

# LEVERAGING INNOVATIVE PARTNERSHIPS FOR SCALE

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# AGENDA

# MARKET DAYS EVENT 2024

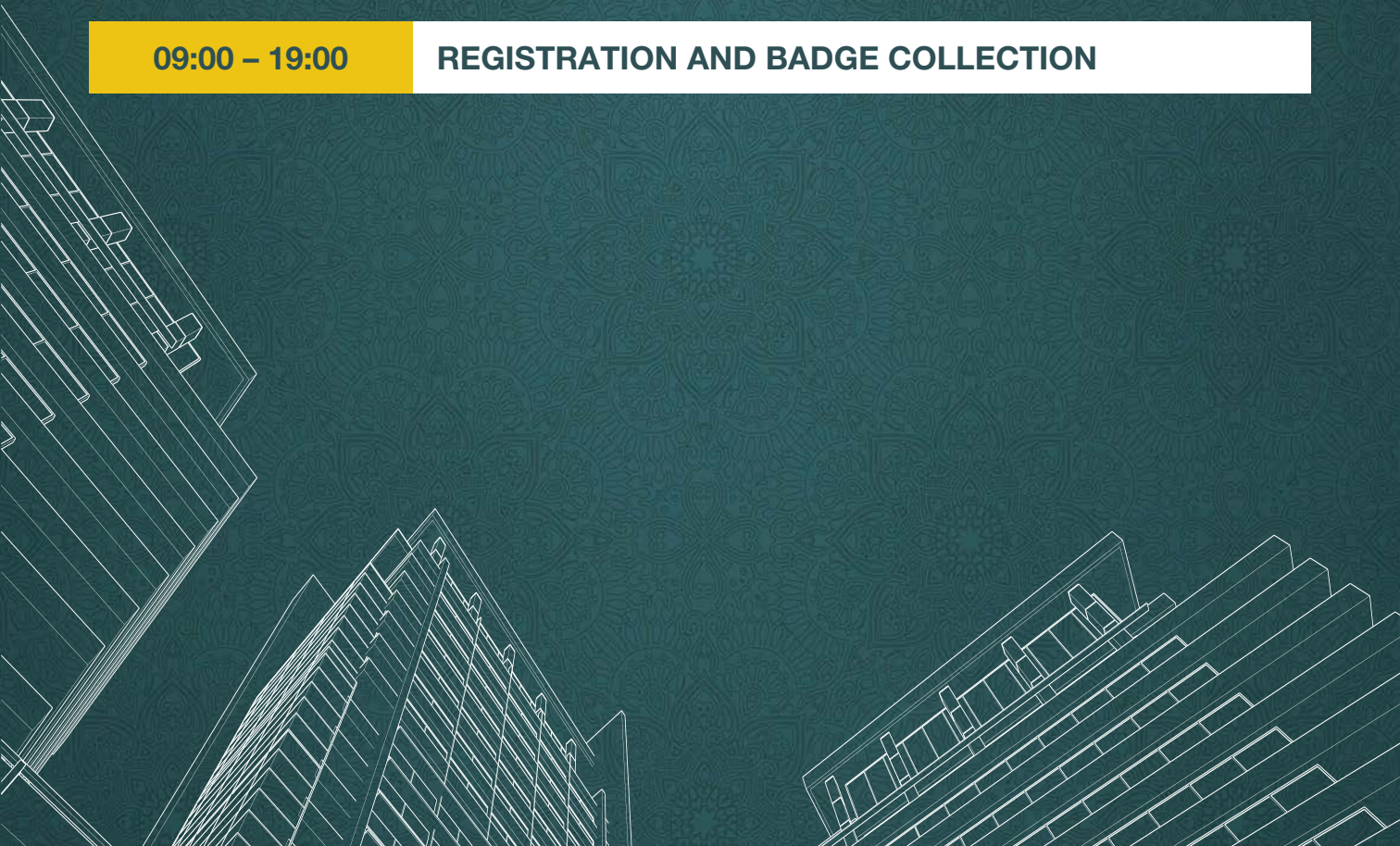


TUESDAY  
**3 DECEMBER 2024**

**(Pre-Market Days Side Events)**

**09:00 – 19:00**

**REGISTRATION AND BADGE COLLECTION**



# LEVERAGING INNOVATIVE PARTNERSHIPS FOR SCALE

09:00 - 16:30

## AFRICA SME FORUM

Hosted: **CGEM**

Salle Royale Ballroom

The Africa Investment Forum is the continent's premier investor development platform and partnership co-founded in 2018 by the African Development Bank Group, Africa50, Afrexim Bank, the Africa Finance Corporation, the Development Bank of Southern Africa, the European Investment Bank, the Islamic Development Bank, and the Trade and Development Bank. In six years, the AIF has generated more than \$180 billion in investment interest.

Collectively, the partners are committed to co-leveraging investments on a continent to that is home to a labor pool that, represents 39% of the world's population under the age of 20; 30% of the world's potential for solar and wind energy production; and a market of 2.5 billion individuals by 2050.

Recently, La Confédération Générale des Entreprises du Maroc (CGEM) undertook a comprehensive study funded by the African Development Bank, to evaluate levels of business growth that can be unleashed by energizing Africa's value chains. The study provides invaluable insights into the African market, including mechanisms for harnessing opportunities to ensure Africa's food, energy and health sovereignty, and for providing increased added value and jobs, through the transformation of goods.

This forum will bring together African business leaders and 500 SMEs from across the continent to discuss the results of the study, as well as address critical areas including human capital, financing, sustainability, technology, and accelerating the power and growth of SMEs on the continent.

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## INSURER / ECA SESSION

Host: **African Development Bank Group**

Market Place workshop

To mobilize efforts and resources, and to diversify its investor base, the African Development Bank is proactively engaging with institutional investors including insurers and export credit agencies. Recent G20 calls for MDB reforms and innovations, are in sync with the Bank's drive and ambitions to do more through balance sheet optimization and innovative solutions to mobilize private capital.

