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## COMPANIES IN AFRICA

Doing business in Africa is not difficult. Many major multinational corporations have bases and many African-based corporations are highly-professional, strongly motivated and open to international trade. Here are some of them in Alphabetical order:

**ABSA-** South Africa's leading Banking brand offers financial services and identifies investment opportunities in South Africa. It is also involved in philanthropic projects such as the South African Early Childhood Development awards for 2007.

[www.absa.co.za](http://www.absa.co.za)

**ADB-** The African Development Bank is a multilateral bank founded in 1964. It is engaged in mobilizing resources towards economic and social progress in the continent. ADB's headquarters are in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire.

[www.afdb.org](http://www.afdb.org)

**Anglo American-** Is Africa's biggest company. It is a major international organization specializing in mining and development of Africa's vast array of mineral and precious metal resources. The organization was critical of the Apartheid regime in which it operated for decades. According to its website it has no black executive directors. Two of its non-executive directors are black and one of these is a woman. It has an executive board which includes no black Africans.

[www.angloamerican.co.uk](http://www.angloamerican.co.uk)

**Bouygues-** This major French construction and communications firm operates in West African countries including Burkina Faso and Cote d'Ivoire.

[www.bouygues.fr](http://www.bouygues.fr)

Barclays- The international banking group operates in Botswana, Egypt, Ghana, Kenya, Nigeria, South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia.

[www.barclays.com/africa](http://www.barclays.com/africa)

BMW- manufactures cars near Pretoria in South Africa. It also runs a hiv/aids program for its employees.

[www.bmw.co.za](http://www.bmw.co.za)

Bouygues- France's major construction and communications company has operations in west African countries including Cote d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast) and Burkina Faso (formerly Upper Volta)

[www.bouygues.fr](http://www.bouygues.fr)

BP- The major energy company has operations in 13 African Countries including Botswana, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

[www.bp.com](http://www.bp.com)

Coca Cola- The biggest foreign employer on the continent with 60,000 African workers

[www.africa.coca-cola.com](http://www.africa.coca-cola.com)

Daimler-Chrysler- makes and markets Mercedes Benz, Chrysler, Jeep, Smart, Mitsubishi cars and heavy vehicles in South Africa.

[www.daimlerchrysler.co.za](http://www.daimlerchrysler.co.za)

General Motors- has operations in Egypt, Kenya, South Africa, Nigeria and Tunisia.

[www.gm.com](http://www.gm.com)

Guinness- Brews its famous Irish stout in several African countries. Its biggest brewery is in Nigeria.

[www.guinness.com](http://www.guinness.com)

Petronas- Malaysia's national petroleum corporation has extensive interests in Africa including Algeria, Angola, Benin, Cameroon, Chad, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Mauritania, Morocco, Mozambique, Niger, South Africa, Sudan.

[www.petronas.com](http://www.petronas.com)

Shell- The major multinational energy company admits having made mistakes in Africa and is straightforward in saying that its involvement in the continent is not altruistic. This Anglo-Dutch multinational has operations in more than a dozen African countries. Its statement that "Shell is Africa" is, however, open to question.

[www.shell.com](http://www.shell.com)

Unilever - Under the leadership of Niall FitzGerald, a citizen of the Republic of Ireland who has been given an honorary British knighthood , Unilever pursued an ethical policy in Africa and the sensitivity of its operations in Kenya have been contrasted with those of Del Monte.

[www.unilever.com](http://www.unilever.com)