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## African market rise for exporters

AFRICA was the fastest growing market for Irish exporters last year with visa applications to Ghana, Kenya and Cameroon all on the rise, according to the Irish Exporters Association.

The body said it also saw a growing interest from companies looking to do business in Iran.

The top five countries for visa applications were China, India, Russia, Nigeria and Saudi Arabia, it added.

Chief executive Simon McKeever said that the Irish Exporters Association has played a pivotal part in Ireland's "export miracle".

"Membership has increased in 2015 and 2016 promises further growth, particularly outside of Dublin where we are planning a major focus on regional development with the establishment of two regional boards in Munster and Connaught backed by a National Council which will accurately represent the membership in terms of size, sector and location across the country," he said.