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INFORMATION

From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Africa Working Party

Subject: Lobito Corridor: Global Gateway Flagship-Lobito Corridor - Presentation

Delegations will find attached a presentation on the above, as prepared by the Commission (DG INTPA).

Global Gateway Flagship

Lobito Corridor

INTPA A – Africa Directorate

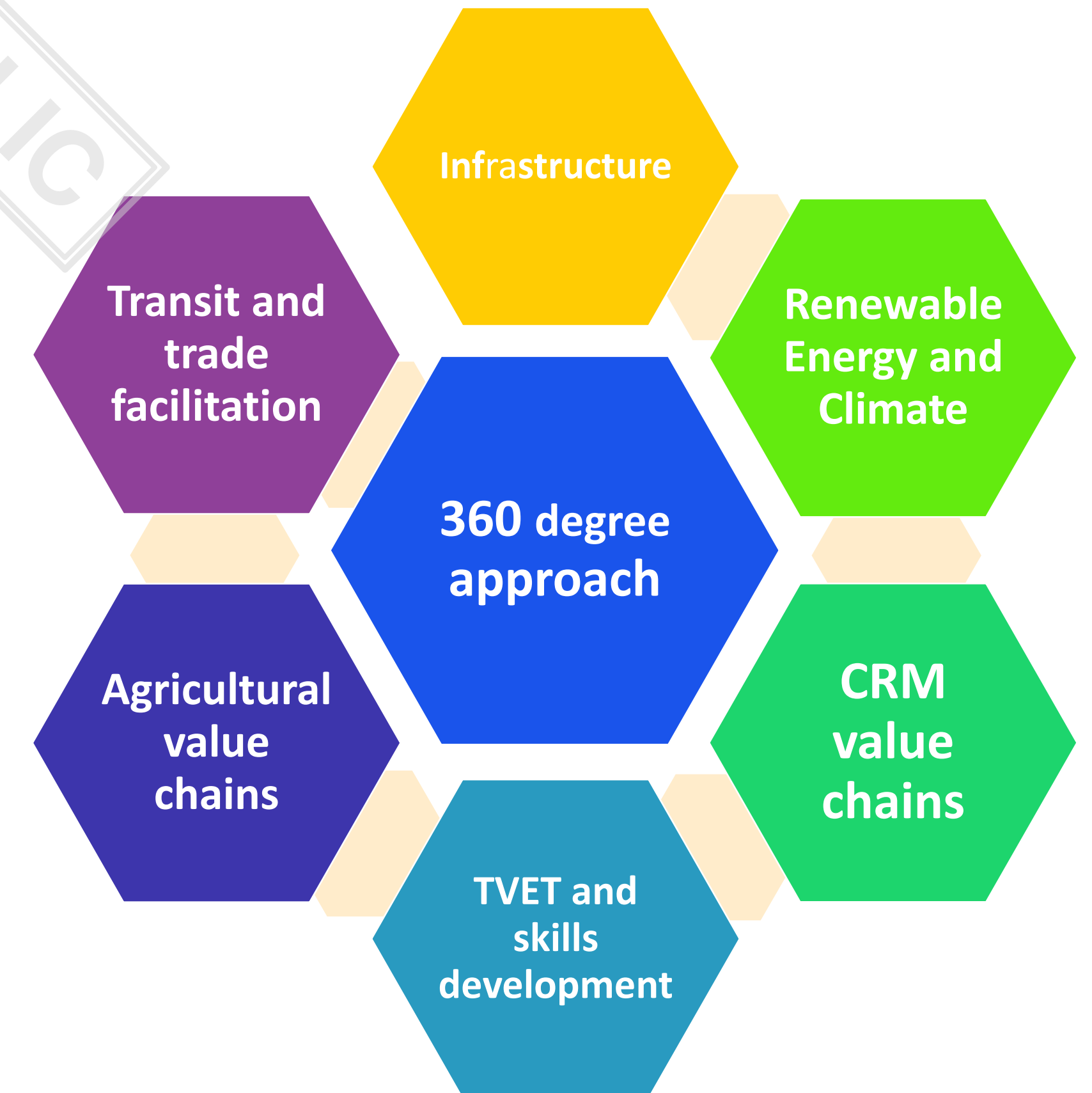
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Lobito Corridor



