



DOING BUSINESS WITH THE BOLLORÉ GROUP

Violations of the United Nations' Principles and Code of Conduct



The Oakland Institute

DOING BUSINESS WITH THE BOLLORÉ GROUP

Violations of the United Nations' Principles and Code of Conduct



The Oakland Institute



ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

This report was authored by Frédéric Mousseau with the assistance of McCoy Cantwell. We are grateful to Creatives for Justice, ReAct Transnational, and GRAIN for their contributions.

Design: Elijah Allen

Cover Photo: Deforested land for SOCFIN rubber plantations in Cambodia @ ReAct Transnational

Publisher: The Oakland Institute is an independent policy think tank bringing fresh ideas and bold action to the most pressing social, economic, and environmental issues.

This work is licensed under the Creative Commons Attribution 4.0 International License (CC BY-NC 4.0). You are free to share, copy, distribute, and transmit this work under the following conditions:

Attribution: You must attribute the work to the Oakland Institute and its authors.

Non-Commercial: You may not use this work for commercial purposes.

Translations: If you create a translation of this work, please add the following disclaimer along with the attribution: *This translation was not created by The Oakland Institute and should not be considered an official Oakland Institute translation. The Oakland Institute shall not be liable for any content or errors in this translation.*

All queries on rights and licenses should be addressed to:

The Oakland Institute
PO Box 18978
Oakland, CA 94619 USA
www.oaklandinstitute.org
info@oaklandinstitute.org

The Oakland Institute, 2021



Truckloads of palm oil fruits @ ReAct Transnational

The Bolloré Group is a major supplier to the United Nations, which pay Bolloré over US\$50 million every year for logistics and other services. Between 2015 and 2019,¹ different United Nations entities signed over 200 contracts with the Group, for a value of over a quarter billion dollars. The main clients were the United Nations Procurement Division (US\$74 million), UNICEF (US\$45 million), and World Food Programme (est. around US\$100 million).² These numbers are very conservative estimates as data is not made public for a number of United Nations entities such as the World Health Organization and because many transactions are not made public.³

In addition to its activities in logistics, the Bolloré Group is involved in rubber and oil palm plantations through its participation in the SOCFIN Group,⁴ which controls close to 400,000 hectares of concessions for plantations in Asia and Africa.⁵ For years, SOCFIN has been accused of land grabbing and widespread human rights violations.⁶ Repeatedly, after losing their lands to the company for

the oil palm and rubber exploitation, local communities in Africa and Asia have been subjected to violence, intimidation and severe distress.

Furthermore, the Bolloré Group has also been accused of corruption and illegal practices in a number of deals involving port concessions in Africa. Vincent Bolloré and top executives of the Group pleaded guilty and were fined in February 2021 by a French court on corruption charges related to securing port concessions in Africa.

Given this documented history of accusations of human rights violations, illegal practices, and corruption, for the United Nations services, agencies, and programs to do business with the Bolloré Group appears as a blatant violation of the United Nations Supplier Code of Conduct, the United Nations' Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, and the agreement signed with the Group under the United Nations Global Compact.



Bolloré's Involvement in Land Grabbing and Human Rights Violations Through SOCFIN

For years, SOCFIN has been accused of being responsible for land grabbing and widespread human rights violations.⁷ Repeatedly, after losing their lands to the company for oil palm and rubber exploitation, local communities in Africa and Asia have been subject to violence, intimidation, and severe distress.

- On May 20 2020, the Ijaw-Gbene village in Okomu Kingdom, Edo State, Nigeria, was allegedly burnt down⁸ by security staff of SOCFIN's subsidiary, Okomu Oil Palm Plantation Plc., along with members of the Nigerian army.
- In Liberia, 22 Indigenous villagers filed a complaint at the International Finance Corporation⁹ in May 2019 against another SOCFIN subsidiary, the Salala Rubber Corporation, for illegal land grabs, sexual violence, and intimidation of human rights defenders.
- In Cameroon, the security company hired by SOCAPALM has been accused of violence towards locals and in 2010, the NGO Sherpa filed a complaint before the OECD National Contact Point regarding SOCAPALM's activities.¹⁰
- In May 2019, ten NGOs and unions brought a lawsuit against the Bolloré Group in the French courts¹¹ to force implementation of an action plan the company had agreed to under a mediation process handled by the OECD.¹²
- In Sierra Leone, dozens of land rights defenders, critical of the way SOCFIN's subsidiary SAC has taken control over their land, have been subjected to judicial harassment and arrests for the past eight years. Six land rights defenders members of Malen Affected Land Owners Association in the Pujehun District were sentenced to six months of jail in 2016.¹³
- 80 plaintiffs from the Bunong Indigenous communities of Cambodia are suing the Bolloré Group and its subsidiary Compagnie du Cambodge¹⁴ in a French court for the loss of land and livelihoods it has inflicted to them as a result of the plantations managed by SOCFIN-KCD.¹⁵

The list goes on but SOCFIN and Bolloré typically refute criticism of their operations.¹⁶ They have in several occasions refused negotiations or mediations processes,¹⁷ and when a mediation process was initiated, the group refused to implement measures to improve the living and working conditions on the plantations, as was the case in Cameroon.¹⁸

Instead of addressing the many serious issues afflicting their plantations, the Bolloré and SOCFIN groups have led aggressive legal action in African and European courts against NGOs, journalists, media outlets, and even local communities reporting on their wrongdoings. Over 20 defamation suits have been brought by Bolloré and SOCFIN over the past 12 years.¹⁹





SOCFIN's oil palm nursery in Sierra Leone @ The Oakland Institute





Protest against SOCFIN in Cameroon @ ReAct Transnational



Protest against SOCFIN in Liberia @ ReAct Transnational





Accusations of Corruption and Illegal Practices around Port Concessions in Africa

The Bolloré Group has been mired in a number of scandals regarding the concession of ports in West Africa. Former CEO Vincent Bolloré's was taken into police custody in 2018 for corruption and bribery of public officials in Conakry, Guinea, and Lomé, Togo.²⁰ Bolloré and two other top executives were charged for a scheme that used the influence of Havas, a subsidiary specialized in public relations and media advertising, to support the election of Guinean president Alpha Condé and Togolese president Faure Gnassingbé in exchange for favorable decisions around the award of port concessions.²¹

Back in 2013, Ivorian commerce minister Jean-Louis Billon alleged impropriety by the Bolloré Group in securing port concessions in the Cote d'Ivoire city of Abidjan.²² Although Bolloré was allowed to construct a second container terminal at the port, Billon criticized the move, insisting that the allowance violated the nation's laws on competition and further strengthened Bolloré's monopoly on the nation's transport sector.²³

