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The World Association for Advancement of Veterinary Parasitology Africa Network

WAAVP-AN: Uniting Africa Against Parasitic Disease



In 2024, veterinary parasitologists from across Africa gathered in Benin with renewed purpose and determination. Long sidelined by limited funding and fragmented efforts, the field of veterinary parasitology discovered fresh energy and direction through the launch of the World Association for the Advancement of Veterinary Parasitology African Network (WAAVP-AN).

The gathering represented a transformative moment where minds united around improving animal health, strengthening food systems, and advancing local innovation across the continent.

The network emerged as a living, collaborative platform designed by and for African experts, prioritizing flexibility and responsiveness over rigid organizational structures.

"There is a real need for networking, for funding, for advocacy, and for expert advice from African veterinary parasitologists," said Dr. Ayodele Majekodunmi, Co-Chair of WAAVP-AN. "Our experiences reaffirmed why we chose to be a network. A network."

WAAVP-AN connects researchers, educators, policymakers, and practitioners who share a commitment to combating parasitic diseases and enhancing sustainable livestock production. The network fosters African-

led research, stronger veterinary education, and collaborative problem-solving while tackling cross-cutting issues like climate change and antimicrobial resistance.

The network's targeted grant program emerged as one of its foundational initiatives, building local capacity through careful consultation with farmers, students, researchers, and policy leaders. The program funds critical work in parasite control, disease mapping, and veterinary education.

WAAVP-AN launched a dynamic digital Community of Practice alongside its grant initiatives, creating space where members exchange knowledge, access resources, and maintain connections across borders.

"Our Community of Practice is the place to be," says Dr. Majekodunmi. "We want to make sure our voices are heard, and our stories are captured."

The launch in Benin brought together government officials, chief veterinary officers, researchers, private sector players, students, and global partners in a powerful demonstration of collaborative momentum. The gathering marked a pivotal moment where partnership played a central role in driving meaningful change.

WAAVP-AN awarded its first round of grants during this gathering, addressing the most urgent needs identified through extensive 2022 consultations with veterinary parasitologists and their communities.

"The African Capacity Building Foundation helped us form the network, create the grant process, and take it all the way through to implementation," said Majekodunmi. "They also connected us with networks we didn't have before."

WAAVP-AN charts a new path forward for veterinary parasitology in Africa through partnership, knowledge exchange, and African leadership. The work grows from the realities of those most affected and strengthens as more voices join the movement.

Visit [World Association for the Advancement of Veterinary Parasitology](https://www.waavp.org/) to learn more about the network.

ACBF in Action

Strengthening Capacity for Sustainable Tobacco Control in Africa (TC III)



ACBF hosted the TC III Annual Coordination Meeting earlier this year in Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe. This annual flagship workshop brought together civil society organizations and regional research institutions under the third phase of the Tobacco Control Program to enhance sustainability, compliance, and performance.

The training program targeted ACBF subgrantees who are directly involved in the Foundation's project implementation, drawing participants from 12 institutions across 11 countries, including the Democratic Republic of Congo, Mauritania, Uganda, Zambia, Côte d'Ivoire, Kenya, Benin, Senegal, Ethiopia, Nigeria and South Africa.

Participants received targeted training across two thematic categories. The first focused on organizational strengthening, covering ACBF procedures, project and financial management, procurement, corporate governance, and tools for monitoring, evaluation, accountability, and learning (MEAL) as well as communications and advocacy.

A special emphasis was placed on enhancing institutional sustainability through proposal writing, strategic communication, and resource mobilization. The second category addressed gender mainstreaming in tobacco control, with practical guidance on developing GM manuals, capitalizing on inclusive approaches for efficiency, and integrating gender equity into institutional frameworks.

The meeting reinforced ACBF's commitment to equipping tobacco control actors with the tools, skills, and support systems needed to influence public health outcomes and lead sustainable policy change across Africa.