- Spanning Angola, Zambia and the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), designed to connect the resource-rich, landlocked regions of Angola, DRC and Zambia, while fostering regional economic integration, cross-border trade and sustainable development,
- Attract sustainable investments in 360° area along the Corridor,
- Of strategic relevance for EU: geopolitical dimensions, trade facilitation, CRM, European Private Sector Interest,
- Targeting key objectives such as: economic diversification, job creation, infrastructure investments, governance reforms, and environmental sustainability, resulting in lasting benefits for local communities.



Mapping of infrastructure

ANGOLA-ZAMBIA GREENFIELD RAILWAY 830 KM (concession)

Shorter export route from the Copperbelt via Lobito – cutting transit time by two.

- Total Cost: USD 5 billion
- Project promoter : Africa Finance Corporation (AFC)

DRC RAILWAY REHABILITATION (UNDER PREPARATION)

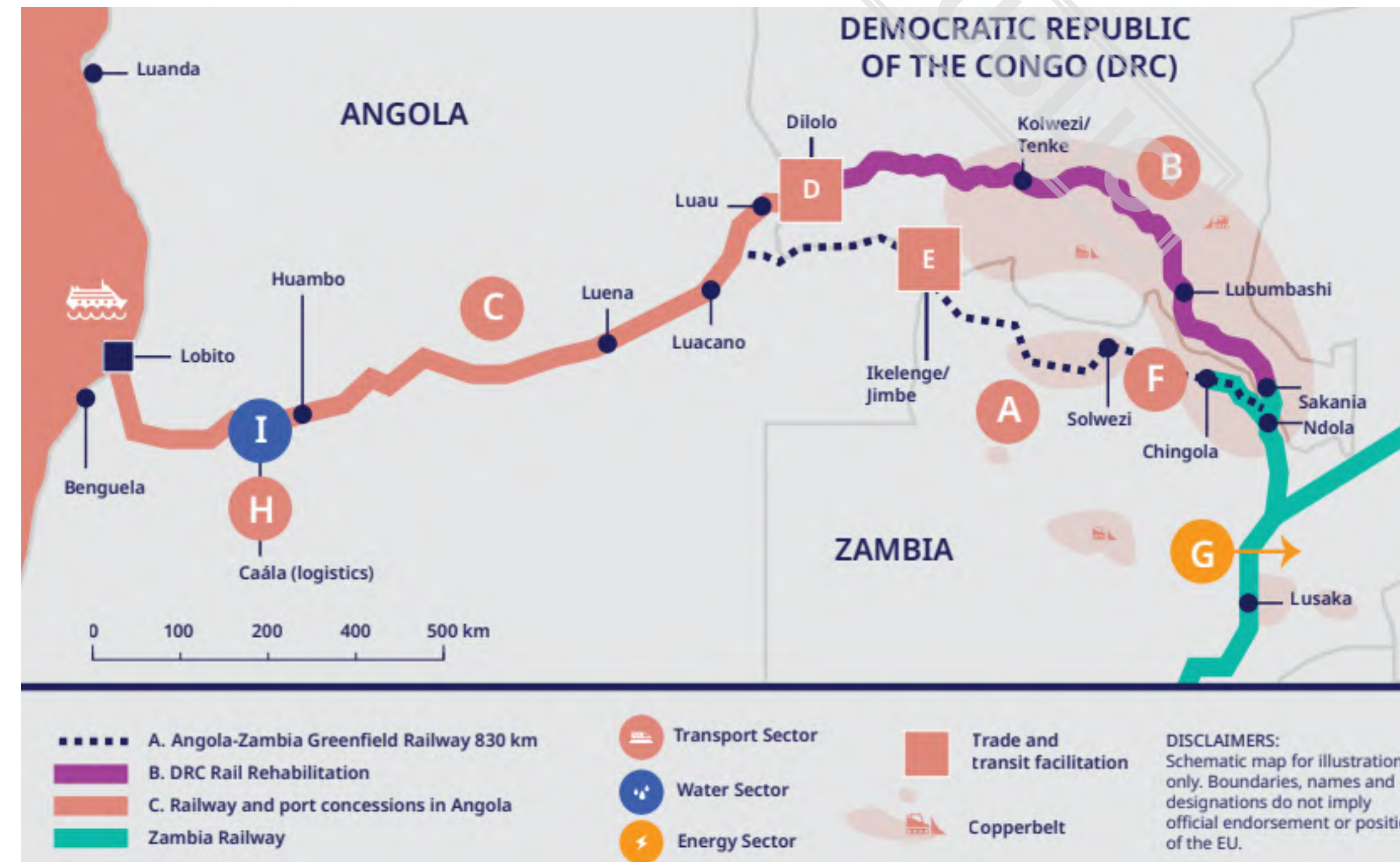
DRC railway Backbone linking Benguela (Angola) & the Copperbelt region (DRC, Zambia) enabling critical mineral flows.

