

1. About the Program

The Economic and Social Governance program strengthens the systems and institutions that enable effective economic management and accountable governance across Africa. It focuses on three core areas: **evidence-based and purpose-driven policymaking, domestic revenue mobilization, and public financial management.** Through this work, ACBF supports governments, revenue authorities, oversight institutions, and macro-fiscal think tanks to strengthen policy design, improve fiscal decision-making, and enhance the management of public resources.

The program places particular emphasis on **fiscal governance, policy analysis, and institutional capacity development**, ensuring that countries are better equipped to finance and deliver their development priorities.

2. Why It Matters

Strong economic and social governance systems are essential for financing development, improving service delivery, and sustaining long-term economic transformation. Across many African countries, fiscal policy decisions are not always supported by sufficient independent evidence, and public financial management systems require stronger leadership and governance capacity. **Budget transparency and accountability mechanisms also need to be reinforced.**

At the same time, domestic resource mobilization remains critical for reducing reliance on external financing and enabling countries to fund their development priorities. Strengthening the institutions that manage public resources is therefore central to improving accountability, supporting effective reform implementation, and delivering better outcomes for citizens.

3. How ACBF Delivers

➤ Enhancing Leadership and Governance in Public Financial Management

Through the Leadership Excellence in Africa's Public Sector (LEAPS) program, ACBF strengthens leadership capacity among senior officials from the public financial management system, supporting effective fiscal reforms and improved governance processes.

➤ Supporting Domestic Revenue Mobilization and Policy Dialogue

Through initiatives such as Building Excellence in Taxation and Administration (BETA), ACBF promotes training that addresses current taxation policy challenges, knowledge exchange, and policy dialogue on taxation to support tax policy reforms, thereby increasing domestic resource mobilization across the continent.

➤ Strengthening Fiscal Policy Research and Accountability

Through the Strengthening Public Financial Management Analysis Research and Institution (SPARI), ACBF strengthens macro-fiscal think tanks to generate credible policy analysis, coordinate advocacy, and contribute to evidence-based and purpose-driven national fiscal policy making.

➤ Advancing Public Administration Reforms in Africa

Public Administration Reform is critical to effective governance and policy outcomes. ACBF, in partnership with OECD, has established the Public Administration Reforms Community of Practice to promote policy dialogue and peer-to-peer across Africa and with OECD member countries.

These initiatives operate across several African countries and involve partnerships with governments, research institutions, and development partners.

4. Results & Impact



Strengthened leadership and institutional performance through the Leadership Excellence in Africa's Public Sector (LEAPS) program, training **79 senior public financial management leaders** across five countries, while supporting senior officials across **Côte d'Ivoire, Kenya, The Gambia, Ghana, Nigeria, Senegal, Tanzania, and Zimbabwe**, strengthening reform implementation and inter-institutional collaboration.



Enhanced public financial management systems by supporting **185 officials across eight countries** through two active cohorts, complemented by **765 executive coaching sessions, 12 group coaching sessions, and 33 leadership case studies** developed across six country contexts.



Expanded knowledge and capacity in taxation policy and domestic resource mobilization through the Building Excellence in Taxation and Administration (BETA) initiative, reaching over **2,600 participants** across **50 African countries**, including on emerging issues such as the taxation of the digital economy collaboration.