Watch Participant Reflections

Gain first-hand insights from delegates who participated in the Tobacco Control III Annual Coordination Meeting. In a series of testimonial videos, participants reflect on the knowledge shared, institutional support received, and the impact of the workshop on their work.



Dr. Matasebia Zewudo

Resource Mobilization and Partnership Manager,
Mathiwos Wondu-YeEthiopia Cancer Society
(MWECS)



Kennedy Marua

Programs Manager,
The International Institute for Legislative Affairs
ILA



Olawale Makanjola

National Alliance Coordinator,
Nigeria Tobacco Control Alliance



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Project Coordinator, Africa Centre for Tobacco
Industry Monitoring and Policy Research,
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The 1st International Conference on Taxation of the Digital Economy



ACBF co-hosted the inaugural International Conference on Taxation of the Digital Economy (ICTDE 2025) from 15 to 16 April 2025 in Dakar, Senegal, under the theme "Strengthening Capacity for Effective Digital Taxation in Africa."

The event brought together over 300 in-person participants from more than 26 countries, including policymakers, tax experts, development partners, and private sector actors, to shape a unified African

approach to taxing the digital economy.

The conference attracted wide engagement, with 261 virtual attendees, 50 journalists, 37 institutions, and 32 featured speakers reinforcing the event's global relevance and reach.

Officially launched by Senegal's Minister of Finance and Budget, Cheikh Diba, the conference was held in partnership with the Government of Senegal, the African Union Commission, the African Tax Administration Forum (ATAF), the Finnish Institute of Public Management (HAUS), and Finland's Ministry for Foreign Affairs.

Over two days, participants engaged in six thematic sessions and a series of country case studies. Discussions explored VAT in the digital era, cross-border service taxation, emerging technologies, and institutional frameworks for reform. Speakers emphasized the urgency of establishing Africa-led standards and boosting the continent's negotiation capacity in global tax forums.

Key outcomes included a formal resolution to develop a harmonized digital tax strategy, the launch of ACBF's BETA Program through Ubora Academy, and renewed commitments to scale capacity building and align policies across African jurisdictions.

ACBF also unveiled its refreshed brand identity, reflecting its renewed focus on fiscal transformation and institutional leadership. ICTDE 2025 offered a vital platform for coordination and knowledge exchange, positioning Africa more firmly in the international tax dialogue and reaffirming the continent's ambition to lead with strategies rooted in fairness, innovation, and shared growth.

Testimonials from the conference

During the conference, participants and partners from the Zambia Revenue Authority, National Academy of Customs and Taxes, India and Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Finland shared their insights:



Chomba Mwansa
Zambia Revenue Authority

“This has been a very insightful conference and a stepping stone for revenue authorities in Africa as a whole, in which we are trying to come together and bring together ideas on how we can effectively tax the digital economy. Listening to colleagues from other revenue authorities and policy makers from other African countries, it has been very insightful to learn from their success stories. Also, to learn about the challenges that they are currently facing and also to speak from where I am coming from.”



Dr. Sreeparvathy S.L.
Additional Director, National Academy of Customs and Taxes, India

“I am very happy that I am part of an important international conference, to represent my country and share our experience on digital economy taxation. I could also understand the trajectory in which Africa is moving and there is always a scope for our future cooperation. We will be very happy to cooperate with Africa on taxation issues. I think this will be a good beginning. Let us move together for a better world, for a better tomorrow.”



Dr. Timo Voipio
Senior Advisor, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Finland

“Partnerships with Africa are a high priority for Finland and we believe that one of the most sustainable ways for Africa to finance its own sustainable development needs is to raise domestic resource mobilisation and this is part of our action programme on taxation and domestic resource mobilisation in Africa. Well, my key takeaway is really that it is important that Pan African organisations work together“

Tax Dialogues: An ACBF- HAUS Webinar Series (1st webinar)

In March 2025, ACBF and the Finnish Institute of Public Management (HAUS) launched the Tax Dialogues Webinar Series to spark critical conversations on African tax systems. This five-part series, held under the African-Finnish Partnerships on Taxation Capacity in Africa (AFP-TCA) Program, aims



to promote innovative, context-specific solutions to long-standing tax administration challenges.