- EU/EIB/Team Europe with SNCC and Ministry of Transport, WB, US
- Study is ongoing

RAILWAY AND PORT CONCESSIONS IN ANGOLA (AWARDED AND ONGOING)

30-year concession for the 1,300-km Benguela Railway (CFB) and a 20-year concession for the modernised Lobito terminal, creating an integrated rail-to-sea export chain.

- Port: AGL;
- Railway: LAR;
- Operational since 2024



CAÁLA LOGISTICS PLATFORM

Caála cold-chain hub: move/process farm goods to Lobito, boosting domestic output, jobs, and inclusive growth in Huambo.

- EUR 8 M
- EU, NL (DGIS, Invest International), ARCCLA
- Kick-off in 2025

ZAMBIA-TANZANIA-KENYA (ZTK) TRANSMISSION LINE

ZTK links the East African Power Pool (EAPP) to the Southern African Power Pool (SAPP), boosting cross-border power trade, energy security, and supply diversity.

- EU: 30 M ; total cost: 283 M, together with the WB

DILOLO TRADE & TRANSPORT FACILITATION (INCL. WOMEN TRADERS)

Cross-border harmonisation & interoperability via Lobito Corridor Transit Transport Facilitation Agency (LCTTFA) for faster, predictable border crossing.

- EU, TMA, AfDB, SADC, GoA, GoDRC, GRZ/LCTTFA
- Support under preparation

ANGOLA – ZAMBIA ROAD CONNECTION AND JIMBE BORDER (In discussion)

Upgrade Jimbe crossing and Ikelenge–Jimbe road to facilitate seamless freight & passenger flows.

- EU / Team Europe, GRZ , under preparation,

ZAMBIA RAILWAYS (“ZRL”) REHABILITATION

Rehabilitation of key segments to support the Angola–Zambia greenfield rail, integrating ZRL with the Lobito Corridor, boosting connectivity and readiness for integration/financing.

