



## Helping you see the bigger picture

Our investigations  
experience in Africa



### Internal investigations and defence

Eversheds Sutherland is regularly engaged by African and global clients to conduct internal investigations into concerns about corruption, bribery, fraud, embezzlement, theft of opportunity, money laundering, terrorist finance, tax evasion and other compliance concerns. Increasingly, Eversheds Sutherland performs investigative due diligence in advance of M&A transactions to identify integrity, compliance and criminal risks.

Equally, we can advise you on your response to investigations and inquiries led by police, prosecutors, regulators, judicial authorities, anti-corruption commissions and multi-lateral banks. Where necessary, we defend our clients and individual employees in formal civil litigation, disciplinary proceedings, and criminal prosecutions.

When conducting investigations on the ground in Africa, we typically interview and debrief staff, analyse computer and smartphone data, review transactional records, forensically examine company documents and prepare legal advice on that basis.



### Africa: rewards and risks

Many African economies present significant trade and investment opportunities: some (like Nigeria and Angola) are rich in resources, while others (like Ghana and Kenya) are experiencing growth across the industrial and financial sectors. Agriculture is increasingly integrated into global markets, and consumption of online services is rising. However, those opportunities are often tempered by challenges like pervasive fraud, bribery, unclear laws, capricious governments, money laundering, and organised crime.

Our Investigations team has extensive experience with conducting investigations into these issues in Africa. We can assist you with identifying legal and integrity risks on the ground, and offer practical advice on how to resolve them.



## African network, global capabilities

Eversheds Sutherland has more than 220 lawyers within Africa and worldwide who can advise you on practical responses to investigations. Our investigative lawyers include former prosecutors, investigators, journalists and analysts.

Eversheds Sutherland has seven permanent offices across Angola, Mauritius, Mozambique, South Africa and Tunisia. Where useful, we leverage our network of firms within the Eversheds Sutherland Africa Alliance (ESAA). The ESAA is present in over 30 African countries.



## Why work with us?

- 1. End-to-end global resolution** – our ESAA network operates across more than 30 jurisdictions, and is further supported by our offices in the UK, US, Europe, Middle East, Far East and Southeast Asia. For you, this means we are able to offer a one-stop-shop with investigating compliance and integrity issues on the ground in Africa, and resolving them in international litigation and prosecution hubs.
- 2. African and international clients** – our clients operate in the financial, telecoms, trading, energy and mining sectors, among others. Investigations are typically conducted on a confidential basis, but clients we have acted for on other African matters include Addax, Eskom, Tyco, FMC Technologies, Glanbia, the African Development Bank, and the International Finance Corporation (World Bank). Globally, we have advised 128 of the Fortune 200, 61 of the FTSE 100, 70 of the Fortune 100 and 39 of the Fortune 50.
- 3. Practical advice** – we are committed to providing advice that is practical and appropriate to profile. This means proposing solutions that are ethical, cost-effective and commercially-sensitive. We pride ourselves on clear communication.
- 4. A full service law firm** – Eversheds Sutherland is a leading international full service law firm. With 74 offices in 35 countries, we advise our clients on finance, infrastructure, capital markets, M&A, tax, competition, crisis management, real estate, labour law and other issues worldwide.
- 5. Unique project management approach** – our best practice solution means a single point of contact for matters, highly-developed processes and leveraging appropriate technology for your benefit.

