



BLUE DOT
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Catalysing Quality Infrastructure Investment

A global, multi-stakeholder initiative

What BDN offers

BDN certification provides a trusted, independently verified signal that projects are:



Economically efficient



Transparent



Resilient



Sustainable

What is the Blue Dot Network?

The Blue Dot Network (BDN) is a global scheme for certifying quality infrastructure projects, based on internationally-accepted standards.

Its mission is to attract infrastructure investment by identifying projects that manage risk and meet global benchmarks.



Key figures

USD 18 trillion

global investment gap by 2040 ¹

Africa:

USD 170 billion annual gap (6-7% of GDP) ²

Latin America:

USD 270 billion gap per year (3% of GDP) ³

80%

of projects in Africa do not progress beyond planning ⁴

Infrastructure makes up only

2% of pension fund assets

the vast majority in developed economies ⁵

Who's involved

The certification process is backed by a broad global community of private sector stakeholders – our Executive Consultation Group – ensuring business relevance while upholding international standards. Government support helps to link investment to meeting policy objectives.

Why it matters

Most infrastructure investment from the private sector goes to advanced economies. A transparent and standardised certification helps identify projects that are meeting international good practices and provides guidelines for the development of a pipeline of bankable projects that can attract investment.

BDN Governance & Community



Steering Committee

Australia, Japan, Spain, Switzerland, Türkiye, United Kingdom, United States



Network Members

Canada, Czechia, Montenegro, Peru, Republic of Palau



Secretariat

Independent, based in Paris



Executive Consultation Group

A global platform of 200+ stakeholders guide implementation

¹ Global Infrastructure Hub & Oxford Economics (2017), Global Infrastructure Outlook. Infrastructure investment needs, 50 countries, 7 sectors to 2040, <https://outlook.gihub.org/>.

² OECD/ACET (2020), Quality Infrastructure in 21st Century Africa: Prioritising, Accelerating and Scaling Up in the Context of PIDA (2021-30).

³ IDB (2021) The Infrastructure Gap in Latin America and the Caribbean: Investment Needed Through 2030 to Meet the Sustainable Development Goals.

⁴ OECD/ACET (2020), Quality Infrastructure in 21st Century Africa: Prioritising, Accelerating and Scaling Up in the Context of PIDA (2021-30).

⁵ OECD (2022), Long-term investing of large pension funds and public pension reserve funds, OECD Publishing, Paris, pp. 5 & 29. <https://doi.org/10.1787/809eff56-en>.

The Challenge

Infrastructure is critical to achieving sustainable development and shared economic prosperity – especially in emerging economies. Yet investment levels remain stubbornly low.



The BDN Solution

The BDN helps **unlock sustainable infrastructure** investment by giving **investors, governments, lenders, developers and communities** confidence that certified projects deliver **long-term value and positive impact** – and by supporting the recognition of sustainable infrastructure as a credible, investable asset class.

Key Benefits by Stakeholder

Investors

- Improves risk management
- Facilitates due diligence
- Signal of quality

Governments

- Attracts private capital, supports PPP strategies
- Promotes infrastructure to deliver sustainable development

Communities

- Generates local jobs and builds skills
- Improves access to services and markets

Project Developers

- Streamlines ESG compliance
- Meets finance requirements and enhances bankability
- Technical assistance available for eligible projects

BDN Certification at a Glance

- Applies across **all major infrastructure sectors** (e.g. energy, transport, water/sanitation, and ICT)
- Covers the **full project lifecycle**: from planning to operations, with certification available at key milestones
- Works across public, PPP, and private financing models
- Voluntary: conducted at the **request of project owners**
- Synthesises 80+ global standards (e.g. G20, IFC, OECD)
- Verified by independent, global certifiers: **Bureau Veritas, SGS, Ricardo**

Engage with us

If you are interested in joining the BDN ECG,
please write to secretariat@bluedot-network.org

View the certification
framework



Apply for
certification



Join the Network

The BDN is open to new projects, partners and participants.

To explore certification or get involved:

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