The Insurer / ECA session is an opportunity to bring insurers, ECAs, insurance brokers, and institutional investors together to deepen the Bank's relationship with institutional investors by providing enhanced insights into the Bank's business instruments and strategies, foster dialogue, showcase innovative solutions, and strengthen partnerships to drive even more much needed sustainable development and economic growth in the region.

19:00 – 21:00

## WELCOME RECEPTION

Host: **Africa50**

Royal Golf Dar Es Salam

# WEDNESDAY

## 4 DECEMBER 2024

### OFFICIAL MARKET DAYS PROGRAMME

## DAY 1

08:00 – 09:00

#### OPENING PRESS BRIEFING

Accredited media only

08:00 – 08:45

#### BREAKFAST SESSION: AIF BANKABILITY SERIES

Market Place workshop  
Sponsored by JPMorgan Chase

By adopting a transactional approach, this AIF series aims to demonstrate proven pathways for tackling project bankability challenges in Africa. During the session, speakers will showcase deals introduced at the 2023 Market Days and share how their respective efforts are enhancing project bankability considerations. Particular focus will be given to project preparation, and climate action and peace-building efforts in Africa. By partnering with trust funds, impact investors, private foundations, other MDBs, and bilateral aid agencies, the AIF's objective is to accelerate bankability across a growing pipeline of deals, that achieve unprecedented impact at scale across Africa.

- **Mukwandi Chibesakunda**, CEO, Zambia National Commercial Bank
- **Naziha Belkeziz**, CEO, Banque Populaire Centrale
- **Heather K. Lanigan**, Regional Director for Sub-Saharan Africa, US Trade and Development Agency
- **Olivier Eweck**, Managing Director Head of Sub-Saharan Africa, Public Sector, Global Corporate Bank, JPMorgan Chase
- **Carol Volk**, Counselor for Economic Affairs, US Embassy to the Kingdom of Morocco
- Moderated by **Godfrey Mutizwa**, Chief Editor, CNBC Africa

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## OFFICIAL OPENING: PLENARY SESSION

### MCs for the Market Days:

**Marie-Angèle Touré**, Journalist and Managing Director, MAT-Media Advice Training, and **Dr. Victor Oladokun**, Senior Advisor to the President for Communication and Stakeholder Engagement, African Development Bank Group