In July 2019, the Bolloré Group and its partner Maersk, opened a new and highly profitable container port at Ghana's largest port of Tema, but Ghana's Transport Ministry has since pointed to serious flaws in the award of

the concession in a report.²⁴ The ministerial report found that the container terminal contract was awarded without a proper bidding process in violation of national procurement laws. It also showed that Bolloré and its partner overstated planned investment to earn tax breaks and reduced the Ghanaian government's share in revenues.²⁵

In Cameroon, many questions have been raised around the award of port concessions for Douala port as well as the new deep-water port of Kribi to the Bolloré Group.²⁶ Bolloré lost the concession of the port of Douala at the end of 2019, but not before attempting to seek influence from Cameroonian president Paul Biya to renew their contract.²⁷

On February 23rd 2021, Vincent Bolloré and two other company executives pleaded guilty on corruption charges and accepted to pay a fine of 375.000 euros each to have legal proceedings against them dropped in the criminal case in Togo. Indicted for the counts of bribery of a foreign public official and complicity in breach of trust, the Bolloré Group recognized the charges and accepted to pay a fine of 12 million Euro (US\$14,5 million) in the same case. However, the presiding judge rejected the deal with the three individuals, insisting that they stand trial under criminal charges.²⁸



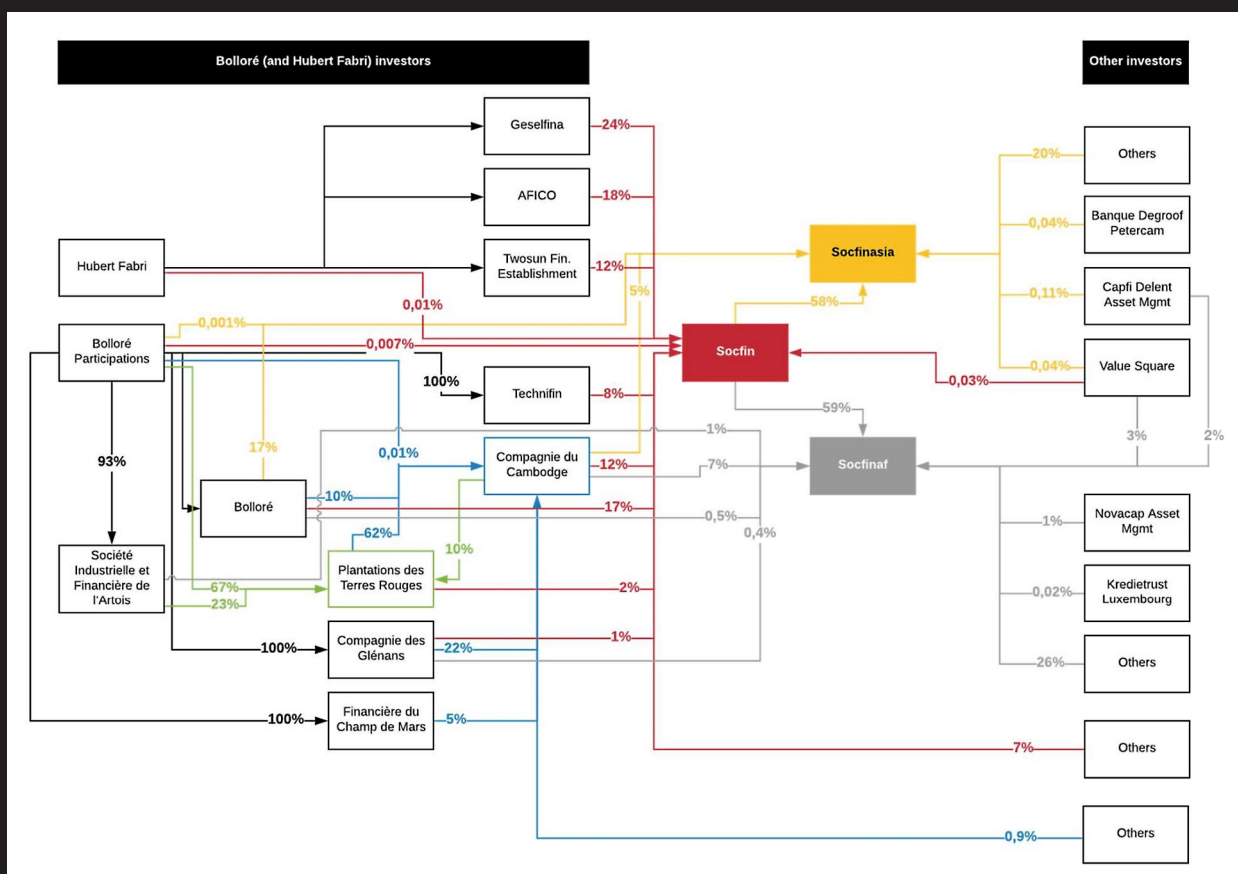
Bolloré Logistics unloading WFP cargo in Douala port, Cameroon <https://twitter.com/baldebaaba/status/1136675065821614085>



Bolloré's Control Over SOCFIN

As described in the graph below, the Bolloré Group and SOCFIN have close ties through a complex web of subsidiaries and participations.

STRUCTURE OF THE SOCFIN GROUP²⁹



The Bolloré Group is a major shareholder of SOCFIN, holding 39.4 percent of the capital.³⁰ Though Vincent Bolloré has repeatedly argued that his Group has a minority share in the SOCFIN Group and is not responsible for its management,³¹ he is member of the Board of Director of the main entities of the SOCFIN Group.³² In addition, several family members also hold prominent positions within the SOCFIN corporate structure. These include Cyrille Bolloré,

son of Vincent and current CEO of the Bolloré Group, who represents Bolloré Participations at the Board of Directors of SOCFINAF; and Cédric de Bailliencourt, nephew of Vincent, chairman of several subsidiaries within the Bolloré Group, who represents Bolloré Participations as a non-executive director on the Board of Directors of SOCFIN, SOCFINASIA, and SOCFINDE, among others.





Loading of UNHCR planes © UNHCR/Alaa Kahel

Contracts in Blatant Violation of the United Nations Codes of Conduct, the United Nations' Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, and the United Nations Compact

The United Nations has strict guidelines and principles regarding business and human rights abuses. The United Nations Supplier Code of Conduct lays out the requirements to which suppliers and private companies doing business with United Nations entities are subjected.³³ The United Nations Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights lay out additional principles that businesses have to follow in relation to human rights.³⁴

The United Nations Supplier Code of Conduct, Paragraph 10 states that *"The UN expects its suppliers to support and respect the protection of internationally proclaimed human rights and to ensure that they are not complicit in human rights abuses."* Regarding corruption, *"the UN expects its suppliers to adhere to the highest standards of moral and ethical conduct, to respect local laws and not engage in any form of corrupt practices, including but not limited to extortion, fraud, or bribery."* (Paragraph 18)

Additionally, the United Nations' Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights require *"Business enterprises [to] respect human rights."*³⁵ This means that they should avoid infringing on the human rights of others and should address

adverse human rights impacts with which they are involved." (Paragraph 11). They further state that *"The responsibility to respect human rights requires that business enterprises: (a) Avoid causing or contributing to adverse human rights impacts through their own activities, and address such impacts when they occur; (b) Seek to prevent or mitigate adverse human rights impacts that are directly linked to their operations, products or services by their business relationships, even if they have not contributed to those impacts."* (Paragraph 13). The Principles also require businesses *"to carry out human rights due diligence"* (Paragraph 17) as well as to conduct remediation when *"they have caused or contributed to adverse impacts"* (Paragraph 22).

