Name of Fund/Institution	Geographic Distribution	SME Access	Type of Services
Direct Project Financing by Multilateral Institutions			
International Finance Corporation (IFC) www.ifc.org www.ifc.org/abn Most experienced agency catering to foreign direct investment in developing countries. Follows IFI rules regarding environmental and social requirements. IFC contribution can be as low as $100,000 US. Local approval for total project costs of up to $ 5 million US. 25 % maximum participation.	All of Africa; regional representation in Côte d'Ivoire, Cameroon, South Africa, Nigeria; local offices in Ghana, and Senegal	*Average. SMEs may experience difficulty in providing the detailed information required by IFC.*	Project equity, lending, debt, equity, guarantees, syndication, foreign exchange risks, placements and advisory services
African Development Bank (AfDB) Private Sector Department www.afdb.org	All of Africa, including Northern Africa, from headquarters in Côte d'Ivoire	*Limited.* Delays may cause management and operational problems to SME promoters.	Term lending, equity, quasi-equity, guarantees, loan syndication, guaranteed share price issue
Commonwealth Development Corporation www.cdc.co.uk	All of Africa; regional offices in Côte d'Ivoire and Kenya	*Limited.* Normally supports projects in the US$5-50 million range, with up to 25% participation. Interested in supporting Canadian firms, including SMEs, in entering emerging markets, especially in forestry and mining.	Equity and quasi-equity
Netherlands Development Finance Corporation (FMO)	Less-developed countries	N/A	Loans (90%), equity, guarantees, administration of business programs related to business development