09:00 – 11:15

### OFFICIAL OPENING SESSION

Salle Royale Ballroom

09:00 – 10:15

- Introductory video from the Africa Investment Forum
- Opening remarks from **Dr. Akinwumi A. Adesina**, President and Chairman of the Boards of Directors of the African Development Bank Group

Keynote remarks from **H.E. Nadia Fettah Alaoui**, Minister of Economy and Finance, on behalf of the Government of the Kingdom of Morocco

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## LEVERAGING INNOVATIVE PARTNERSHIPS FOR SCALE

The founding partners of the Africa Investment Forum explain how collaboration with the private and public sectors – and other MDBs – has led to shared resources, expertise and powerful synergies resulting in transformative growth.

- **Dr. Akinwumi A. Adesina**, President and Chairman of the Boards of Directors, African Development Bank Group
- **Admassu Tadesse**, Group President and Managing Director, Trade and Development Bank (TDB)
- **Alain Ebobissé**, CEO, Africa50
- **Samaila Zubairu**, President and CEO, Africa Finance Corporation (AFC)
- **Boitumelo Mosako**, CEO, Development Bank of Southern Africa (DBSA)
- **Eng. Hani Sonbol**, CEO, ITFC and acting CEO, ICD (representing H.E. Muhammad Sulaiman Al Jasser, Chairman, Islamic Development Bank Group)
- **Ambroise Fayolle**, Vice President, European Investment Bank (EIB) (representing Nadia Calviño, President, European Investment Bank (EIB))
- **Haytham El Maayergi**, Executive Vice President, representing Prof. Benedict Oramah, President & Chairman of the Board of Directors, Afreximbank

### Before welcoming as a founding partner:

- **Dr Sidi Ould Tah**, President, Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa (BADEA)

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10:50 – 11:20

## FIRESIDE CHAT

**Introductory video** – Kingdom of Morocco – 3 mins

**Dr. Leila Benali**, Minister of Energy Transition and Sustainable Development, Kingdom of Morocco  
and **Odile Renaud-Basso**, President, European Bank of Reconstruction and Development

**Moderator: Melissa Bell**, Senior Paris Correspondent, CNN

11:20 – 11:30

## PERFORMANCE

Followed by family photo (outside)

11:30 – 12:00

## COFFEE AND NETWORKING

**Market Place**

**Sponsored by African Guarantee Fund (AGF)**

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**MID-MORNING SESSION –  
IN PARALLEL  
PLENARY SESSION**

**12:00 – 13:00**

## **HIGH-LEVEL PANEL**

### **DEVELOPING NEW INVESTMENT FLOWS INTO AFRICA**

Host: **Japan**

**Salle Royale Ballroom**

Recent years have witnessed increased investment flows into Africa from traditional Western sources and emerging players, particularly from the Far East. Japan has become a major investor, focusing on infrastructure projects and natural resource extraction, including in critical minerals for electric vehicle (EV) batteries. China, South Korea, and India are also expanding their economic presence on the continent. These investments span several sectors including energy, natural resources, telecommunications, and manufacturing. A number of African nations are leveraging this keen interest to drive economic growth and job creation. However, concerns persist about debt sustainability, resource exploitation, and the need for more transparent deal structures to ensure long-term benefits for local economies.

With surging demand for critical minerals due to renewable energy and EV production particularly in Asia, Africa, rich in mineral resources, is well-positioned to benefit. However, the continent faces challenges such as infrastructure deficits and regulatory hurdles. Developing a robust manufacturing sector for batteries and EVs is essential for adding value to its resources. Therefore, Africa must fast-track its green minerals strategy to address infrastructure gaps and maximize benefits from the energy transition.