Five webinars are planned for 2025 (March 12th, April 16th, June 18th, July 16th, and September 3rd) as 90-minute interactive sessions featuring expert case studies, panel discussions, testimonials and Q&A sessions. Topics include tax incentives, digital economy taxation, illicit financial flows, debt and taxation, and reform strategies. The initiative is part of the build-up to the 2025 Africa Think Tank Summit. The series will produce Knowledge Briefs summarizing key insights and best practices, fostering regional cooperation and equipping African stakeholders with practical tools to modernize tax systems, boost revenue, and enhance fiscal resilience.

The inaugural webinar opened with welcome remarks from Mamadou Biteye, Executive Secretary of ACBF, and Kirsi Aaltola, Director of Development Services at HAUS.

The session featured Maria Joste from UNU-WIDER presenting a case study on tax incentives from Uganda, and panel discussions with Mohamed Salat Osman from ACBF, Chifundo Mchowa from the German Institute of Development and Sustainability, Everlyn Muendo from Tax Justice Network Africa, Lyla Latif from the University of Nairobi, Ronald Nyenje Makumbi from Uganda Revenue Authority, and Hamadou Kabore from Burkina Faso's Directorate General of Tax.

The interactive sessions were facilitated by Amina Ebrahim, Research Fellow at UNU-WIDER, with moderation by Barassou Diawara, Senior Knowledge Management Expert at ACBF. Konsta Heikkila, Chief Partnership Adviser for African-Finnish Partnerships on Taxation Capacity in Africa, provided closing remarks and outlined the way forward.

Explore the Tax Dialogues Policy Brief



ACBF–OECD Policy Dialogue on Public Administration and Policy Coherence



On 5 and 6 May 2025, ACBF and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) convened a high-level policy dialogue in Accra, Ghana, focused on advancing public administration reforms and policy coherence for more inclusive, effective, digital, and green governance.

The event brought together 26 participants (Head of Public sectors reforms) of different African, MENA and OECD countries namely Cameroun, Cote d'Ivoire, Czechia, Gambia, Ghana, Italy, Kenya, Morocco, Senegal, Zimbabwe to exchange insights, share best practices, and strengthen approaches to modernizing public administration and fostering policy coherence.

Participants engaged in peer exchanges, case studies, and breakout sessions that explored interministerial coordination, whole-of-government reforms, climate-responsive public administration, and digital transformation strategies. The dialogue also examined tools for monitoring policy coherence, collaborative planning, and service delivery models that place citizens at the center.

Key outcomes included commitments to strengthen policy planning capacities, adopt more agile institutional structures, and promote South–South cooperation for reform implementation. The event underscored the value of mutual learning and co-creation between Africa and international partners.

Watch Participant Reflections

In testimonial videos, participants shared insights on the value of the dialogue and lessons drawn from peer collaboration:



Abdoulie S. Bah
Economist, Ministry of Finance, The
Gambia



Joel Bett
Programme Coordinator, Public
Financial Management Reforms,
Kenya



Kristian Malina
Analyst, Ministry of Interior, Czech
Republic

2nd Regional Training Workshop in Support of African Continental Free Trade Area Implementation



From 14 to 16 May 2025, ACBF hosted the second Regional Training Workshop in Libreville, Gabon, under the theme "Bridging Anglophone and Francophone Markets through Trade Facilitation, SME Partnerships and the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) Value Chains."

The workshop, held under ACBF's Capacity Development for Africa's Structural Transformation (CADAST) initiative, brought together 50 stakeholders from nine African countries, including Benin, Botswana, Comoros, Gabon, Rwanda, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Zambia, Zimbabwe, to strengthen cross-border collaboration and fast-track AfCFTA implementation.

