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The centre will also tackle a major barrier that prevents these predators being caught and prosecuted.

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With the support of British funding, the new specialist cyber centre will, for the first time, enable Kenyan authorities to access data on abuse, provided the by tech firms, ensuring perpetrators can be brought to justice.

Britain's funding of the cyber centre will mean the Kenyan police can now identify potential victims, investigate abuse and prosecute abusers. This builds on existing work by the UK's National Crime Agency to set up Kenya's Anti-Human Trafficking and Child Protection Unit (AHTCPU) and train and mentor its staff.

The new cyber centre being announced today – the first of its kind in Africa – will be based within this existing unit, which is seeing an increase in cases of child abuse. The AHTCPU has over 100 live investigations underway and since March 2016 has protected around 400 children and supported the arrest of around 40 suspects.

The child protection unit has already helped secure convictions in the UK of British paedophiles who've sexually abused children in Kenya. This includes:

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Prime Minister Theresa May said:

Online child exploitation is an abhorrent crime and we are determined to ensure there is no place to hide for predators who use the internet to share images of abuse across borders, too often with impunity.

This builds on our ongoing work with Kenya on security and criminal justice – a partnership which has already helped to convict and imprison terrorists in the UK.

The cyber wing forms part of a new UK-Kenya security compact, signed today by Minister for Africa, Harriett Baldwin, and Kenya's Cabinet Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Monica Juma, and witnessed by Prime Minister May and President Kenyatta.

Through the new security pact, the UK has also committed to:

- offer training in community security to help strengthen the police's engagement with marginalised communities, to help Kenya tackle violence against girls and women and to prevent extremism by dealing with the threat at source
- share expertise with Kenya's criminal justice system to strengthen the procedures for processing complex legal cases including terrorism and organised crime – improving the use of terrorism legislation and strengthening interagency working to help bring offenders to justice in the UK and Kenya
- provide new support for aviation security including machines to detect explosives to keep the 100,000 Brits who visit Kenya every year safe by preventing attacks in the country and on direct flights to the UK

This builds on our ongoing cooperation through the first UK-Kenya Security Compact, agreed in 2015, and sets out a new programme of work for the years ahead.

The 2015 pact has led to two terrorism convictions in the UK, the establishment of a counter-IED training centre in Nairobi for regional security forces fighting Al-Shabaab, the extradition of wanted criminals from the UK to Kenya, and better aviation security – among other results.

And in a further example of UK and Kenyan domestic law enforcement working together to tackle shared threats, Minister for Africa Harriett Baldwin will sign an agreement in Nairobi today, witnessed by the Prime Minister, to return to the Kenyan people money that's been lost to crime and corruption in Kenya and concealed in banks and assets in the UK.

Stolen funds found in Britain can now be used to fund development projects in sectors such as health and education. This includes over £3.6 million in proceeds of crime seized by courts in Jersey.

Other initiatives to be announced today to tackle corruption, increase

investor confidence, encourage UK trade and investment and support economic growth in Africa include:

- a new programme to counter illicit financial flows across southern and eastern Africa to help regional law enforcement recover illegal funds and disrupt serious organised crime networks
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## **[Guidance: Financing heat networks in the UK: guidebook](#)**

This guidance outlines some of the issues, risks and opportunities around financing heat networks in the UK, to support the move to a self-sustaining heat network market. It includes:

- a decision tree for engaging with internal and external funding sources
- a decision tree for delivery structure and funding sources
- revenue streams
- commercial structures (delivery, contractual and funding)
- business rates
- accounting implications
- tax implications (Corporation Tax, VAT, Stamp Duty and Construction Industry Scheme)
- links to other guidance
- case studies
- engagement with the funding market
- cash flows associated with structures explored

The guidance is aimed at:

- heat network sponsors
  - heat network developers
  - heat network funders
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## Press release: UK to support economic growth in Africa by offering City of London expertise

As the UK leaves the European Union, the City of London will play an even greater role in financing the fastest-growing economies across Africa and the world, the Prime Minister said today in Nigeria.

UK-Nigeria trade was worth £4.2 billion last year and British companies including British Airways, GSK, Shell, Diageo, Unilever and Standard Chartered have successful and long-established operations in Nigeria, many of which date back to the 1930s.

111 African companies have already come to the UK to list on the London Stock Exchange, to raise money in one of the world's leading financial centres. Today the Prime Minister and International Development Secretary welcomed announcements from two African companies to list on the London Stock Exchange.

Aliko Dangote, the Chairman of Dangote Cement, prepares to list shares in his \$10 billion business in London in 2019, while Seplat's \$350million Eurobond was admitted for trading in London today.

The Prime Minister also announced a deeper collaboration between London and Lagos – setting up the first UK-Africa FinTech partnership which will use the City's expertise to support African entrepreneurs, improve access to financial services for consumers and encourage new investment.

Secretary of State for International Development Penny Mordaunt said:

These exciting new African listings on the London Stock Exchange and first UK-Africa FinTech partnership are indicative of the City's position as the world's leading financial centre.

With the help of the City of London to raise capital and share expertise, Nigeria and other African nations can support their entrepreneurs to develop successful businesses, stimulate growth and create jobs. Supporting economic growth across Africa will in turn boost prosperity globally, which is in all our interests.

Britain is a leading global hub for FinTech which contributes over £5 billion to the UK economy every year and Lagos is at the forefront of FinTech innovation in Africa. The first UK-Africa FinTech partnership will use the UK's unique expertise to support African entrepreneurs; improve access to financial services for consumers; and encourage new investment, via the Department for International Trade's existing FinTech Board.

African entrepreneurs will be connected with UK FinTech investors and business mentors to access the finance and advice they need to start and grow their companies, while a dedicated fund worth up to £2 million will support Nigerian innovators as they turn their ideas into successful businesses.

To support African entrepreneurs and help British companies enter this rapidly expanding market, the UK's Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) will work with regulators in Africa to share the UK's successful experience of developing regulation and policies that encourage innovation and protect consumers. FCA and Central Bank of Nigeria have today agreed to explore the potential for deeper engagement and cooperation in developing the best possible regulatory frameworks to allow fintech to flourish in Nigeria.

Today's announcements highlight the mutual benefits of closer financial co-operation to both the UK and Africa.

It builds on the existing partnership between the London and Nigerian stock exchanges, and the recent visit of the Lord Mayor of London to Nigeria which has created momentum and willingness for closer partnerships.

It also highlights how the UK aims to be Africa's financial partner of choice as we continue to help African nations to benefit from increased access to international finance, while investors benefit from access to new investment opportunities.

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## **Press release: Queen appoints new Bishop of Truro**

The Queen has approved the nomination of the Reverend Canon Philip Ian Mounstephen, MA, Executive Leader of the Church Mission Society, for election as Bishop of Truro in succession to the Right Reverend Timothy Martin Thornton, MA, following his resignation on 31 August 2017.