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12:00 – 12:15

## Special conversation

**Ryad Mezzour**, Minister of Industry and Trade, Kingdom of Morocco

**Moderator: Melissa Bell**, Senior Paris Correspondent, CNN

## Panel discussion

- **Tatsushi Amano**, Managing Executive Officer, Global Head of Energy and Natural Resources Finance Group, Japan Bank for International Cooperation
- **Ambrish Bhandari**, General Manager, India Exim Bank
- **Dr Kodjo Busia**, Executive Director, Green Africa Minerals
- **Junting (Catherine) Zhang**, Vice Chairman, China Africa Business Council and President, Rockcheck Group
- **Samuel Olu Faleye**, Group CEO, SAGLEV Inc & Prime Investment Resources LLC
- **Kyeong (Catherine) Kim**, Director of Corporate Relations, South African Chamber of Commerce in Korea

**Moderator: Désiré Vencatachellum**, Senior Director, Country Economics, African Development Bank Group

**Closing remarks: Solomon Quaynor**, Vice President, Private Sector, Infrastructure and Industrialization, African Development Bank Group

12:00 – 13:30

## 6 CONCURRENT INVESTMENT BOARD ROOMS

13:00 – 14:30

## NETWORKING LUNCH

Market Place

Sponsored by Casablanca Financial City

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**AFTERNOON SESSION –  
IN PARALLEL  
MARKET DAYS FOCUS**

**14:30 – 16:30**

## **IMPACT AND RETURNS: HOW TO UNLOCK INSTITUTIONAL CAPITAL FOR INFRASTRUCTURE**

Host: **Africa50**

**Market Place workshop**

This focused session will consist of two panels. The first panel will explore opportunities to unlock greater allocations of institutional capital for Africa globally, and to accelerate shares from African institutional investors to drive infrastructure development. The session will spotlight de-risking and value creation strategies to foster, attract, and build institutional investor confidence. The strategic role of progressive capital partnerships that combine philanthropic, concessional and private capital to build larger pipelines of bankable projects, will also be explored.

The second panel, in collaboration with the International Solar Alliance (ISA) will discuss how progressive partnerships, technology transfers and local capacity building can drive the growth of hydro, solar, wind, and other renewable energy sectors across the continent. Global panelists involved in the creation of these new structures, platforms and vehicles will share critical insights into new possibilities, following more strategic approaches to capital mobilization.

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## **Panel 1: Unlock Greater Allocations for Africa: De-risking and Value Creation Strategies**

- **Boitumelo Mosako**, Chief Executive Officer, Development Bank of Southern Africa
- **Dr. Sidi Ould Tah**, President of the Board of Governors, Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa
- **Dr Armando Manuel**, Chairman, Fundos Berano de Angola

**Moderator: Imane Alami**, Director, Fundraising and Investor Relations, Africa50

## **Panel 2: Accelerating Sustainable Energy Access: Investing in Innovative Partnerships**

in collaboration with International Solar Alliance (ISA)

- **Anita Marangoly George**, CEO ProsperETE and Independent Director, International Solar Alliance
- **Ambroise Fayolle**, Vice President, European Investment Bank
- **Joaquim Enrique Ou-Chim**, Chairman and CEO, EDM-Electricidade de Mozambique
- **Rouissi Youssef**, Delegate General Manager, Corporate and Investment Banking, AttijariWafa Bank
- **Dr. Kevin Kariuki**, Vice President for Power, Energy, Climate and Green Growth, African Development Bank Group

**Moderator: Jon-Pierre Fourie**, Senior Director, Strategy and Investor Relations, Africa50

**Closing remarks: Alain Ebobissé**, CEO, Africa50

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## WORKSHOP

14:30 – 17:30

### INTRA-AFRICAN EPC WORKSHOP

**Host: Afreximbank**  
**Salle Royale**

The Intra-African EPC Contract Promotion Initiative was launched by Afreximbank in 2023 to address the limited participation of African contractors in the continent's annual US\$60 billion infrastructure spend. This workshop aims to enhance financial support through innovative instruments, improve governance by reducing bureaucratic hurdles, and build local capacity to make African contractors more competitive. It also promotes labour mobility under AfCFTA and focuses on regional rollout through workshops and the EPC platform to connect African contractors with infrastructure projects. The workshop will include presentations on the EPC survey results and industry outlook, a demo video of the EPC Contracting Platform, and a presentation on the Afreximbank EPC Financing Framework.