Officially opened by Madame Zenaba Gninga Chaning, Minister of Entrepreneurship, Trade and SMEs/SMLs of Gabon, the event was organized in partnership with the Centre for Regional Integration in Africa (CRIA) and Phanerosis Global Platform, with support from the African Development Bank, Afreximbank, and the AfCFTA Secretariat.

This hybrid training featured sessions on AfCFTA protocols, payment systems, trade negotiations, dispute resolution, and SME integration. Participants also visited Gabon's Food Safety Agency (AGASA) to explore how national institutions can support trade readiness.

With strong participation from women and youth-led enterprises, the workshop emphasized practical capacity building and inclusive networks as essential drivers of Africa's trade potential.

Testimonials from the CADAST Workshop

Participants shared how the workshop deepened their understanding of AfCFTA implementation and inspired them to act as champions of regional integration:



Tlamele Cindy Melemo
 Founder, SoftBerry
 Solutions, Botswana

“We’ve learned a lot from this workshop. One key takeaway for me was the protocol on digital trade. Understanding the rules and laws that govern digital trade in Africa is vital for our business. It helps us identify new opportunities and apply what we’ve learned to grow as African entrepreneurs.”



Richard G. Odjrado
 Founder & CEO, AS
 World Tech

“The methodology was very engaging. It wasn’t just a lecture-style session but a real exchange of experiences. Everyone contributed and learned from each other. I believe it’s now our responsibility to go back and serve as ambassadors for what we’ve learned over these three days.”



Ndegen Jobe
 Deputy Speaker, National
 Youth Parliament, The
 Gambia

“I’m grateful to be part of this training, and to the organizers for making it possible. I’ve gained practical insights into the AfCFTA and how young people can use it not only to participate in intra-African trade but also to share this knowledge with others who couldn’t be here today.”

Enterprise Mindset Clinic Empowering Youth for Multilateral Spaces



From 11 to 13 June 2025, ACBF and the Organisation internationale de la Francophonie (OIF) co-hosted a training workshop in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, titled Enterprise Mindset in a Multilateral Environment.

The clinic was designed to empower young professionals from 15 French-speaking African countries with the mindset, skills, and tools to thrive in international, multilingual, and multilateral institutions. Participants from Benin, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Comoros, Republic of Congo, Democratic Republic of Congo, Côte d’Ivoire, Gabon, Guinea, Madagascar, Mauritania, São Tomé and Príncipe, Senegal, Chad, and Togo took part in this dynamic three-day engagement.

The training combined presentations, group work, and interactive sessions focused on intercultural communication, leadership in multicultural settings, diplomatic negotiation, and digital agility. Ethics and responsibility were central themes throughout the program. Participants gained a deeper understanding of how multilateral institutions function and developed actionable, entrepreneurial solutions to address institutional challenges. The clinic served as a platform for collaboration and networking, strengthening connections within the Francophone African ecosystem.

Many attendees described the experience as transformative, both professionally and personally. The event concluded with a shared commitment to continued collaboration and a renewed sense of confidence in shaping Africa’s future through multilateral engagement. This initiative reflects ACBF’s commitment to youth empowerment and to building the next generation of leaders in global governance.

Testimonials from the Enterprise Mindset Clinic Empowering Youth for Multilateral Spaces

Watch these Francophone African Youth as they share their thoughts on how the workshop has impacted them:



Raissa Nanan-Boua Kouadio
Partnership Officer, UNICEF Côte d'Ivoire



Samuel Bwira Luhembo
Public Accountant, Ministry of Finance, DRC



Nawiya Bacar
Artist and Author, Comoros Islands

Fifth Strategic Advisory Panel Meeting Reviewing Progress of the ELG-PFM Program



On 26 May 2025, ACBF convened the Fifth Meeting of the Strategic Advisory Panel (SAP) Members of the Enhancing Leadership and Governance in Public Financial Management (ELG-PFM) in Africa Program in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire.

