THE UK’S NEW APPROACH TO SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

1. **Africa’s long-term success matters to the UK** and it is in all our interests to support a strong, prosperous and peaceful Africa – driven by its own citizens and acting as a dynamic force in the international arena.

2. **With young populations, five of the world’s fastest growing economies and a thirst for innovation, Africa is a continent alive with opportunity** – but progress has not been uniform, and for too many people everyday improvements to education, healthcare and security still feel distant.

3. **We are listening when African leaders tell us they want modern ‘win-win’ partnerships that deliver mutual benefit** – such as unlocking high-quality investment to deliver more exports and more jobs, both for British businesses and for our African partners.

4. **This is why the UK is making a new and distinctive offer to work alongside, invest in, and partner with African nations for our mutual benefit.** By supporting African-led ambitions with British expertise, we can deliver more opportunities, more jobs and greater stability – at home and across Africa – from the Sahel to South Africa.

5. In Cape Town this summer the Prime Minister committed to **radically expand the UK government’s presence in Africa**, opening new missions and bringing in trade experts, investment specialists, and other policy professionals to deliver on our shared interests and find solutions to the world’s biggest challenges.

6. Home to the City of London, cutting-edge science and technology industries, world-class defence and diplomacy expertise, a champion of free trade, and our commitment to spend 0.7% of gross national income on development – **the UK has distinctive qualities and strengths to offer African nations**, with a stronger focus on:

   - **Inclusive growth, trade, investment and economic partnerships**, working with and through the private sector, and supporting African countries to access high-quality international investment through the UK’s financial expertise and the City of
London – including hosting the 2019 Africa Investment Summit, forging closer ties between investors, governments and businesses.

- **Security and stability as the essential foundations for growth and prosperity**, tackling our shared threats by supporting African countries’ and communities’ efforts to address the underlying drivers of fragility and conflict.

- **Climate change and sustainable natural resource management**, including of Africa’s wildlife, helping African nations to manage the shocks of climate change and unlock their full economic potential.

- **A step change in our support for access to voluntary family planning**, doing more to empower women to take control of their lives and health choices.

7. It is in all our interests that we support communities on the front line of instability, so there will also be greater UK engagement and presence in the Sahel, doing more to tackle poverty and build stability across the region – one of the world’s poorest and most fragile.

8. To ensure our partnerships are truly transformative, we are using **science, innovation and technology to find new solutions to shared challenges**: from revolutionising age-old agriculture techniques, to helping communities adapt to changing climates and creating countless highly-skilled and good quality jobs.

9. **This new approach is about establishing long-term, meaningful and mutually beneficial partnerships** by forging strong connections – between our young people, governments, institutions, businesses, scientists and entrepreneurs – to build on our common links and deliver **a safer, healthier and more prosperous future for us all**.

10. **Strengthening our partnership with African nations is a key element of our Global Britain vision.** Global Britain is about reinvesting in our relationships across the world, expanding and deepening our overseas network, working with others to face challenges and advance common interests, including support for the rules-based international order. This includes **building on the progress made at the Commonwealth Summit and its commitment to invest in our shared futures.**