

1. About the Program

ACBF's Knowledge Management "Initiative" strengthens Africa's capacity to generate, retain, share, and apply knowledge in support of policy design and institutional performance. ACBF delivers this work through its "Capacity Knowledge Hub" Service Line, a core delivery modality under the **2023–2027 Strategic Plan**. The Hub supports knowledge creation, curation, and sharing, as well as delivering knowledge-based services across all key impact areas, ensuring that capacity development efforts are driven by evidence and continuous learning.

The work strengthens African institutions to produce policy-relevant research, apply knowledge in decision-making, and improve governance systems. These efforts contribute to advancing knowledge-driven development in line with Agenda 2063 and the Sustainable Development Goals.

2. Why It Matters

Across many African countries:

- Many policy research institutions face constraints that limit their influence on policy processes.
- Weak knowledge systems reduce the ability of institutions to retain and apply lessons learned.
- Limited collaboration among research institutions slows knowledge exchange and innovation.
- Evidence generated by African institutions is often underutilized in policymaking.

Strengthening knowledge systems enables institutions to translate evidence into policy action, improve policy design, support implementation, and contribute to sustainable development outcomes.

3. How ACBF Delivers

- **Africa Think Tank Platform (ATTP)**
The platform strengthens the institutional capacity of African think tanks to produce high-quality, policy-relevant research and engage effectively with policymakers. It supports research quality, strategic communication, governance systems, and financial sustainability, while promoting peer learning and collaboration across countries.
- **African Capacity Knowledge Repository and Community Hub**
The platform consolidates knowledge products, tools, and communities of practice into an integrated shared digital ecosystem. It supports knowledge access, institutional learning, and collaboration among policymakers, researchers, and practitioners across Africa.
- **Flagship Publications and Knowledge Products**
ACBF produces flagship reports, policy briefs, and toolkits on priority development issues, translating research into actionable insights for policymakers and practitioners. This positions ACBF as a trusted source of policy-relevant knowledge.
- **Convening and Policy Dialogue Platforms**
ACBF organizes high-level forums, including the Africa Think Tank Summit and regional policy dialogues, bringing together policymakers, researchers, and partners to exchange evidence and inform policy decisions. This convening role helps bridge the gap between knowledge and policy action.

These initiatives strengthen knowledge systems, promote collaboration, and improve the use of evidence in policymaking across the continent.

4. Results & Impact



Strengthened continental knowledge platforms and policy engagement through the Africa Think Tank Summit, which convenes at least **600 participants annually** from over 30 African countries, bringing together think tanks, policymakers, and development actors to exchange evidence and inform policy decisions.



Expanded production and dissemination of policy-relevant knowledge through the development of three flagship knowledge products, including the **Africa Export Competitiveness Report and the Strategic Study on Factoring in Africa**, alongside at least **50 policy and knowledge briefs** addressing priority issues such as AfCFTA, taxation, illicit financial flows, SME finance, and inclusive growth. This work has contributed to the adoption of the Model Law on Factoring by the Eleventh Ordinary Session of the Specialized Technical Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs, held from **8 to 17 December 2025 in Nairobi, Kenya**.



Enhanced institutional knowledge systems and practical application of evidence through the development of two tools supporting SME finance and economic inclusion, and the institutionalization of knowledge management frameworks across six ACBF-supported institutions, including **HESPI, ACED, CERAPE, ICCASA, the Science for Africa Foundation, and AiBST**.