The meeting brought together technical experts, policymakers, and advisory panel members to assess the implementation of the program's three core outcomes and chart a path forward. Participants reviewed progress on the LEAPS leadership training program, the development of the Public Sector Collaboration (PSC) Platform, and ongoing efforts to strengthen PFM oversight and accountability through national partnerships with think tanks.

Presentations highlighted achievements, challenges, and lessons from the first cohort of public finance officials and shared updates on the platform's upcoming launch and pilot testing. The meeting also included discussions on regional demand for the program, opportunities to expand participation through fee-based models, and early ideas under consideration for a post-2026 PFM reform support mechanism. The agenda featured contributions from Mr. Mamadou Biteye, ACBF's Executive Secretary, Hon. Rosine Coulibaly, Mr. Mohamed Salat, Rodolphe Bance, and Alice Muraguri.

As the ELG-PFM program moves toward a new implementation cycle, the SAP continues to serve as a vital forum for aligning strategy, surfacing country needs, and shaping innovations in public financial governance across Africa. The SAP meeting reaffirmed the program's strategic relevance and called for broader country engagement, scalable learning models, and sustained institutional support as ACBF prepares the next phase of ELG-PFM implementation. 79 senior officials representing five countries, Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, Kenya, Senegal and Zimbabwe, are currently undertaking the LEAPS program. For the first half of the year (between January – June 2025), priority has been given to developing the modules and undertaking the actual training, coaching sessions and technical seminars.

Capacity Building for Women and Youth Empowerment in the Agricultural Sector



ACBF recently concluded a multi-country initiative implemented in Burkina Faso, Gabon, and Sierra Leone under its leadership, with funding support from the Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa (BADEA) and the Islamic Development Bank (IsDB).

The Capacity Building for the Empowerment of Women and Youth in the Agricultural Sector project aimed to strengthen agribusiness leadership and promote inclusive entrepreneurship across the agricultural value chain.

Across the three countries, more than 740 beneficiaries received training in business management, cooperative governance, marketing, and financial planning. Each country tailored its approach to local contexts while contributing to shared outcomes such as stronger networks, improved access to markets and finance, and greater business resilience.

In Burkina Faso, 25 coaches and 45 agribusiness leaders were trained, along with over 360 women and youth in agribusiness management and entrepreneurship. A digital support platform was launched, and high-potential entrepreneurs were awarded US\$40,000 in grants. In Gabon, 254 participants received practical training, 11 incubators were supported, and targeted coaching was provided to women leaders and young entrepreneurs. "This training is really very beneficial because all our promoters, all the beneficiaries were present, and were able to learn," said Jean François Luna, a participant from Bavielle, Gabon. In Sierra Leone, 120 MSMEs were trained, 30 women became certified local trainers, and the project focused on strengthening value chains such as cassava and onion.

"It is helping us to show the young people in rural areas that agriculture can be the way forward. Cassava is a very good alternative to have sustainable jobs and to earn decent income," said a participant from Sierra Leone. "We are grateful to SLeCAD and ACBF for supporting our work and believing in our vision." This regional initiative demonstrates that with the right tools, training, and partnerships, local entrepreneurs can drive long-term economic transformation.

Thought Leadership and Collaboration



DIHAD - Dubai International Humanitarian Aid & Development Conference & Exhibition

From 29 April to 1 May 2025, ACBF participated in DIHAD in Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

The conference brought together global development and humanitarian actors under the theme "Humanitarian Aid and Development in a Polarised World." ACBF's Executive Secretary, Mamadou Biteye, took part in a high-level panel on "The Changing Landscape of Financing," which convened senior leaders from international institutions to discuss how to optimize efficiency and resource use in humanitarian and development efforts. The session also raised questions around accountability in implementation, especially where donor funding bypasses government systems, making tracking by institutions like the UN increasingly complex. The Foundation's participation demonstrates its role in fostering partnerships and knowledge exchange to advance Africa's development agenda.