The Bolloré Group is also part of the United Nations' Global Compact,³⁶ a voluntary initiative that aligns businesses' operations with human rights, labor, environmental, and anti-corruption goals. Under the Global Compact, businesses must agree to align with their Ten Principles,³⁷ including Principle 1: Businesses should support and respect the protection of internationally proclaimed human rights; Principle 2: make sure that they are not complicit in human rights abuses, and Principle 10: Businesses should



work against corruption in all its forms, including extortion and bribery.³⁸

Based on the above, SOCFIN's activities clearly violate several of the requirements of the Supplier Code of Conduct and multiple principles of the United Nations' Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. The Bolloré Group is also in violation of the commitment it made through the Global Compact.

Furthermore, some of the United Nations contracts with the Bolloré Group involve Logistics hubs such as Douala in Cameroon from where the Group handles the majority of the World Food Programme's logistics operations for Cameroon, Chad, the Central African Republic, Nigeria and

Congo Brazzaville.³⁹ The contract for "the management of customs formalities as well as the stevedoring, warehousing and delivery of goods intended for humanitarian operations" was renewed in November 2020.⁴⁰ Dubbed by Bolloré as "a long-standing partner," WFP appears to have renewed this agreement worth tens of millions of dollars every year since at least 2015. Given the legality and corruption issues discussed above around port concessions in Africa, blanket contracts for hubs in a port such as Douala raise serious questions.

In light of the above, it is inappropriate for any United Nations service, agency, and program to conduct business with and award contracts paid through public funding to companies affiliated with SOCFIN and the Bolloré Group.



Contracts between UN Agencies and Programs with Subsidiaries of the Bolloré Group 2015-2019

Year	Procuring organization	Supplier country	Subsidiary	Activity	Procurement value (USD)
2015	IAEA	Belgium	BOLLORE LOGISTICS BELGIUM N.V.	Transportation, Storage, Mail Services	51,300
2015	UNDP	Burundi	BOLLORE AFRICA LOGISTICS BURUNDI	Transportation, Storage, Mail Services	144,082
2015	UNFPA	Congo	SDV CONGO	Transportation, Storage, Mail Services	33,835
2015	UNICEF	Côte d'Ivoire	BOLLORE AFRICA LOGISTICS CI	Transportation, Storage, Mail Services	47,949
2015	UNICEF	DRC	BOLLORE AFRICA LOGISTICS PVA	Management and Admin Services	1,098,463
2015	UNICEF	DRC	BOLLORE AFRICA LOGISTICS GOMA	Transportation, Storage, Mail Services	31,990
2015	UNICEF	DRC	BOLLORE AFRICA LOGISTICS PVA	Transportation, Storage, Mail Services	196,861
2015	UNICEF	DRC	BOLLORE AFRICA LOGISTICS PVA	Building and Maintenance Services	180,539
2015	UNICEF	Guinea	BOLLORE AFRICA LOGISTICS GUINEE SA	Building and Maintenance Services	164,343
2015	UNICEF	Guinea	BOLLORE AFRICA LOGISTICS GUINEE SA	Transportation, Storage, Mail Services	177,289
2015	UNICEF	Nigeria	BOLLORE AFRICA LOGISTICS NIG LTD	Management and Admin Services	35,147
2015	UNICEF	South Sudan	BOLLORE AFRICA LOGISTICS	Building and Maintenance Services	138,710
2015	UNICEF	Malawi	SDV MALAWI LTD	Transportation, Storage, Mail Services	948,365
2015	UNICEF	Malawi	SDV MALAWI LTD	Building and Maintenance Services	75,720
2015	UNICEF	Mali	SDV	Building and Maintenance Services	251,792
2015	UNPD	CAR	BOLLORE AFRICA LOGISTICS CENTRAFRIQ	Transportation, Storage, Mail Services	609,896
2015	UNPD	Congo	BOLLORE AFRICA LOGISTICS RDC	Transportation, Storage, Mail Services	5,030,000
2015	UNPD	Côte d'Ivoire	BOLLORE AFRICA LOGISTICS -CI	Transportation, Storage, Mail Services	2,824,529
2015	UNPD	Italy	BOLLORE LOGISTICS ITALY SPA	Transportation, Storage, Mail Services	162,570
2015	UNPD	Kenya	BOLLORE AFRICA LOGISTICS KENYA	Material Handling Machinery	5,500,000
2015	UNPD	Kenya	BOLLORE AFRICA LOGISTICS KENYA	Transportation, Storage, Mail Services	52,132
2015	UNPD	Mali	BOLLORE AFRICA LOGISTICS-MALI	Transportation, Storage, Mail Services	2,411,542
2015	UNPD	Mali	BOLLORE AFRICA LOGISTICS-MALI	Management and Admin Services	430,839
2015	UNPD	Mali	BOLLORE AFRICA LOGISTICS-MALI	Material Handling Machinery	72,880
2015	UNPD	Uganda	BOLLORE AFRICA LOGISTICS UGANDA	Transportation, Storage, Mail Services	944,384
2015	UNPD	USA	BOLLORE LOGISTICS USA INC.	Transportation, Storage, Mail Services	1,663,901
2015	UNPD	Turkey	SDV HOROZ TASIMACILIKVETICARETA.S.	Transportation, Storage, Mail Services	40,265
2015	UN Women	USA	HAVAS PR NORTH AMERICA, INC.	Management and Admin Services	160,000
2015	WFP	Cameroon	BOLLORE AFRICA LOGISTICS	Industrial cleaning services	65,149
2015	WFP	Cameroon	BOLLORE AFRICA LOGISTICS	Transportation and Storage services	27,787,380
2015	WFP	CAR	BOLLORE AFRICA LOGISTICS CENTRAFRIQUE	Transportation and Storage services	133,343
2015	WFP	DRC	BOLLORE AFRICA LOGISTICS	Transportation and Storage services	66,576
2015	WFP	France	BOLLORE AFRICA LOGISTICS	Transportation and Storage services	734,775
2015	WFP	France	BOLLORE LOGISTICS	Transportation and Storage services	211,252
2015	WFP	Kenya	BOLLORE AFRICA LOGISTICS KENYA LIMITED	Transportation and Storage services	251,175
2015	WFP	Madagascar	BOLLORE AFRICA LOGISTICS MADAGASCAR	Transportation and Storage services	64,510
2015	WFP	Mozambique	BOLLORE AFRICA LOGISTICS MOZAMBIQUE	Transportation and Storage services	476,484
2015	WFP	Senegal	BOLLORE AFRICA LOGISTICS SENEGAL	Transportation and Storage services	420,294
2015	WFP	Uganda	BOLLORE AFRICA LOGISTICS UGANDA	Transportation and Storage services	437,239
2016	IAEA	Multiple Destinations	BOLLORE	Transportation, Storage, Mail Services	(?)
2016	OPCW	Netherlands	BOLLORE LOGISTICS NETHERLANDS B.V.	Transportation, Storage, Mail Services	(?)
2016	UNDP	Burundi	BOLLORE AFRICA LOGISTICS BURUNDI	Transportation, Storage, Mail Services	33,990
2016	UNICEF	Burundi	BOLLORE AFRICA LOGISTICS	Transportation, Storage, Mail Services	398,304
2016	UNICEF	CAR	BOLLORE AFRICA LOG. CENTRAFRIQUE	Transportation, Storage, Mail Services	197,987
2016	UNICEF	Côte d'Ivoire	BOLLORE AFRICA LOGISTICS CI	Transportation, Storage, Mail Services	218,306
2016	UNICEF	DRC	BOLLORE AFRICA LOGISTICS PVA	Transportation, Storage, Mail Services	466,473
2016	UNICEF	DRC	BOLLORE AFRICA LOGISTICS PVA	Engineering and Research Services	1,904,433
2016	UNICEF	Fiji	BOLLORE LOGISTICS FIJI LIMITED	Transportation, Storage, Mail Services	64,079
2016	UNICEF	Nigeria	BOLLORE AFRICA LOGISTICS NIG LTD	Management and Admin Services	111,477
2016	UNICEF	Nigeria	BOLLORE AFRICA LOGISTICS NIG LTD	Travel, Food and Lodging	110,565
2016	UNICEF	Nigeria	BOLLORE AFRICA LOGISTICS NIG LTD	Transportation, Storage, Mail Services	912,411
2016	UNICEF	Congo	SDV CONGO	Transportation, Storage, Mail Services	82,201
2016	UNICEF	Malawi	SDV MALAWI LTD	Transportation, Storage, Mail Services	826,749



