



# Rachel Cochran & Siby Diabira Join Enko Capital

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Established in 2008, Enko Capital is an African-focused asset management firm with US\$750 million under management. Enko manages debt, private debt, equity and private equity investments across Africa. In recent months, Enko has expanded its team and added Rachel Cochran and Siby Diabira.

**Rachel Cochran** has joined Enko Capital as Chief Sustainability Officer. She is located in Enko's London office and will lead strategic ESG and impact initiatives and their implementation across Enko's private credit strategy and the firm.



Before joining Enko, Rachel was a Director of ESG and Impact at The Rohatyn Group (TRG) in Johannesburg. TRG acquired Ethos Private Equity in April 2023 where Rachel had worked for 4 years as the Head of ESG-Impact. During her time at Ethos/TRG Rachel made significant strides in formalizing and professionalizing the ESG-Impact strategy and reporting to investors.

Rachel's experience outside of asset management spans 16 years, with exposure and projects delivered in Europe, Asia, and Africa across multiple sectors, including infrastructure and renewables. In South Africa and Hong Kong, Rachel worked as a Principal Environmental Consultant and team leader where she supported asset managers, investors, and DFI's in their investment decisions relating to environmental and social risks.

Rachel's expertise in the ESG and impact space will prove valuable as Enko moves closer to the launch of its inaugural impact private credit strategy, with a strong focus on climate mitigation and adaptation. Further, Enko will proactively identify areas where positive developmental impact can be achieved, with an underpinning focus on selected UN Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs) and the 2X Challenge, an initiative which seeks to support businesses that provide women in emerging economies with access to leadership opportunities.

**Siby Diabira** has joined Enko Capital as a Principal in the private equity team. She will lead Enko's expansion in East Africa by opening an office in Nairobi, Kenya.



Siby joins the investment team led by Enko's Founder and Managing Partner, Cyrille Nkontchou, from CerbaLancet Africa where she was an M&A Director for Africa. Siby brings 18 years of investment banking background on both debt and equity transactions including a decade in emerging markets. Before CerbaLancet, Siby held positions at Proparco (the French development bank) in the private equity team and as Regional Head of Southern Africa and the Indian Ocean.

Enko raised its first ESG private equity strategy in 2014 (\$63.4 million), which identified and invested in mid-market growth companies across Africa. Enko invested in 7 African enterprises across various sectors: finance, logistics, telco, and IT. To date, 6 exits have been finalized, with the remaining exit in progress.

Siby will be an integral part of Enko's private equity team as they look to raise US\$150 million for its second private equity strategy. Enko will continue to pursue its commitment to SMEs in sub-Saharan Africa by targeting sustainable, growing, and key sectors that will be the backbone of the continent's future development. Enko's private equity team has a well-defined ESG mission, which is in line with best-in-class practices.

## ENKO GROUP

### FOUNDED

2008

### OFFICES

- London, United Kingdom
- Johannesburg, South Africa
- Port-Louis, Mauritius
- Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire
- Yaoundé, Cameroon
- Kigali, Rwanda

### FOCUS

- Africa-focused strategies
- Absolute Return Debt/FX
- Private Equity
- Private Debt
- Public Debt
- Multi-Asset

### OWNERSHIP

- 100% by Founders
- Alain Nkontchou
- Cyrille Nkontchou

### TEAM

- 43 professionals
- 47% women
- 23 investment professionals

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