



Welcome to the 18th issue of Invest Salone's quarterly newsletter

It's been another productive quarter for Invest Salone. We've published **new investment readiness resources** and helped launch **a pioneering set of principles** – all furthering our mission to drive innovation, investment and inclusive growth across Sierra Leone's private sector.

On 23 June 2026, Sierra Leone's banking and microfinance sectors adopted the [Sierra Leone Voluntary Sustainable Finance Principles](#). These principles – **the country's first sector-wide sustainable finance framework for financial institutions** – mark an important step towards responsible investment, sustainable economic growth and a more resilient financial sector.

Strengthening Sierra Leone's private sector is central to the UK's partnership with Sierra Leone. In support of this ambition, **three new resources are now freely available** on the Invest Salone website. Businesses can use the [Sierra Leone Investment Toolkit](#), the [Investment Readiness Scorecard](#) and the [Business Advisor Directory](#) to better understand their investment readiness and improve their proposition to investors.

Increased public participation in policy is another aim of the UK–Sierra Leone partnership. This received a significant boost in July with the [conclusion of public consultations on Sierra Leone's draft Public Service Bill](#). The bill, which will now be submitted to Parliament, will help establish **a more accountable, transparent and effective public service**, complete with institutionalised public–private dialogue.

Read on to discover how these initiatives are helping **unlock Sierra Leone's growth potential** and build a **more inclusive, resilient economy**.

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This quarter's feature: Sierra Leone financial sector adopts Voluntary Sustainable Finance Principles

On 23 June 2026, Sierra Leone's banking and microfinance sectors adopted the Sierra Leone Voluntary Sustainable Finance Principles, **the country's first coordinated, sector-wide sustainable finance framework for financial institutions**.

Developed by the Sierra Leone Association of Commercial Banks and the Sierra Leone Association of Microfinance Institutions, with technical support from Invest Salone, the framework's **nine voluntary principles** will help financial institutions integrate **environmental, social and governance considerations** into their lending, investment, risk management and business decision-making. The framework is complemented by sector-specific implementation guidance.

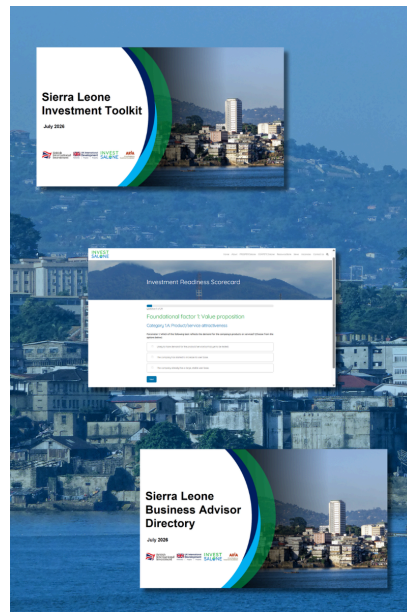
"The Voluntary Sustainable Finance Principles mark an important milestone for Sierra Leone's financial sector," said Mohamed Samoura, Chairman of the Sierra Leone Association of Commercial Banks. "They provide a practical framework to help institutions align business growth with environmental responsibility, social inclusion and sound governance."

[Read the full story here](#) to learn more about the principles.

Latest news

Investment readiness resources for SMEs launched

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Public Service Bill concludes public consultation phase

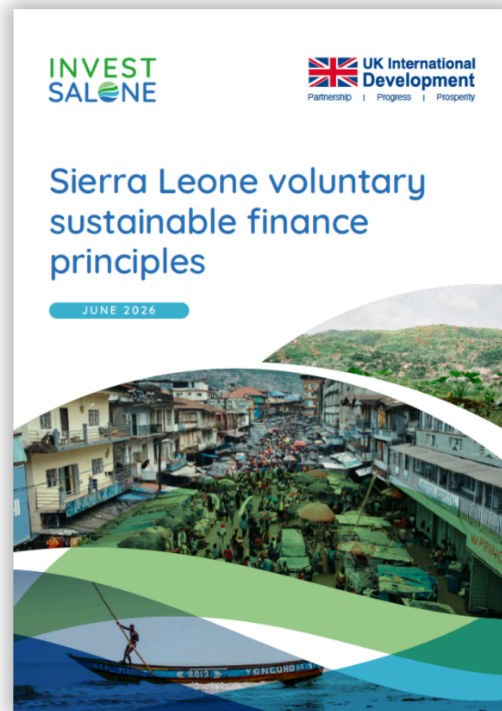
Nationwide consultations on Sierra Leone's draft Public Service Bill have concluded, bringing the country closer to a more accountable, transparent and effective public service. Public servants, local authorities, businesses, civil society organisations and other stakeholders reviewed the proposed legislation, which aims to institutionalise public-private dialogue and ensure that businesses, civil society and citizens have a stronger voice in shaping public policy. [Click here to learn more.](#)

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Publications

Sierra Leone Voluntary Sustainable Finance Principles

This framework comprises nine voluntary principles designed to help financial institutions integrate environmental, social and governance considerations into lending, investment and business decision-making. [Click here to view the full resource](#) and [view the sector-specific implementation guidance here](#).

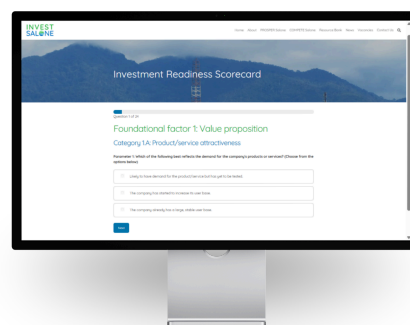


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Sierra Leone Investment Toolkit and Business Advisor Directory



Investment Readiness Scorecard



Finance that Fits: How Small Foundation, Vista Bank and Invest Salone partnered to transform lending for small businesses



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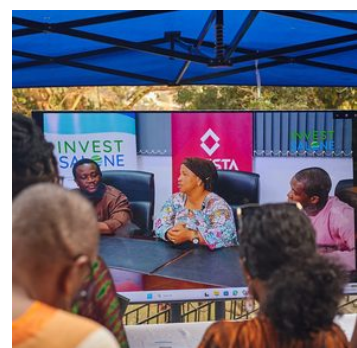
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The launch of the Sierra Leone Voluntary Sustainable Finance Principles. Speaking at the launch event, Invest Salone's Investment Lead Christina Clark-Lowes remarked, "The launch of the Voluntary



What does it take to unlock early-stage investment in essential urban services? For Freetown Waste Transformers (FWT), the answer was strategic partnerships that delivered targeted support and



Small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) have distinct financing needs, but they often find that traditional financial products fail to meet their realities on the ground. This video explores the

Sustainable Finance Principles is not just a technical achievement – it is the result of a multi-year journey of collaboration, commitment and shared ambition across the public and private sectors.”

the right capital. This carousel outlines the investment journey between Invest Salone, Redsalt Angel Investment Network and FWT and its impact.

partnership between Invest Salone, Vista Bank and Small Foundation to strengthen lending suited to SMEs in Sierra Leone.



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