Contracts between UN Agencies and Programs with Subsidiaries of the Bolloré Group 2015-2019

Year	Procuring organization	Supplier country	Subsidiary	Activity	Procurement value (USD)
2016	UNICEF	Malawi	SDV MALAWI LTD	Transportation, Storage, Mail Services	826,749
2016	UNICEF	Mali	SDV	Transportation, Storage, Mail Services	186,631
2016	UNPD	CAR	BOLLORE TRANSPORT&LOGISTICS CENTRAF	Transportation, Storage, Mail Services	236,022
2016	UNPD	Côte d'Ivoire	BOLLORE TRANSPORT ET LOGISTICS CI	Transportation, Storage, Mail Services	4,027,056
2016	UNPD	DRC	BOLLORE AFRICA LOGISTICS RDC	Transportation, Storage, Mail Services	5,450,000
2016	UNPD	Italy	BOLLORE LOGISTICS ITALY SPA	Transportation, Storage, Mail Services	42,570
2016	UNPD	Kenya	BOLLORE TRANSPORT & LOGISTICS KENYA	Transportation, Storage, Mail Services	69,093
2016	UNPD	Kenya	BOLLORE TRANSPORT & LOGISTICS KENYA	Material Handling Machinery	3,700,000
2016	UNPD	Mali	BOLLORE TRANSPORT & LOGISTICS	Material Handling Machinery	44,986
2016	UNPD	Mali	BOLLORE TRANSPORT & LOGISTICS	Management and Admin Services	438,311
2016	UNPD	Mali	BOLLORE TRANSPORT & LOGISTICS	Transportation, Storage, Mail Services	2,158,128
2016	UNPD	Sudan	BOLLORE AFRICA LOGISTICS (SUDAN)CO.	Transportation, Storage, Mail Services	80,336
2016	UNPD	Uganda	BOLLORE AFRICA LOGISTICS UGANDA	Transportation, Storage, Mail Services	428,913
2016	UNPD	USA	BOLLORE LOGISTICS USA INC	Transportation, Storage, Mail Services	604,448
2016	WFP	Asia	BOLLORE AFRICA LOGISTICS	Transportation, storage, mail services	7,245,703
2016	WFP	Asia	BOLLORE AFRICA LOGISTICS ZAMBIA LIMITED	Transportation, storage, mail services	63,520
2016	WFP	Asia	BOLLORE LOGISTICS	Transportation, storage, mail services	1,658,669
2016	WFP	Asia	BOLLORE LOGISTICS LLC	Transportation, storage, mail services	101,514
2016	WFP	Asia	BOLLORE TRANSPORT AND LOGISTICS	Transportation, storage, mail services	465,175
2016	WFP	Cameroon	BOLLORE AFRICA LOGISTICS	Transportation, storage, mail services	3,498,644
2016	WFP	CAR	BOLLORE AFRICA LOGISTICS	Transportation, storage, mail services	1,232,813
2016	WFP	Chad	BOLLORE AFRICA LOGISTICS	Transportation, storage, mail services	8,382,997
2016	WFP	DRC	BOLLORE AFRICA LOGISTICS	Transportation, storage, mail services	59,676
2016	WFP	France	BOLLORE AFRICA LOGISTICS	Transportation, storage, mail services	357,710
2016	WFP	France	BOLLORE LOGISTICS	Transportation, storage, mail services	199,787
2016	WFP	Italy	BOLLORE AFRICA LOGISTICS	Transportation, storage, mail services	141,463
2016	WFP	Mauritania	BOLLORE AFRICA LOGISTICS SENEGAL	Transportation, storage, mail services	52,095
2016	WFP	Mozambique	BOLLORE TRANSPORT AND LOGISTICS	Transportation, storage, mail services	668,172
2016	WFP	Netherlands	BOLLORE LOGISTICS	Transportation, storage, mail services	50,069
2016	WFP	Niger	BOLLORE AFRICA LOGISTICS NIGER	Motor vehicles and parts	38,619
2016	WFP	Nigeria	BOLLORE AFRICA LOGISTICS	Transportation, storage, mail services	44,277
2016	WFP	Philippines	BOLLORE LOGISTICS PHILIPPINES INC	Transportation, storage, mail services	75,019
2016	WFP	South Africa	BOLLORE TRANSPORT AND LOGISTICS SOUTH AFRICA	Transportation, storage, mail services	651,235
2016	WFP	Switzerland	BOLLORE LOGISTICS	Transportation, storage, mail services	477,467
2016	WFP	Uganda	BOLLORE AFRICA LOGISTICS UGANDA	Transportation, storage, mail services	139,940
2016	WFP	Zambia	BOLLORE AFRICA LOGISTICS ZAMBIA LIMITED	Transportation, storage, mail services	390,011
2017	UNHCR	India	BOLLORE LOGISTICS INDIA LIMITED	Material Handling Machinery	33,750
2017	UNHCR	India	BOLLORE LOGISTICS INDIA LIMITED	Transportation, Storage, Mail Services	432,424
2017	UNHCR	Uganda	BOLLORE TRANSPORT AND LOGISTICS (U) LTD	Transportation, Storage, Mail Services	120,746
2017	UNICEF	Belgium	BOLLORE LOGISTICS BELGIUM NV	Transportation, Storage, Mail Services	2,647,711
2017	UNICEF	Burundi	BOLLORE AFRICA LOGISTICS	Transportation, Storage, Mail Services	280,843
2017	UNICEF	CAR	BOLLORE AFRICA LOGISTICS CENTRAFRIQUE	Transportation, Storage, Mail Services	34,003
2017	UNICEF	Côte d'Ivoire	BOLLORE AFRICA LOGISTICS CI	Transportation, Storage, Mail Services	1,511,471
2017	UNICEF	DRC	BOLLORE AFRICA LOGISTICS PVA	Transportation, Storage, Mail Services	1,302,068
2017	UNICEF	Nigeria	BOLLORE AFRICA LOGISTICS NIGERIA LTD	Transportation, Storage, Mail Services	1,039,646
2017	UNICEF	Malawi	SDV MALAWI LTD	Transportation, Storage, Mail Services	616,080
2017	UNPD	DRC	BOLLORE AFRICA LOGISTICS RDC	Transportation, Storage, Mail Services	4,643,953
2017	UNPD	Kenya	BOLLORE TRANSPORT & LOGISTICS KENYA	Material Handling Machinery	8,788,556
2017	UNPD	Mali	BOLLORE TRANSPORT & LOGISTICS	Transportation, Storage, Mail Services	231,360
2017	UNPD	Mali	BOLLORE TRANSPORT & LOGISTICS	Management and Admin Services	1,105,490
2017	UNPD	Sudan	BOLLORE TRANSPORT & LOGISTICS SUDAN	Transportation, Storage, Mail Services	50,000
2017	UNPD	Uganda	BOLLORE AFRICA LOGISTICS UGANDA	Transportation, Storage, Mail Services	1,097,285
2017	UNPD	USA	BOLLORE LOGISTICS USA INC	Transportation, Storage, Mail Services	684,163