14:30 – 16:00

## 6 CONCURRENT INVESTMENT BOARD ROOMS

16:00 – 16:30

### COFFEE AND NETWORKING

**Market Place**  
**Sponsored by Matha Capital**

16:00 – 17:30

## 6 CONCURRENT INVESTMENT BOARD ROOMS

19:00 – 21:00

### OFFICIAL DINNER

**Host: Kingdom of Morocco**  
**Royal Golf Dar Es Salam**

# THURSDAY

## 5 DECEMBER 2024

### DAY 2

07:45 – 08:45

#### **BREAKFAST CONVERSATION**

#### **SPORTS AS A BUSINESS CATALYST**

**Market Place workshop**

The transformative power of sports in Africa has most recently been illustrated by Côte d'Ivoire's hosting of the African Cup of Nations earlier this year. This event showcased world-class African talent and significantly boosted the country's economy through substantial revenue generation, the development of new infrastructure, and a surge in tourism. The successful hosting of the tournament left a lasting legacy of improved world class stadiums, transportation networks, and hospitality facilities, underscoring the potential of sports to drive economic growth.

Looking ahead, the upcoming 2030 FIFA World Cup in Morocco promises to be another landmark event. This workshop will explore sport's potential as an investment and development driver. Experts will discuss how sporting events and infrastructure projects can attract foreign capital, create jobs, and boost tourism; examine successful case studies, and debate strategies for sustainable growth. The AIF will leverage its unique platform to attract international and regional investments into the African sports ecosystem that have tremendous potential to benefit multiple sectors and provide inclusive opportunities.

#### **Confirmed**

- **Will Mbiakop**, Executive Chairman, African Sports and Creative Institute (ASCI)
- **Clare Akamanzi**, CEO, NBA Africa

**Moderator: Godfrey Mutizwa**, Chief Editor, CNBC Africa

## PLENARY SESSION

09:00 – 10:00

### HIGH-LEVEL PANEL MOBILISING FINANCE FOR URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

Host: **Development Bank of Southern Africa (DBSA)**  
**Salle Royale Ballroom**

In order to meet the challenge of a predicted tripling of Africa's urban population in the next 25 years, African countries will need to invest about 5.5 per cent of their annual GDPs into the development of their cities. The AfDB's 2023 report, *From Millions to Billions*, identified the importance of investment and policies to address Africa's urbanization megatrend, in particular: the power of vision, creating enabling environments; increasing revenue flows to cities; and improving fiscal autonomy and credit worthiness. The panel will also include success stories from across the continent and identify best practice growth strategies.

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## Opening conversation:

**Mohan Vivekanandan**, Group Executive, Client Coverage, DBSA

## Discussion 1: How do we use funds to support essential services and the development of our cities?

- **Eng. Abimbola Akinajo**, Managing Director, LAMATA
- **Mohan Vivekanandan**, Group Executive, Client Coverage, DBSA
- **Hastings Chikoko**, Senior Director for Cities, Big Win Philanthropy
- **Ednick Muswell** - HoD Water Sanitation, eThekweni Metropolitan Municipality

## Discussion 2: How do we raise capital for Africa's urbanization projects?

- **Nezha Hayat**, Chairperson and President, Moroccan Capital Market Authority
- **Thierno Habib-Hann**, Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director, ShafDB
- **Abdouraman Diallo**, Managing Director, Fonds de solidarité africain (FSA)
- **Eric Gumbo**, Managing Partner of G & A Advocates LLP, Kenya

## Closing comments:

**Solomon Quaynor**, Vice President, Private Sector, Infrastructure and Industrialization, African Development Bank Group

## Moderator:

**Eleni Giokos**, Anchor and Correspondent, CNN

10:00 – 11:15

## HIGH-LEVEL PANEL

### SCALING UP INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCING IN AFRICA THROUGH PARTNERSHIPS BETWEEN DFIs, INSURERS AND ECAs

Host: **African Development Bank Group**  
**Salle Royale Ballroom**

There are tremendous collaboration and partnership opportunities for development finance institutions, insurance companies and export credit agencies to scale up infrastructure financing in Africa that supports sustainable economic growth. The panel will explore and discuss the impact of political, economic and regulatory stability across Africa; balancing high-growth opportunities with exposures to risk; and identify innovative mechanisms for collectively leveraging their respective instruments to minimize risk while increasing the lending capacity of DFIs.