E-Learning Africa the 18th International Conference & Exhibition on Digital Education, Training & Skills Development

As a Silver Partner at the 18th edition of eLearning Africa, held in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, on May 7-9, ACBF showcased its commitment to building digital capacity across the continent. Through its flagship [Ubora Academy](#), ACBF presented innovative learning solutions including the LEAPS and BETA programs, which strengthen leadership and taxation skills for sustainable development. At the center of our engagement is Ubora Academy, ACBF's dynamic learning and knowledge-sharing platform launched in 2024. Ubora is designed to equip leaders in the public, private, and civil society sectors with the tools to drive sustainable transformation across the continent. Through a blended approach that combines in-person and digital learning, Ubora empowers African leaders, professionals and institutions to tackle real development challenges. Our academy offers programs such as:

- **LEAPS (Leadership Excellence in Africa's Public Sector)**
- **BETA (Building Excellence in Taxation and Administration)**

These programs deliver targeted learning in leadership, taxation, governance, and public financial management. Our E-Learning Specialist, Alice Muraguri shared Ubora's innovative approach on Cultural Intelligence & Workshop Readiness in Africa and Empowering Africa's Workforce through Digital Upskilling and Innovation. These sessions highlight our commitment to

inclusive learning, digital innovation, and preparing Africa's workforce for the future.



Launch of ICCASA's Strategic Plan and Inauguration of New Office

From 21 to 23 May 2025, ACBF joined its partner, the Centre for Inclusive Climate Change Adaptation for a Sustainable Africa (ICCASA), alongside government officials, development partners, researchers, and community leaders to launch ICCASA's 2025–2030 Strategic Plan and inaugurate its new headquarters in Syokimau, Kenya. Through this partnership, ACBF is supporting ICCASA's mission to promote disability-inclusive, community-driven responses to climate challenges across Africa. ICCASA operates at the intersection of research, advocacy, and implementation, with a focus on empowering marginalized groups and integrating traditional knowledge systems into climate action.

The three-day engagement featured the official presentation of the Strategic Plan and a stakeholder workshop in Nairobi. ACBF joined partners to unveil the office plaque and formally open the new facility. A networking reception followed, encouraging deeper collaboration around inclusive and locally led adaptation. Participants also visited the HARE project in Nyamira County, one of ICCASA's flagship initiatives, which supports women with disabilities through climate-smart agriculture and sustainable livelihoods. The event reinforced ICCASA's core priorities including gender-responsive planning, resilience building, and knowledge exchange rooted in African realities.

<https://youtu.be/Pbdm0Fch9U4>



13th African Union Industry Retreat & 4th ASMED 3P

ACBF took part in the 13th African Union Multi-Stakeholders' Experts Retreat and the 4th edition of the Africa SME Development Program Partnership Platform (ASMED 3P), held in Lusaka, Zambia. Convening policymakers, regional bodies, private sector leaders, and development partners, the meetings focused on advancing industrial development and MSME competitiveness across Africa and ran from 14 to 18 April 2025.

Organized by the African Union Commission's Department of Economic Development, Trade, Tourism, Industry, and Minerals (ETTİM), the retreat reviewed progress on the implementation of the 17th Extraordinary AU Summit's outcomes on industrialization and economic diversification. ASMED 3P focused on aligning partners under the AU SME Strategy and the Enterprise Africa Network. ACBF contributed to discussions on strategic partnerships, resource mobilization, and the operationalization of industrial frameworks linked to the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA), reinforcing the central role of MSMEs in supplying Africa's single market and advancing inclusive economic transformation.



ACBF at the Global Conference on Cyber Capacity Building

From 13 to 15 May 2025, ACBF joined African and international leaders at the Global Conference on Cyber Capacity Building (GC3B) in Geneva, Switzerland. ACBF Executive Secretary Mamadou Biteye took part in the conference, where the Foundation strongly urged African countries and partners to adopt a united, homegrown approach to building the continent's cyber capacity, emphasizing African ownership, collaboration, and practical investment in skills and systems.