Contracts between UN Agencies and Programs with Subsidiaries of the Bolloré Group 2015-2019

Year	Procuring organization	Supplier country	Subsidiary	Activity	Procurement value (USD)
2017	WFP	Cameroon	BOLLORE AFRICA LOGISTICS	Transportation, storage, mail services	2,420,292
2017	WFP	CAR	BOLLORE AFRICA LOGISTICS	Transportation, storage, mail services	6,699,170
2017	WFP	CAR	BOLLORE TRANSPORT AND LOGISTICS CAR	Engineering and research services	92,246
2017	WFP	CAR	BOLLORE TRANSPORT AND LOGISTICS CAR	Industrial cleaning services	36,035
2017	WFP	Chad	BOLLORE AFRICA LOGISTICS	Transportation, storage, mail services	8,611,028
2017	WFP	Côte d'Ivoire	BOLLORE AFRICA LOGISTICS COTE D'IVOIRE	Transportation, storage, mail services	135,203
2017	WFP	DRC	BOLLORE AFRICA LOGISTICS	Travel, food and lodging	50,000
2017	WFP	DRC	BOLLORE TRANSPORT AND LOGISTICS SOUTH AFRICA	Transportation, storage, mail services	32,782
2017	WFP	France	BOLLORE LOGISTICS	Transportation, storage, mail services	615,222
2017	WFP	Italy	BOLLORE AFRICA LOGISTICS	Transportation, storage, mail services	1,522,025
2017	WFP	Italy	BOLLORE LOGISTICS	Transportation, storage, mail services	72,420
2017	WFP	Kenya	BOLLORE TRANSPORT AND LOGISTICS KENYA	Transportation, storage, mail services	2,394,309
2017	WFP	Mozambique	BOLLORE TRANSPORT AND LOGISTICS	Transportation, storage, mail services	1,174,159
2017	WFP	Netherlands	BOLLORE LOGISTICS	Transportation, storage, mail services	452,467
2017	WFP	Niger	BOLLORE AFRICA LOGISTICS	Transportation, storage, mail services	1,715,984
2017	WFP	Nigeria	BOLLORE AFRICA LOGISTICS	Transportation, storage, mail services	434,049
2017	WFP	Philippines	BOLLORE LOGISTICS PHILIPPINES INC.	Transportation, storage, mail services	54,712
2017	WFP	South Africa	BOLLORE TRANSPORT AND LOGISTICS SOUTH AFRICA	Transportation, storage, mail services	146,803
2017	WFP	Switzerland	BOLLORE LOGISTICS	Transportation, storage, mail services	2,063,601
2017	WFP	Uganda	BOLLORE AFRICA LOGISTICS UGANDA	Transportation, storage, mail services	182,362
2017	WFP	UAE	BOLLORE LOGISTICS	Transportation, storage, mail services	63,618
2017	WFP	Tanzania	BOLLORE TRANSPORT AND LOGISTICS TANZANIA	Transportation, storage, mail services	100,241
2017	WFP	Zambia	BOLLORE TRANSPORT AND LOGISTICS ZAMBIA	Transportation, storage, mail services	69,566
2017	WFP	Zimbabwe	BOLLORE TRANSPORT AND LOGISTICS SOUTH AFRICA	Transportation, storage, mail services	165,037
2018	IOM	Côte d'Ivoire	BOLLORE AFRICA LOGISTICS-CI	Building and Maintenance Services	172,886
2018	UNDP	Cambodia	HAVAS CHAMPAGNE COMPANY LIMITED	Public Sector Related Services	129,564
2018	UNHCR	India	BOLLORE LOGISTICS INDIA LIMITED	Transportation, Storage, Mail Services	1,328,737
2018	UNHCR	Kenya	BOLLORE TRANSPORT & LOGISTICS KENYA LTD	Transportation, Storage, Mail Services	44,090
2018	UNHCR	Uganda	BOLLORE TRANSPORT AND LOGISTICS (U) LTD	Transportation, Storage, Mail Services	265,230
2018	UNICEF	Belgium	BOLLORE LOGISTICS BELGIUM NV	Transportation, Storage, Mail Services	9,836,373
2018	UNICEF	Burundi	BOLLORE AFRICA LOGISTICS	Transportation, Storage, Mail Services	290,853
2018	UNICEF	Côte d'Ivoire	BOLLORE AFRICA LOGISTICS CI	Transportation, Storage, Mail Services	563,991
2018	UNICEF	DRC	BOLLORE AFRICA LOGISTICS PVA	Transportation, Storage, Mail Services	812,879
2018	UNICEF	Nigeria	BOLLORE AFRICA LOGISTICS NIGERIA LTD	Transportation, Storage, Mail Services	1,482,331
2018	UNICEF	Uganda	BOLLORE AFRICA LOGISTICS (U) LTD	Transportation, Storage, Mail Services	110,160
2018	UNICEF	Congo	SDV CONGO	Transportation, Storage, Mail Services	34,781
2018	UNICEF	Malawi	SDV MALAWI LTD	Transportation, Storage, Mail Services	595,701
2018	UNOPS	Congo	BOLLORE TRANSPORT LOGISTICS CONGO SA	Transportation, Storage, Mail Services	275,215
2018	UNICEF	Cambodia	HAVAS CHAMPAGNE CO LTD	Editorial, Design, Graphic Services	119,416
2018	UNICEF	Cambodia	HAVAS RIVERORCHID CAMBODIA CO LTD	Editorial, Design, Graphic Services	31,578
2018	UNICEF	United Kingdom	HAVAS SPORTS LTD	Editorial, Design, Graphic Services	68,175
2018	UNOPS	DRC	BOLLORE TRANSPORT & LOGISTICS RDC	Transportation, Storage, Mail Services	99,816
2018	UNOPS	India	BOLLORE LOGISTICS INDIA LTD	Laboratory and Testing Equipment	41,439
2018	UNOPS	India	BOLLORE LOGISTICS INDIA LTD	Transportation, Storage, Mail Services	337,828
2018	UNPD	DRC	BOLLORE AFRICA LOGISTICS RDC	Transportation, Storage, Mail Services	2,627,809
2018	UNPD	Kenya	BOLLORE TRANSPORT & LOGISTICS KENYA	Transportation, Storage, Mail Services	9,752,163
2018	UNPD	Mali	BOLLORE TRANSPORT & LOGISTICS	Transportation, Storage, Mail Services	31,881
2018	UNPD	Uganda	BOLLORE AFRICA LOGISTICS UGANDA	Transportation, Storage, Mail Services	2,331,916
2018	UNPD	USA	BOLLORE LOGISTICS USA INC	Paper Materials and Products	58,380
2018	UNPD	USA	BOLLORE LOGISTICS USA INC	Transportation, Storage, Mail Services	71,443
2018	UNRWA	India	BOLLORE LOGISTICS INDIA LIMITED	Transportation, Storage, Mail Services	125,490
2018	WFP	Estimate all countries	Estimate all subsidiaries	Transportation and Storage services	20,000,000
2019	FAO	Kenya	BOLLORE TRANSPORT & LOGISTICS KENYA LTD	Transportation, Storage, Mail Services	80,362



