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The demand for infrastructure development in Africa is extensive and one of the key bottlenecks is the development and preparation of bankable projects. In addition, the planning and delivery of large infrastructure projects is complex and fraught with risk.

Hence, many projects fail or are implemented with budget and timeline overruns. Over time, many DFIs have tried to fill the space where government capacity is low and risk is high. Although this landscape is evolving and expanding, current DFIs in Africa have not proven a large scale successful model.

This need and these challenges translate into an opportunity for the DBSA to create a high-skill, scaled-up, end-to-end project development and preparation business that de-risks projects and delivers project concepts to bankability.