The event featured the presentation of the Africa Declaration on Cybersecurity Capacity Building, a landmark outcome endorsed by participants to guide coordinated efforts across the continent. The conference spotlighted innovative approaches to funding, knowledge exchange, and sustainable training to advance a secure and inclusive digital future. As Africa's leading institution for capacity development, ACBF reaffirmed its commitment to supporting member states and partners in designing cyber capacity systems that reflect local priorities and long-term needs.



ACBF at the 9th East Africa Philanthropy Conference

ACBF participated in the 9th East Africa Philanthropy Conference held from June 11 to 13, 2025, at the Serena Hotel in Kigali, Rwanda. With the theme "Agile Philanthropy: Adapting to Economic, Social, and Political Shifts," the gathering brought together over 500 regional leaders, policymakers, and philanthropy practitioners.

ACBF Executive Secretary Mamadou Biteye delivered a keynote address that emphasized the value of open communication and intentional collaboration. "The institutions and ecosystem stakeholders should, I believe, establish regular channels for regular dialogue and information sharing. That will contribute, actually, understanding what each other does and then being able to identify how do I add value," he stated.

His remarks highlighted the need for aligned efforts to improve impact and accountability across Africa's development landscape.

The conference offered a space to explore new strategies, forge meaningful partnerships, and reflect on the evolving role of philanthropy in addressing complex challenges. By engaging with stakeholders across sectors, the Foundation continues to contribute to a philanthropic landscape that is agile, inclusive, and aligned with Africa's broader development aspirations.

Our Picks of the Quarter

The African Capacity Building Foundation (ACBF) has long been at the forefront of shaping Africa's development narrative through its authoritative Africa Capacity Reports (ACRs). Each capacity report addresses a critical issue affecting the continent's growth trajectory, combining rigorous analysis with practical recommendations. ACBF is preparing to release the next edition of the ACR, which will focus on capacity imperatives for climate resilience in Africa.

Here's a look at three landmark editions whose insights continue to resonate across Africa's evolving development context.

[Africa Capacity Report 2019 – Fostering Transformative Leadership for Africa's Development](#)

[Africa Capacity Report 2017 – Building Capacity in Science, Technology and Innovation \(STI\) for Africa's Transformation](#)

[Africa Capacity Report 2015 – Capacity Imperatives for Domestic Resource Mobilisation in Africa](#)

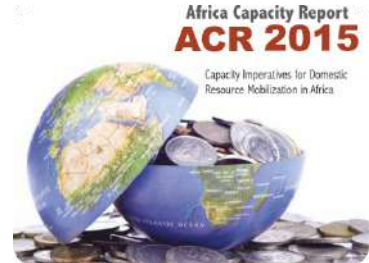


AFRICA CAPACITY REPORT 2017

This edition underscores the need for visionary and accountable leadership to drive the continent's structural transformation. It highlights the role of leadership in shaping policy implementation, strengthening institutions, and mobilising citizen engagement, essential ingredients for achieving Africa's development aspirations.



Focusing on STI's foundational role in economic diversification and competitiveness, the 2017 report calls for increased investment in research and development, reforms in education systems, and stronger linkages between academia, industry, and government to build a resilient knowledge economy.



Recognizing the limitations of aid dependency, the 2015 report explores how African countries can enhance domestic resource mobilization (DRM). It advocates for improving tax systems, curbing illicit financial flows, and strengthening public financial management to finance development from within.