Contracts between UN Agencies and Programs with Subsidiaries of the Bolloré Group 2015-2019

Year	Procuring organization	Supplier country	Subsidiary	Activity	Procurement value (USD)
2019	IOM	Kenya	BOLLORE TRANSPORT & LOGISTICS K LTD	Transportation, Storage, Mail Services	49,253
2019	UNDP	Mozambique	BOLLORE TRANSPORT AND LOGISTICS MOC SA	Transportation, Storage, Mail Services	40,746
2019	UNDP	Mozambique	BOLLORE TRANSPORT AND LOGISTICS MOC SA	Material Handling Machinery	8,164
2019	UNDP	Mozambique	BOLLORE TRANSPORT AND LOGISTICS MOC SA	IT and Communications Equipment	57,824
2019	UNDP	Mozambique	BOLLORE TRANSPORT AND LOGISTICS MOC SA	Management and Admin Services	160,460
2019	UNDP	Tanzania	BOLLORE AFRICA LOGISTICS TANZANIA LTD	Engineering and Research Services	145,882
2019	UNFPA	Cameroon	BOLLORE TRANSPORT & LOGISTICS CAMEROUN	Transportation, Storage, Mail Services	108,948
2019	UNHCR	Congo	BOLLORE AFRICA LOGISTICS CONGO	Transportation, Storage, Mail Services	86,608
2019	UNHCR	DRC	BOLLORE AFRICA LOGISTICS RDC	Transportation, Storage, Mail Services	40,000
2019	UNHCR	India	BOLLORE LOGISTICS INDIA LIMITED	Transportation, Storage, Mail Services	476,649
2019	UNHCR	Kenya	BOLLORE TRANSPORT AND LOGISTICS LTD	Transportation, Storage, Mail Services	37,599
2019	UNHCR	Uganda	BOLLORE TRANSPORT AND LOGISTICS (U) LTD	Transportation, Storage, Mail Services	129,500
2019	UNHCR	Tanzania	BOLLORE TRANSPORT & LOGISTICS (T) LTD	Transportation, Storage, Mail Services	53,684
2019	UNICEF	Belgium	BOLLORE LOGISTICS BELGIUM N.V.	Transportation, Storage, Mail Services	12,097,315
2019	UNICEF	Burundi	BOLLORE AFRICA LOGISTICS	Transportation, Storage, Mail Services	319,022
2019	UNICEF	CAR	BOLLORE AFRICA LOGISTICS CENTRAFRIQUE	Transportation, Storage, Mail Services	198,842
2019	UNICEF	Côte d'Ivoire	BOLLORE AFRICA LOGISTICS CI	Transportation, Storage, Mail Services	103,398
2019	UNICEF	DRC	BOLLORE AFRICA LOGISTICS PVA	Transportation, Storage, Mail Services	491,467
2019	UNICEF	Mozambique	BOLLORE TRANSPORT AND LOGISTICS MOCAMBIQUE	Transportation, Storage, Mail Services	137,139
2019	UNICEF	Nigeria	BOLLORE AFRICA LOGISTICS NIGERIA LTD	Transportation, Storage, Mail Services	343,631
2019	UNICEF	Uganda	BOLLORE AFRICA LOGISTICS (U) LTD	Transportation, Storage, Mail Services	179,175
2019	UNICEF	Congo	SDV CONGO	Transportation, Storage, Mail Services	39,103
2019	UNICEF	Malawi	SDV MALAWI LTD	Transportation, Storage, Mail Services	319,616
2019	UNICEF	United Kingdom	HAVAS SPORTS LTD	Management and Admin Services	135,599
2019	UNICEF	USA	RED HAVAS NORTH AMERICA	Editorial, Design, Graphic Services	191,160
2019	UNOPS	Kenya	BOLLORE TRANSPORT & LOGISTICS KENYA LTD	Transportation, Storage, Mail Services	28,951
2019	UNOPS	DRC	BOLLORE TRANSPORT & LOGISTICS RDC	Transportation, Storage, Mail Services	81,125
2019	UNOPS	India	BOLLORE LOGISTICS INDIA LTD	Transportation, Storage, Mail Services	964,879
2019	UNPD	DRC	BOLLORE TRANSPORT & LOGISTICS	Transportation, Storage, Mail Services	2,591,437
2019	UNPD	India	BOLLORE LOGISTICS INDIA LIMITED	Transportation, Storage, Mail Services	105,032
2019	UNPD	Kenya	BOLLORE TRANSPORT & LOGISTICS KENYA	Transportation, Storage, Mail Services	1,645,944
2019	UNPD	Mali	BOLLORE TRANSPORT & LOGISTICS	Transportation, Storage, Mail Services	344,263
2019	UNPD	Sudan	BOLLORE TRANSPORT AND LOGISTICS (SU)	Transportation, Storage, Mail Services	1,091,505
2019	UNPD	USA	BOLLORE LOGISTICS USA INC	Transportation, Storage, Mail Services	38,900
2019	UNRWA	India	BOLLORE LOGISTICS INDIA LIMITED	Transportation, Storage, Mail Services	85,524
2019	WFP	Est. all countries	Est. all subsidiaries	Transportation and Storage services	20,000,000
TOTAL					251,487,252