#### Scene Setter:

**Yuichiro Akita**, President, Berne Union

#### Panel discussion:

- **Admassu Tadesse**, Group President and Managing Director, Trade and Development Bank (TDB)
- **Eng. Hani Sonbol**, CEO, ITFC and acting CEO, ICD
- **Heike Harmgart**, Managing Director for Sub-Saharan Africa, European Bank of Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)
- **Lila Granda**, Head of Political Risk and Credit, Vantage Risk
- **Manuel Moses**, CEO, African Trade & Investment Development Insurance (ATIDI)
- **Michal Ron**, Chief International Officer, SACE
- **Haytham El Maayergi**, Executive Vice President, Afreximbank

**Moderator: Simon Bessant**, Board Director and Global Head of Insurance, Texel Group

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11:15 – 11:45

## COFFEE AND NETWORKING

Market Place

Sponsored by MM Finance – Services SA

**MID-MORNING SESSION –  
IN PARALLEL  
THEMATIC BOARDROOM**

11:45 – 13:15

## INNOVATIVE FUNDING STRUCTURES FOR AFRICA'S ENERGY TRANSITION

Host: **SEFA**

**Salle Royale (Plenary)**

This special session will look at high-impact projects that offer both development impact and prospect for risk-adjusted returns, by virtue of their blended finance capital structures. The session will bring together - opportunities and pipeline projects by the Sustainable Energy Fund for Africa (SEFA), and the AfDB's complementary blended finance facility to catalyze private investments in clean energy across the African continent. SEFA is backed by 10 donors representing over \$500 million in cumulative contributions and was scaled-up at the end of 2019 to better align with the needs of a fast-changing energy market in Africa.

The urgency of climate compatible investments and the challenges inherent with capital mobilization at scale for Africa's just energy transition necessitate platforms such as SEFA. This session will showcase examples of how more flexible and sophisticated financial instruments can provide technical assistance and concessional finance. Also under discussion and focus will be three thematic areas: green baseload, green mini-grids, and energy efficiency.

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## Confirmed speakers:

- **Richard Nelson**, Power Africa Coordinator, USAID
- **Clemens Calice**, CEO, Cygnum Capital
- **Kenyon Weaver**, Senior Counsel, US Department of Commerce – CLDP
- **Maude Vallée**, Division Manager and Head of Operations, ALSF, African Development Bank Group
- **Rachel More-Oshidi**, CEO, ARM-Harith Infrastructure Investment
- **Christopher Flavin**, Co-CEO, Gridworks
- **Meredith Muthoni**, Head of Electric Finance, BURN Clean Cooking Manufacturing

**Moderated by Dr. Daniel Schroth**, Director, Renewable Energy & Energy Efficiency, African Development Bank Group

11:45 – 13:15

## 6 CONCURRENT INVESTMENT BOARD ROOMS

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## NETWORKING LUNCH

Market Place

Sponsored by Standard Chartered Bank

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**AFTERNOON SESSION –  
IN PARALLEL  
PLENARY SESSION**

**14:30 – 17:00**

## **AGRICULTURAL INNOVATION AND GREEN GROWTH: TRANSFORMING AFRICA'S INVESTMENT LANDSCAPE**

**Host: Japan**  
**Salle Royale Ballroom**

Africa is at a crucial juncture in its development journey, with digitalization and green growth emerging as vital pathways for sustainable progress. This side event will showcase innovative Japanese technologies, business practices, and financing solutions that contribute to these objectives, by major Japanese companies and start-ups. With a focus on the integration of digital solutions in agriculture and the promotion of a green transition, the event will explore strategies to drive environmental sustainability and economic growth across the continent. The agenda is designed to facilitate knowledge sharing, investment opportunities, and collaboration among stakeholders, as well as emphasize the role and suitability of Japanese innovations to address Africa's unique challenges.

