

# FINDEV CANADA TRANSACTION SUMMARY

## African Credit Opportunities Fund III

*This document provides an overview of the FinDev Canada transaction, including a summary of the anticipated development impacts and of the environmental and social (E&S) risk assessment performed, potential risks identified, and related mitigation measures to be implemented.*



### Transaction Description

The African Credit Opportunities Fund III is a private credit fund providing financing to market leading corporates across Africa and other emerging markets. The Fund is managed by Ninety One, an international investment manager with an extensive track record in Africa and global emerging markets. The Fund is expected to reach a final close of over US\$ 400 million by mid 2026, and has already onboarded committed investors, such as International Finance Corporation, British International Investment, the Swiss Development Finance Institution, and several other institutional and private investors with the Standard Bank of South Africa as a credit provider.

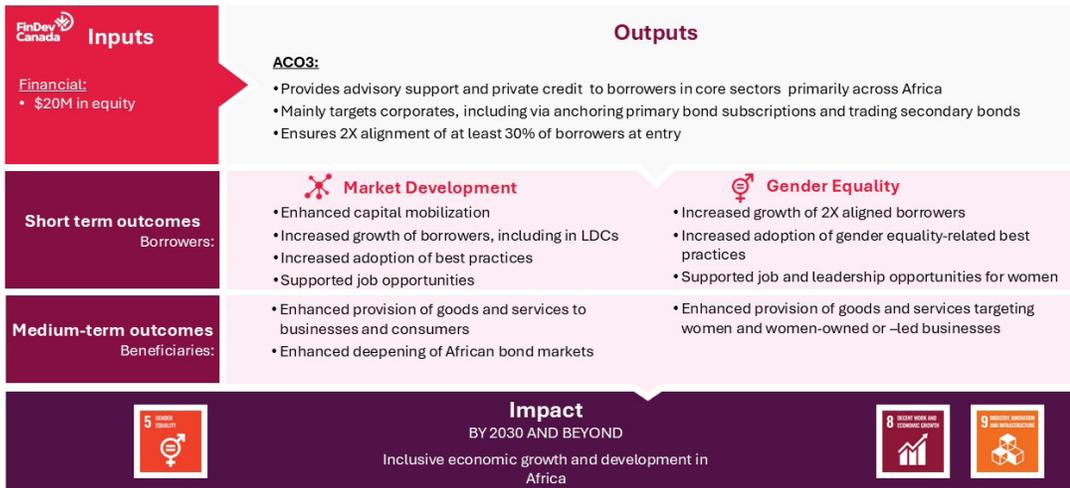
### Transaction Details

<b>COUNTERPARTY</b>	Ninety One Global Alternative Fund 2 SCSp RAIF ("Africa Credit Opportunities Fund III", "ACO3" or "the Fund") Fund Manager: Ninety One SA (Pty) Ltd
<b>DOMICILE</b>	Luxembourg
<b>COUNTRY(IES) OF OPERATION</b>	Africa & other emerging markets
<b>TERM OF FINANCING</b>	ACO3 is an Africa-focused 7.5-year closed-end private credit fund investing in predominantly senior loans and bonds issued by corporations mainly across Africa.
<b>SECTOR</b>	Financial industry
<b>E&amp;S CATEGORY</b>	FI-2
<b>FINANCING PRODUCT</b>	Equity
<b>2X CANADA TRANSACTION AMOUNT</b>	N/A
<b>FINDEV CANADA TRANSACTION AMOUNT</b>	US\$ 20 million
<b>DATE OF TRANSACTION DISCLOSURE</b>	10/7/2025
<b>DATE OF TRANSACTION SIGNING</b>	12/12/2025
<b>DATE OF TRANSACTION SUMMARY PUBLICATION</b>	4/3/2026
<b>2X ALIGNMENT</b>	Yes, under the Employment or Leadership criteria, and a Portfolio commitment.

## Summary of Anticipated Development Impacts

The development impact value proposition of this investment in ACO3 is to contribute to inclusive economic growth and development mainly in Africa by facilitating access to private credit for companies and infrastructure projects, supporting jobs, and enhancing the provision of goods and services for businesses and consumers. The Fund's borrowers include women owned and led businesses and those in Least Developed Countries (LDCs). Additionally, through its participation in the bond market, ACO3 is expected to enhance capital mobilization and contribute to the deepening of African debt capital markets.

The impact theory of change below summarizes how ACO3 will contribute to FinDev Canada's development impact goals and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).



### MARKET DEVELOPMENT

- **Stimulate growth of businesses:** The Fund is expected to provide financing to businesses in key sectors across Africa, including in LDCs, helping to address persistent financing gaps left by traditional banks. The Fund's private credit approach is anticipated to offer longer-term, tailored, and non-dilutive financing solutions. This support is expected to enable businesses to scale, create and sustain jobs, and strengthen the availability of essential goods and services for enterprises and consumers in target markets.
- **Deepen African debt capital markets:** Through its participation in the bond market, and at times serving as an anchor investor, the Fund helps mobilize capital and supports the development of African debt capital markets.



## GENDER EQUALITY

- **Increased adoption of gender-equality related best practices:** ACO3 aims to mainstream a gender lens throughout the investment cycle, with a focus on identifying and addressing gender-related gaps. This is particularly important given that women-owned and women-led businesses in Africa remain significantly underserved, facing a multi-billion-dollar financing gap as they receive a disproportionately small share of available private capital.
- **2X alignment:** Across Africa, women are underrepresented in senior management and board positions, limiting their influence over strategic decision-making and constraining inclusive economic growth. In contrast, women represent 57% of senior management, 50% of the Board and 58% of staff at Ninety-One South Africa, exceeding 2X region and sector thresholds. Furthermore, ACO3 has committed to ensuring 30% of its borrowers are 2X-aligned at entry, reinforcing its dedication to advancing gender equality across its portfolio.

### Summary of Environmental and Social Assessment and Related Risk Mitigation Measures

This transaction is a Category FI-2 given the nature of the Fund's portfolio, which is expected to be comprised of corporates operating across infrastructure & telecommunication, financial institutions, and the consumer industry, which are generally site-specific largely reversible, and readily addressed through mitigation measures.

The E&S due diligence ("ESDD") was undertaken between May and June 2025 and consisted of track record search, direct engagement with the Manager's E&S and Human Resources personnel, and a review of the E&S documentation.

The primary E&S risks associated with the Fund's proposed portfolio could involve labour rights and working conditions (including Gender-based violence and harassment, "GBVH"), community health, safety and security, data privacy and customer protection. Pipeline countries also face contextual risks associated with weak rule of law and conflict and fragility that can exacerbate sector risks. At the Manager level, risks include those related to labour and working conditions. ACO3's Environmental & Social Management System ("ESMS") and Ninety One's Human Resources policies are expected to address the identified E&S risks and impacts.

This review was completed in accordance with FinDev Canada's Environmental and Social Policy. An illustrative list of key documents reviewed is outlined below:

- Environmental and Social Management System (African Credit Opportunities 3). May 2025.
- Sustainability Policy. May 2025.
- Ninety One Grievance Procedure – Global.
- Ninety One Equality Policy.
- Grievance procedure – Global.
- Equality Policy. October 2024.

The following International Finance Corporation (IFC) Performance Standards were applied in FinDev Canada's assessment in addition to host country requirements and the IFC Interpretation Note on Financial Intermediaries.

- IFC Performance Standard 1: Assessment and Management of Environmental and Social Risks and Impacts.
- IFC Performance Standard 2: Labour and Working Conditions.