Sources⁴¹



ENDNOTES

- 1 See Table below *Contracts between United Nations Agencies and Programs with Subsidiaries of the Bolloré Group* 2015-2019.
- 2 The WFP estimates at US\$ 20 million annually for 2018 and 2019 are based on data from previous three years, which were at a yearly average of US\$28.6 million.
- 3 International transport and shipping costs for imported goods are generally included in the purchase cost of the goods rather than reported separately. See Doing Business with the United Nations World Food Programme International Food, Goods and Services Procurement, page 8 <https://docs.wfp.org/api/documents/WFP-0000124520/download/?ga=2.266066508.253724171.1619721831-791754378.1618887838> (accessed April 29, 2021).
- 4 Bolloré. *Business Report 2018*. Bolloré, 2019. https://www.bollore.com/bollore-content/uploads/2019/06/boll_1902299_ra_gb_bag_16-05-19.pdf (accessed February 11, 2021).
- 5 Socfin Sustainability Report 2019 https://www.socfin.com/sites/default/files/2020-07/2019%20-%20Socfin%20-%20Sustainability%20report_BD.pdf (accessed April 26, 2021).
- 6 Mousseau, F. and E. Schaefer. *Understanding Land Investment Deals in Africa: SOCFIN Land Investment in Sierra Leone*. The Oakland Institute, 2012. https://www.oaklandinstitute.org/sites/oaklandinstitute.org/files/OI_brief_socfin_agricultural_company.pdf (accessed February 11, 2021).
- 7 *Ibid.*
- 8 Chief Sunday, A. "Another terror attack on local communities by Okomu Oil Palm Plantation Plc." [farmlandgrab.org](https://www.farmlandgrab.org/29694) via *Galaxy Television*, June 16, 2020. <https://www.farmlandgrab.org/29694> (accessed February 11, 2021).
- 9 Green Advocates. "22 Liberian Indigenous villagers file complaint against SOCFIN subsidiary at IFC." [farmlandgrab.org](https://www.farmlandgrab.org/post/view/28948-22-liberian-indigenous-villages-file-complaint-against-socfin-subsiary-at-ifc), May 27, 2019. <https://www.farmlandgrab.org/post/view/28948-22-liberian-indigenous-villages-file-complaint-against-socfin-subsiary-at-ifc>; see the official complaint at https://www.farmlandgrab.org/uploads/attachment/Revised_FINAL_SRC_IFC_COMPLAINT__Accepted_ekz_edits_complete.pdf (all accessed February 11, 2021).
- 10 Business and Human Rights Research Centre, "Cameroun: Sherpa et d'autres ONG portent plainte contre Bolloré pour l'obliger à respecter ses engagements sociaux", May 2019, <https://www.business-humanrights.org/fr/dernieres-actualites/cameroun-sherpa-et-dautres-ong-portent-plainte-contre-bolloré-pour-obliger-à-respecter-ses-engagements-sociaux/> (accessed February 11, 2021).
- 11 French OECD National Contact Point, "SOCAPALM — BOLLORE Group and SOCFIN Group in Cameroon: Followup statement from the French National Contact Point on 10 March 2020", March 18 2020, <https://www.tresor.economie.gouv.fr/Articles/2020/03/18/socapalm-groupe-bollore-et-groupe-socfin-au-cameroun-communique-de-suivi-du-pcn-francais> (accessed April 26, 2021).
- 12 The Oakland Institute. "In Sierra Leone, Land Rights Defenders Under Attack." Press Release, January 23, 2019. <https://www.oaklandinstitute.org/sierra-leone-land-rights-defenders-under-attack> (accessed February 11, 2021).
- 13 Sherpa. "Palm oil in Cameroon: the Bolloré Group sued by NGOs in an unprecedented legal action." Press Release. May 27, 2019, <https://www.asso-sherpa.org/palm-oil-in-cameroon-the-bollore-group-sued-by-ngos-in-an-unprecedented-legal-action> (accessed May 18, 2021).
- 14 Kimmarita, L. "Bunong group attends French court hearing over land dispute." The Phnom Penh Post, October 1, 2019. <https://www.phnompenhpost.com/national/bunong-group-attends-french-court-hearing-over-land-dispute> (accessed April 26, 2021); See also the decision of the Tribunal de grande instance de Nanterre, 6e chambre, February 10, 2017, n° 15/10981 at <https://www.doctrine.fr/d/TGI/Nanterre/2017/FREEBB840C2C387B691Do> (accessed April 26, 2021).
- 15 Égré, P. "Le combat de paysans cambodgiens contre Bolloré." *Le Parisien*, October 1, 2019. <https://www.leparisien.fr/faits-divers/le-combat-de-paysans-cambodgiens-contre-bollore-01-10-2019-8164179.php> (accessed April 26, 2021).
- 16 Mongabay, How the legacy of colonialism built a palm oil empire, June 2020. <https://news.mongabay.com/2020/06/how-the-legacy-of-colonialism-built-a-palm-oil-empire/> (accessed April 26, 2021).
- 17 Sherpa. "Palm oil in Cameroon : the Bolloré group sued by NGOs in an unprecedented legal action." <https://www.asso-sherpa.org/palm-oil-in-cameroon-the-bollore-group-sued-by-ngos-in-an-unprecedented-legal-action> (accessed May 19, 2021).
- 18 <https://www.asso-sherpa.org/palm-oil-in-cameroon-the-bollore-group-sued-by-ngos-in-an-unprecedented-legal-action> (accessed April 29, 2021).
- 19 Sherpa, Op-ed suits! <https://www.asso-sherpa.org/op-ed-we-wont-besilenced-by-bollore-gag-suits> (accessed April 26, 2021). For the list of cases as of 2018, see https://grain.org/bulletin_board/entries/5873-we-will-not-be-silenced-by-bollore-s-slapp-lawsuits (accessed April 29, 2021).
- 20 Tilouine, J. and S. Piel. "Port concessions in Africa: Vincent Bolloré referred to the investigating judges." *Le Monde*, April 25, 2018. https://www.lemonde.fr/societe/article/2018/04/24/ports-aficains-vincent-bollore-en-garde-à-vue_5289749_3224.html (accessed March 28, 2021).
- 21 AFP. "Concessions of the ports of Conakry and Lomé: Vincent Bolloré indicted." *Jeune Afrique*, April 25, 2018. <https://www.jeuneafrique.com/depeches/555223/societe/concessions-des-ports-de-conakry-et-de-lome-vincent-bollore-presente-devant-les-juges/> (accessed March 28, 2021).
- 22 "Cote d'Ivoire: Bolloré est le seigneur des transports", *Le Nouvel Observateur*, June 5, 2013, <https://www.nouvelobs.com/economie/20130605.OBS2002/cote-d-ivoire-bollore-est-le-seigneur-des-transport.html> (accessed May 18, 2021).
- 23 Monnier, O. "Bolloré-Led Bid for Abidjan Terminal Broke Law: Minister." *Bloomberg*, June 11, 2013. <https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2013-06-11/bollore-led-bid-for-abidjan-terminal-broke-law-minister> (accessed April 26, 2021).
- 24 Ghana Ministry of Transport. A Review of Concession Agreements between the Ghana Ports and Harbours Authority and Meridian Port Services Limited, Port of Tema Container Terminal Concession, Ministerial Committee Report, February 2018, <https://www.africa-confidential.com/uploads/content/Committee%20report.pdf> (accessed May 19, 2021).
- 25 Weir, A. "SPECIAL REPORT: How Vincent Bolloré won control of Ghana's biggest port." *Africa Confidential* 62 no. 7 (March 25, 2021). https://www.africa-confidential.com/article/id/13322/SPECIAL_REPORT_How_Vincent_Bolloré_won_control_of_Ghana's_biggest_port#chart (accessed April 26, 2021).
- 26 Caslin, O. and R. Bouboutou. "Bolloré case: the map of the French group's 7 port disputes in Africa." *Jeune Afrique*, May 3, 2018. <https://www.jeuneafrique.com/555804/politique/affaire-bollore-la-carte-des-7-litiges-portuaires-du-groupe-francais-en-afrique/> (accessed April 26, 2021).
- 27 Caslin, O. "Cameroon: Bolloré sought Biya's influence over Douala port concession." *The Africa Report*, September 28, 2019. <https://www.theafricareport.com/17800/cameroon-bollore-sought-biyas-influence-over-douala-port-concession/> (accessed April 26, 2021).
- 28 News Wires. "Bolloré Group fined €12 million in Togo corruption case." *France 24*, February 26, 2021. <https://www.france24.com/en/europe/20210226-bolloré-group-fined-€12-million-in-african-corruption-case> (accessed April 26, 2021).
- 29 Van, L. *Unravelling the Socfin Group*. Profundo, February 13, 2020. <https://profundo.nl/en/projects/unravelling-the-socfin-group> (accessed February 11, 2021).
- 30 Bolloré. *Business Report 2018*. Bolloré, 2019. *Op. Cit.*
- 31 AFP. "Demonstration in front of the Bolloré tower against land grabbing in Asia and Africa." *L'Express*, June 3, 2016. https://l'expansion.lexpress.fr/actualites/1/actualite-economique/manifestation-devant-la-tour-bollore-contre-l'accaparement-de-terres-en-asie-et-afrique_1798664.html (accessed April 26, 2021).