- EU, ZRL, Team Europe

- This showcases only examples of initiatives

Mapping of 360° initiatives

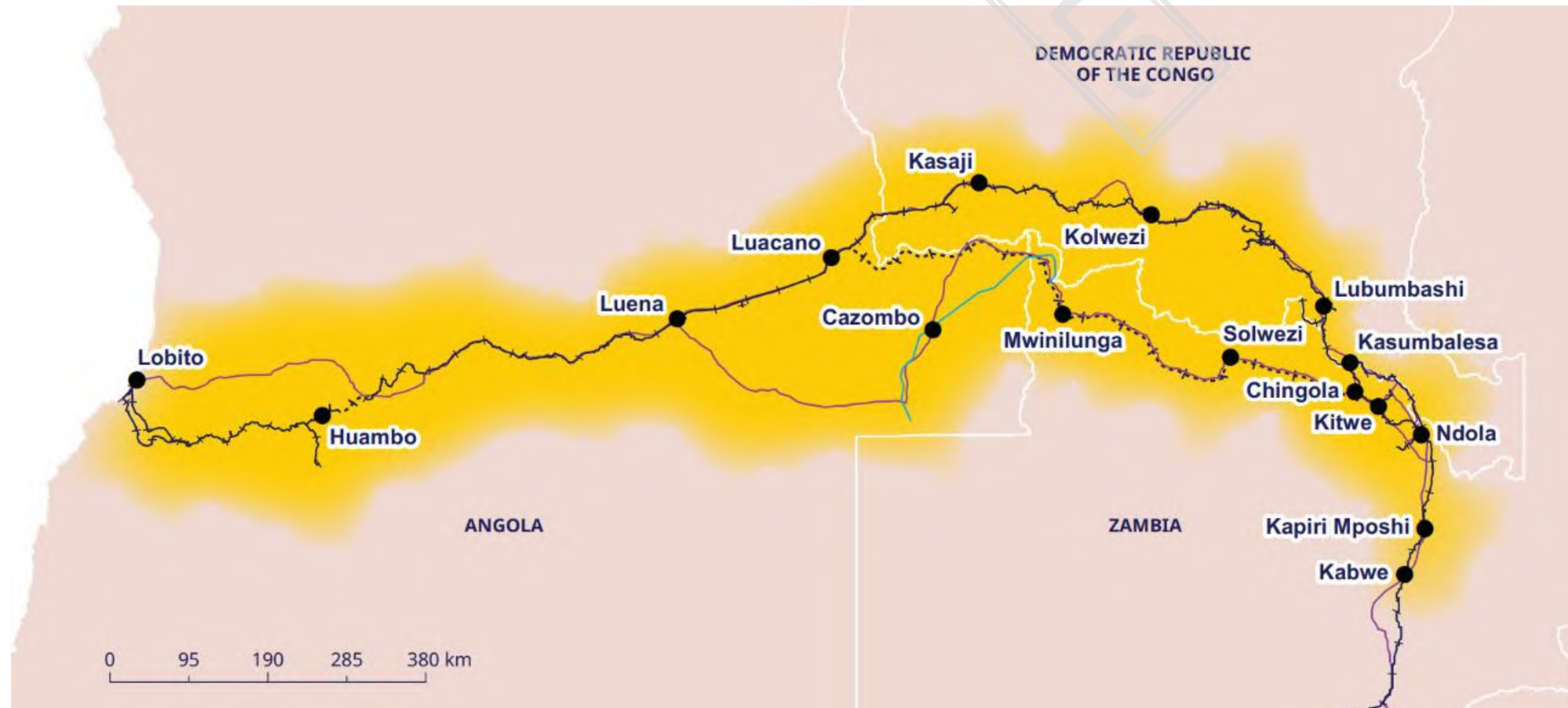
Angola

TVET:

Revitalisation of agricultural vocational education and training along the Lobito Corridor
 - EUR 40 M (EC, AFD)

Biodiversity & Eco – Tourism:

Angola's Natural Heritage: Governance and Ecotourism in Conversation Areas
 - EUR 25 M (EC)



DRC

Trade & Transit (6M)

trade facilitation at the DRC-Zambia border by enhancing, harmonising and simplifying customs procedures and related regulatory and legal frameworks
 - EUR 6 M

Agriculture & nature (18.6M)

- Lualaba Province (10M): improving food and water security, through the diversification of agricultural value chains and agroecological restoration.
 - Upemba landscape (8.6M): Sustainable food systems and nature conservation

Agriculture: Enterprise 2.0

Promote inclusive, sustainable and climate resilient legume and horticulture agricultural value chains along the Lobito Corridor; providing TA to agribusinesses, and access to finance via a matching grant facility
 - EUR 36 M (EC, DE)

TVET / CRM: CRM Value Chains in Zambia

Providing TA to the Ministry of Mines to improve overall governance and regulatory environment; and providing TVET and facilitation of formal employment for Artisanal and Small-Scale Miners
 - EUR 14.9 M (EC)

Zambia