

Press Release by the African Capacity Building Foundation (ACBF)

Tribute to Dr. Soumana Sako, Former Executive Secretary of the Foundation

The African Capacity Building Foundation (ACBF) has learned with deep sadness of the untimely passing of Dr. Soumana Sako, former Executive Secretary of the Foundation, and pays tribute to a distinguished servant of the African continent.

An accomplished economist, statesman, and visionary leader, Dr. Sako left an indelible mark on the history of capacity development in Africa. His tenure as Executive Secretary was instrumental in strengthening ACBF's strategic role as the continent's leading institution for capacity building, institutional development, and good governance.

Under his leadership, the Foundation steadfastly pursued its mission to equip African countries with the human, institutional, and policy capacities necessary to effectively implement their development agendas.

Dr. Sako will be remembered as a man of integrity, dedication, and unwavering commitment to Africa's self-reliant development. His vision of a strong, resilient, and confident Africa continues to inspire the development community and future generations of African leaders.

The Foundation bows in respect to his memory and extends its heartfelt condolences to his family, friends, and former colleagues and partners.

May his soul rest in peace, and may his legacy continue to guide our collective efforts to strengthen capacity across Africa.

Done in Harare on 16 October 2025



Mamadou Biteye
Executive Secretary