- 32 Van, L. *Unravelling the Socfin Group*. *Op. Cit.*
- 33 United Nations. *UN Supplier Code of Conduct*. https://www.un.org/Depts/ptd/sites/www.un.org.Depts.ptd/files/files/attachment/page/pdf/unscoc/conduct_english.pdf (accessed February 11, 2021).
- 34 United Nations Human Rights Office of the High Commissioner. *Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights*. https://www.ohchr.org/Documents/Publications/GuidingPrinciplesBusinessHR_EN.pdf (accessed February 11, 2021).
- 35 *Ibid.*
- 36 Bolloré. *Our Ethical Commitments*. <https://www.bolloré.com/en/9656-2/> (accessed February 11, 2021).
- 37 UN Global Compact. *The Ten Principles of the UN Global Compact*. <https://www.unglobalcompact.org/what-is-gc/mission/principles> (accessed February 11, 2021).
- 38 UN Global Compact. *Anti-Corruption*. <https://www.unglobalcompact.org/what-is-gc/our-work/governance/anti-corruption> (accessed February 11, 2021).
- 39 Bolloré Transport & Logistics. “The World Food Programme renews its logistics partnership with Bolloré Transport & Logistics.” Press Release. November 2, 2020. <https://www.bolloré-transport-logistics.com/en/media/press-releases/the-world-food-programme-renews-its-logistics-partnership-with-bolloré-transport-logistics.html> (accessed March 4, 2021).
- 40 *Ibid.*
- 41 United Nations Global Marketplace. *Procurement data by supplier*. https://www.ungm.org/Shared/KnowledgeCenter/Pages/asr_data_supplier (accessed February 9, 2021); United Nations Global Marketplace. *Search contract awards*. <https://www.ungm.org/Public/ContractAward> (accessed January 30, 2021); United Nations Global Marketplace. *2017 Annual Statistical Report on United Nations Procurement*. 2018. <https://www.ungm.org/Areas/Public/Downloads/ASR/2017/Document/ASR%202017%20-%20Annual%20Statistical%20Report%20on%20United%20Nations%20Procurement%20-%20ENGLISH.pdf> (accessed February 16, 2021); United Nations Global Marketplace. *2016 Annual Statistical Report on United Nations Procurement*. 2017. <https://www.ungm.org/Areas/Public/Downloads/ASR/2016/Document/2016%20Annual%20Statistic%20Report%20on%20United%20Nations%20procurement%20-%20ENGLISH.pdf> (accessed February 16, 2021); United Nations Global Marketplace. *2015 Annual Statistical Report on United Nations Procurement*. 2016. https://www.ungm.org/Areas/Public/Downloads/ASR/2015/Document/ASR_2015.pdf (accessed February 16, 2021).