Strategic Engagements



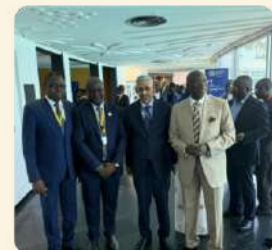
Mamadou Biteye
Executive Secretary, ACBF
at the 9th East Africa
Philanthropy Conference



High Level Panel at **DIHAD**
with **H.E. Nena Stoiljkovic**
Under Secretary General for
Global Relations,
Humanitarian Diplomacy,
and Digitalization, IFRC and
Claus Sorensen Senior
Adviser on Resilience,
Humanitarian Aid



Meeting with **Cheikh Ibrahima Diong**, CEO of
FRLD Fund for the
Reparation of Loss and
Damage



Meeting with **Sidi Ould Tah**,
AfdB President elect,
Ngueto yambaye, CEO of
FAGACE, and **Papa Thiam**,
Independent Consultant

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APS (Agence de Presse Sénégalaise)



Alliancemagazine



Gabon Media Time

Cheikh Diba : « Le numérique est un moteur de transformation en Afrique »
» Features opening remarks by Senegal's Finance Minister and the importance of digital taxation for structural transformation.

Mamadou Biteye, Executive Secretary and CEO of the African Capacity Building Foundation (ACBF), delivered a powerful keynote on Day two of the 9th East Africa Philanthropy Conference, themed 'Agile Philanthropy

Le Gabon hôte d'un atelier régional de formation en soutien à la mise en œuvre de la ZLECAF Highlights ACBF's role in building SME capacity to unlock AfCFTA value chains across borders.

Announcements

Africa Think Tank Summit 2025 8–10 October 2025 | Addis Ababa, Ethiopia



The banner features a dark background with a large green graphic on the right side. At the top, there is a row of logos for ACBF, BoG.CdG, Hewlett Foundation, THE WORLD BANK, AUDA-NEPAD, and African Union. The main text on the left reads: "11^e Edition Africa Think Tank Summit". Below this, the theme is stated in English: "THEME: From Taxation to Action: Bridging Policy and Implementation in Public Financial Management (PFM) in Africa" and in French: "THÈME: De la fiscalité à l'action: combler le fossé entre politique et mise en œuvre dans la gestion des finances publiques". At the bottom left, it says "CO-ORGANIZED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FEDERAL DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF ETHIOPIA" and "CO-ORGANISÉ PAR LE GOUVERNEMENT DE LA RÉPUBLIQUE FÉDÉRALE DÉMOCRATIQUE D'ÉTHIOPIE". To the right of this, it says "For more information, contact: Atts2025@theacbf.org". In the bottom right corner, there is a date box: "08 10" with "October 2025" and "Addis Ababa, Ethiopia" below it.

ACBF is proud to co-host the 2025 Africa Think Tank Summit alongside the Government of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, under the timely theme: “From Taxation to Action: Bridging Policy and Implementation in Public Financial Management (PFM) in Africa.”

Convened in partnership with the African Union Commission (AUC), the Summit is made possible through support from the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation and the World Bank Group (via the Africa Think Tank Partnership Project – ATTP). The Ethiopian Ministry of Finance is playing a central role in hosting and facilitating this high-level event. The Summit is co-organized with the African Union Development Agency (AUDA-NEPAD) and the UN Economic Commission for Africa (ECA)—bringing together regional expertise and strategic networks to maximize impact.

Why You Should Attend:

This year's Summit will convene over 300 leading African think tanks, government officials, private sector actors, civil society, and development partners to:

- Exchange insights on closing the gap between policy and implementation in public financial management (PFM)
- Explore cutting-edge issues including digital taxation, debt sustainability, gender-responsive budgeting, and citizen engagement
- Participate in ministerial sessions, high-level panels, deep-dive workshops, and PFM hackathons
- Engage in interactive training sessions, exhibitions, and dynamic side events
- Witness the official announcement of ATTP Project grantees and the launch of new PFM tools and research outputs

Together, we will explore strategies to strengthen accountability, enhance domestic resource mobilization, and harness digital innovation for fiscal sovereignty and inclusive economic growth across Africa.

For more information, **contact: Atts2025@theacbf.org**

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