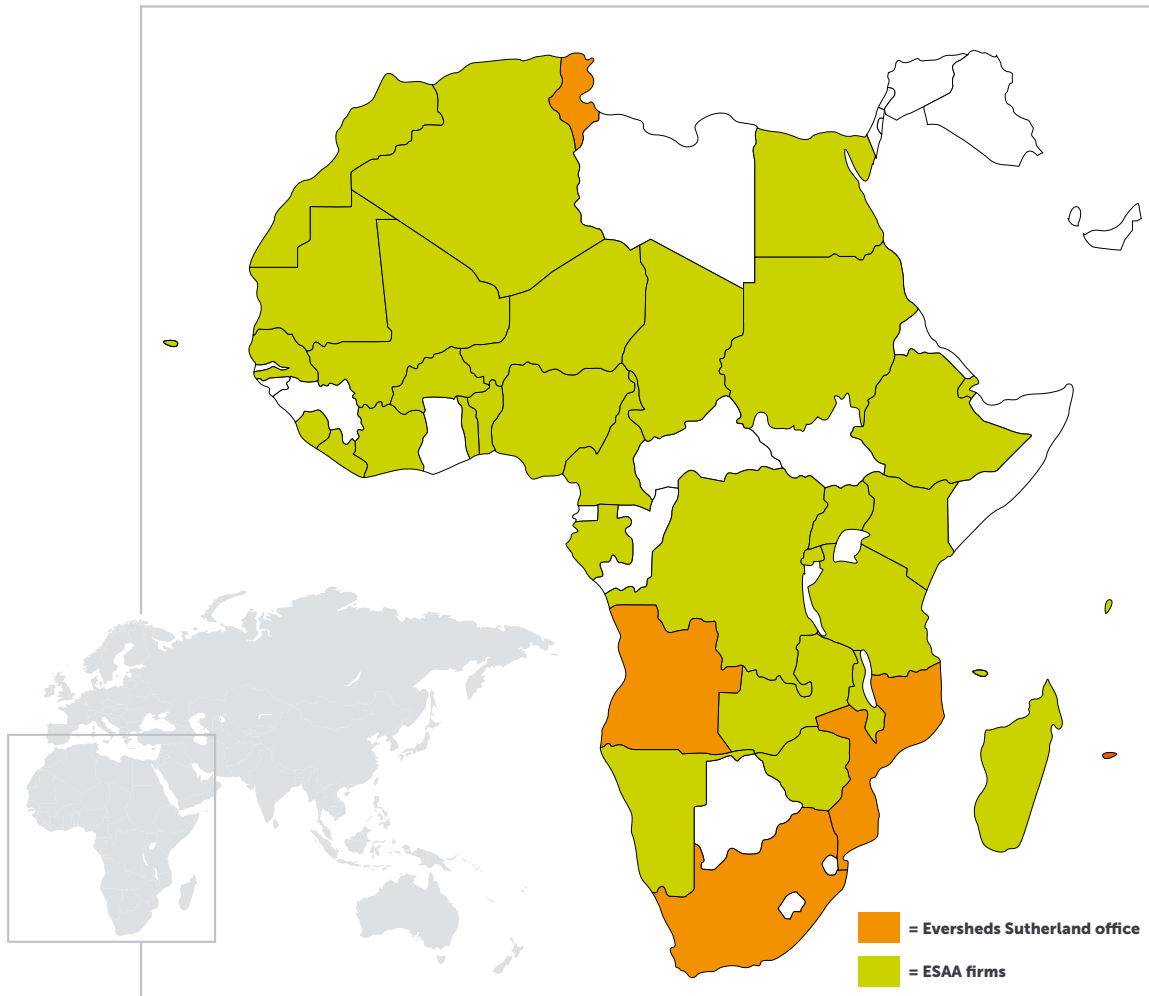


## Our notable investigative tasks in Africa include:

- advising an international company on its response to an investigation by the Tanzanian Prevention and Combating of Corruption Bureau and associated police and tax investigations
- conducting investigative pre-transaction due diligence into the manner and circumstances in which a midsize oil company had acquired exploration blocks in two central Africa
- investigating the circumstances and nature of gifts and entertainment provided to public officials by an international company in Mozambique
- conducting an internal investigation on behalf of a major international investor into allegations of bribery and anti-competitive practices in two jurisdictions
- conducting investigative pre-transaction due diligence into an acquisition target in Nigeria, with a particular emphasis on how it won business from government bodies and state-owned enterprises
- conducting an investigation into allegations of employee fraud, historic tax evasion and misconduct in Tanzania

Eversheds Sutherland's investigations capabilities are complemented by our full service offering around preventing, identifying and mitigating integrity, compliance, and criminal risks. This includes designing and rolling out compliance systems and controls, training employees, establishing whistleblowing systems, and identifying and implementing upgrades to compliance regimes.





## ESAA map

Algeria

Angola

Benin

Burkina Faso

Cameroon

Cape Verde

Chad

Comoros

Congo

Côte d'Ivoire

Djibouti

Egypt

Ethiopia

Gabon

Kenya

Liberia

Madagascar

Malawi

Mali

Mauritania

Mauritius

Morocco

Mozambique

Namibia

Niger

Nigeria

Senegal

Seychelles

Sierra Leone

South Africa

Tanzania

Togo

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Uganda

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Zimbabwe

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## What do our clients say about us?

*They are very responsive and clear in explaining their advice.*

**Legal 500**, 2020

*The team is able to assist on a comprehensive range of matters in the Africa region and it is well connected thanks to the Eversheds Sutherland network.*

**Legal 500**, 2020

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