



## Helping you see the bigger picture

### Our investigations experience in Africa

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#### **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.

Eversheds Sutherland has extensive experience of conducting investigations into these issues in Africa. We assist our clients to identify legal and integrity risks on the ground, and give practical advice on how to resolve them.

#### **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.

#### **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 five permanent offices across South Africa, Tunisia and Mauritius. Where useful, we leverage our network of firms within the Eversheds Sutherland Africa Alliance (ESAA). The ESAA operates across 36 African countries.

## Why work with us?

- 1 End-to-end global resolution** – our network across the 36 jurisdictions of the Eversheds Sutherland Africa Alliance is complemented by our offices across the United States, Europe and Southeast Asia. This means clients can engage a single law firm to investigate compliance and integrity issues on the ground in Africa and then resolve 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 on other African matters include Addax, Eskom, Tyco, FMC Technologies, Glanbia, the African Development Bank, and the International Finance Corporation (World Bank). Globally, we advise 62 of the FTSE 100 and 58 of the Fortune 100.
- 3 Practical advice** – Eversheds Sutherland is 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 66 offices in 32 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.

## What happens next?

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## 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.