exchange."

Security and investor confidence

Hon. Prof. Ephraim Kamuntu, Minister of Internal Affairs, and Col. Edith Nakalema, Head, State House Investors Protection Unit

The Minister reported traveller clearance of about three minutes and work permits issued within about seven days, subject to complete documentation, in the 2025/26 financial year.

"Come to Uganda with your capital, come with your technology, come with your expertise and come with your partnerships."

THE SESSIONS

SESSION 01

Critical Minerals and Value Addition

From geological potential to bankability

Resource availability alone is not enough. The session set out eight conditions for a bankable mineral project, from clear rights and reliable data to credible offtake and an appropriate allocation of risk.

Uganda's mineral investment priority is bankability.

SESSION 02

Technology and Finance

From digital access to productive capacity

Success should be measured by projects financed, businesses scaled and productivity improved, not by technology announcements alone. Uganda has strengthened its financial infrastructure. The next task is utilisation.

Turning stability into patient, blended capital for bankable projects.

SESSION 03

Infrastructure and Industrial Corridors

Financing the systems that make production competitive

Investors assess platforms, not isolated assets. Every priority project must show one binding constraint, one appropriate capital instrument, one party responsible for the principal risk and one next action towards financial close.

Infrastructure becomes investable when projects are planned around productive demand.

UGANDA AT A GLANCE, AS REPORTED BY SPEAKERS

US\$3.7bn

Foreign direct investment in the preceding year

6.3%

Economic growth

4.0%

Headline inflation, with core at 3.5%

3rd

Absa Africa Financial Markets Index 2025, up from 10th in 2018

£1bn

UK Export Finance capacity remaining for qualifying projects

US\$0.05

Reported industrial power tariff per kWh

FIVE FINDINGS

1**Value addition, not extraction, is the investment case**

From coffee to graphite, speakers called for more processing and manufacturing closer to the source.

2**Capital is available, but only for prepared projects**

UK Export Finance reported approximately £1 billion in remaining financing capacity for Uganda.

3**Every session applied the same bankability test**

Clear ownership, credible feasibility, viable repayment, appropriate risk allocation and a defined route to financial close.

4**Delay is now a risk in its own right**

Reforms cut some land transactions from about 180 days to as few as 15, and issue work permits in about seven days.

5**Corridors turn single projects into investable platforms**

The UK-Africa-India corridor and the proposed Jordan-Africa partnership extend this approach across borders.

ONE BANKABILITY STANDARD

A**Is it real?**

Clear ownership and rights, proven resource or demand, completed feasibility.

B**Can it pay?**

A defined capital requirement, credible repayment and a matched financing structure.

C**Can it be delivered?**

Infrastructure in place, risk with the right party, community and ESG built in.

D**What happens next?**

Lenders engaged early and one next action towards financial close.

The same standard governs the UKAIS 2027 Deal Book.

From Commitments to Delivery

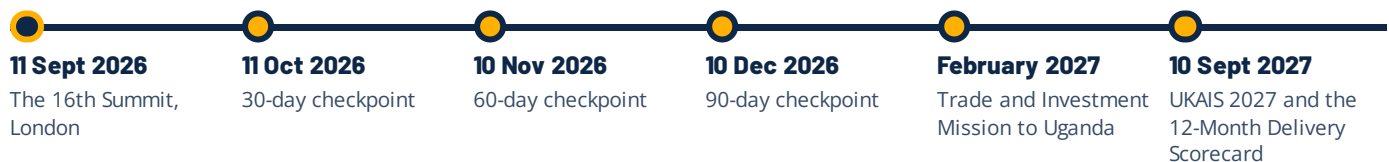
London opened the relationships. The next ninety days will determine whether they progress to due diligence, financing decisions and signed agreements.

WHERE IT STANDS: NINE ACTIONS FROM LONDON

2 DELIVERED Education partnership 100 learners. Mandulis Energy and Oxford College of Education Group. UK Parliament engagement on AI Lord Uday Nagaraju of Bloomsbury.	3 IN DISCUSSION Jordan–Africa Investment and Economic Partnership Platform UKAIS with H.E. MP Khaled Mousa Abu Hassan. Spotlight on Africa Investments Limited Preliminary discussions only. Globespan Infrastructure programmes Globespan Infrastructure Ltd.	2 PLANNED Trade and Investment Mission to Uganda February 2027. UKAIS. Parliamentary visits to Uganda Lord Nagaraju and Lord Raval OBE.	2 PROPOSED CII chief executives' delegation UKAIS with the Confederation of Indian Industry. Curated investor prospectus UKAIS.
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Spotlight on Africa Investments Limited: no final investment decision has been made. Discussions are preliminary and subject to due diligence.

THE FOLLOW-UP PATH



WHAT CHANGES AT UKAIS 2027

Deal Book Circulated to investors four weeks before the Summit. Every project is backed by a Minimum Evidence Pack.	Meetings App One-to-one meetings are requested before the Summit and confirmed only where both parties agree.	Corridor Rooms A Jordan–Africa room is agreed in principle. A UK–India–Africa room is in development.	Delivery Scorecard Presented on the main stage. It reports how each commitment from London has progressed.
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“Access to markets was never an achievement. Production is. This Summit will be judged by what moves after London, not by what was said in it.”

WILLY MUTENZA, CHAIRMAN, UK–AFRICA INVESTMENT SUMMIT

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