Eversheds Sutherland has been advising clients across the African continent for over 30 years. Many of our lawyers have practiced in Africa or are of African origin, and have considerable experience of OHADA (Organization for the Harmonization of Business Law in Africa) law. This experience, coupled with our sector understanding and comprehensive network, makes us perfectly placed to help you establish and grow your business in Africa.

In addition to our growing offices in key African jurisdictions, we work in conjunction with our Eversheds Sutherland Africa Alliance (ESAA) firms covering over 30 countries across the continent.

We understand that local knowledge and resources are crucial to navigating the complex maze of law and regulations across Africa. Our broad African footprint allows us to alert, advise and support you on your journey into and around Africa.

Our Africa Group comprises of over 100 lawyers based in our Africa, European, US, Middle East and Far East offices. They work in conjunction with the Eversheds Sutherland Africa Alliance (ESAA) firms across the continent on a broad range of mandates for both African and international clients.
We advise leading international and African corporates, banks and investors across all sectors, including energy, infrastructure, financial services, TMT, industrials and consumer.

Eversheds Sutherland Africa Alliance

Aware of the emerging issues and new challenges in Africa, the Eversheds Sutherland Africa Alliance (ESAA) – formerly known as the Eversheds Africa Law Institute (EALI) – was formed in 2013. ESAA is a unique entity that provides member law firms with access to training, knowledge sharing programs and commercial opportunities on a regional and international basis. By coordinating and sharing experiences between Eversheds Sutherland and ESAA members, we are able to provide our clients with the best of both international and local advice across the continent.

Why work with us?

1. Anticipating your needs – as many African countries and businesses continue to experience strong growth, there is a need for legal advice that will connect this ambition to the rest of the world. Those aiming to invest in Africa often face the uncertainties that arise in new markets and rapidly changing economies. With a long and successful history in the region, we can help you achieve your objectives.

2. A pan-African reach – we are able to offer you on the ground support through our offices in Anglophone, Francophone and Lusophone Africa. Our offices are centrally located in Angola (Luanda), Mauritius (Port Louis), Mozambique (Maputo), South Africa (Johannesburg and Durban), and Tunisia (Tunis). We are also only one of two international law firms to have a presence in Mauritius which is an important structuring hub for investment into Africa.

3. A unique entity – we are further able to support you through our network of alliance firms known as the Eversheds Sutherland Africa Alliance (ESAA). ESAA consists of experienced firms in over 30 countries across Africa. ESAA also enables our clients and contacts to keep abreast of legal developments and provides unique access to new thinking and training on the African legal and business landscape.

4. Leaders in the field – our award-winning project management approach provides you with a single point of contact, crucial management information at your fingertips and the ability to adapt quickly to changing circumstances. This approach also delivers efficiency, certainty and allows us to deliver legal advice of the highest standard across the continent.

5. Incomparable coverage – on any given day we are acting in Anglophone, Francophone and Lusophone jurisdictions. This gives us broad coverage and key resources which enables us to continue to deliver first class legal support to our clients.

6. A proven track record – we are regularly recommended by Chambers, Legal 500 and IFLR. Legal 500 have described Eversheds Sutherland as having “an excellent understanding of Francophone Africa.”
The biggest advantage is the sharing of knowledge between members, which is very important, but there is also an opportunity to get and give referrals from and to other lawyers across Africa.

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"Multilingual firm with business law expertise in all African countries"

Legal 500 EMEA, 2021

"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

"Ability to advise through a wide scope."

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