**MC: Solomon Mugera**, Director, Communication and External Relations, African Development Bank Group

**Opening remarks: Dr. Akinwumi A. Adesina**, President and Chairman of the Boards of Directors, African Development Bank Group

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14:30 – 15:45

## Digitalisation and Agriculture for Sustainable Development

- **Tamao Tada**, Chief Business Officer, Space Shift, Inc.
- **Ryo Harada**, Manager, Global Sourcing, Green Carbon Inc.
- **Koya Matsuno**, COO, VunaPay
- **Hiroki Ishida**, Director, AAIC Partners Africa Limited
- **Jin Wakabayashi**, Deputy Director General, Private Sector Partnership and Finance Department, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)

**Moderator: Takaaki Nomoto**, Executive Director for Japan, African Development Bank Group

15:45 – 17:00

## Green Transition and Digital Solutions for Future Business and Markets

- **Takuma Terakubo**, CEO, Uncovered Fund
- **Bekim Tahiri**, Executive & Global Sales Manager, Non-System Product Packaging (NSPP), Hitachi Energy
- **Junaid Belo-Osagie**, Executive Director, Investment Banking Europe, Middle East and Africa, Mizuho Bank
- **Yuri Uchida**, Deputy General Manager, Japan Organization for Metals and Energy Security (JOGMEC)
- **Yuichiro Akita**, General Manager, International and Strategic Policy, Nippon Export and Investment Insurance (NEXI)

**Moderator: Ken Shibusawa**, Chairman, Japan-Middle East/Africa Relations Committee, Keizai Doyukai

### Closing remarks:

**Daiho Fujii**, Deputy Vice Minister of Finance for International Affairs, Ministry of Finance, Japan

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## MARKET DAYS FOCUS

14:30 – 17:30

### WOMEN AS INVESTMENT CHAMPIONS

Host: **Affirmative Finance for Women in Action (AFAWA)**

#### Market Place workshop

Women entrepreneurs and investors represent a significant, yet underutilized driver of economic growth in Africa. Despite the demonstrated resilience and impact of women-led enterprises, they continue to face disproportionate barriers in accessing finance and investment opportunities. The AFAWA initiative seeks to address these challenges by increasing access to financial services for women entrepreneurs and creating a supportive ecosystem for their growth.

The AFAWA event will amplify the conversation around gender-inclusive finance, showcase successful women-led ventures, and facilitate connections between investment-ready women entrepreneurs, investors, and financial institutions. This session, which will include keynotes, interactive panel discussions with AFAWA-supported bank leaders, AFAWA ambassadors, female global financial industry leaders, women-led investment funds and banks, and key public, private and multilateral stakeholders, will also identify strategic constraints and recommendations.

**MC: Marie-Angèle Touré**, Journalist and Managing Director, MAT-Media Advice Training

**Opening remarks: Dr. Akinwumi A. Adesina**, President and Chairman of the Boards of Directors, African Development Bank Group

**Fireside chat: Boitumelo Mosako**, Chief Executive Officer, DBSA and **Eric Gumbo**, Managing Partner of G & A Advocates LLP, Kenya

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- **Bola Bardet**, Founder and CEO, SUSU
- **Dipuo Phakathi**, Chief Executive Officer, Denic Cabinets
- **Adesuwa Okunbo Rhodes**, Founder & Managing Partner, Aruwa Capital Management
- **Wendy Teleki**, Head of We-Fi Secretariat, World Bank
- **Jules Ngankam**, Chief Executive Officer, African Guarantee Fund (AGF)
- **George Ogbonnaya**, Senior Vice President and Divisional Head, Business Banking Group of First City Monument Bank Ltd (FCMB)
- **Kennedy Komba**, Director of Financial Deepening and Inclusion of the Central Bank of Tanzania
- **H.E. Dirk Jan Nieuwenhuis**, Ambassador of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to the Kingdom of Morocco
- **H.E. Isabelle Valois**, Ambassador of Canada to the Kingdom of Morocco
- **Lindeka Dzedze**, Global Markets Head of Strategic Partnerships, Standard Bank
- **Melissa Basque-Roux**, Affirmative Finance for Women in Africa (AFAWA) Coordinator, African Development Bank Group
- **Dr. Beth Dunford**, Vice President for Agriculture, Human and Social Development, African Development Bank Group

## Moderators:

- **Melissa Bell**, Senior International Correspondent, CNN
- **Eleni Giokos**, News Anchor and Correspondent, CNN

14:30 – 16:00

## 6 CONCURRENT INVESTMENT BOARD ROOMS

16:00 – 16:30

## COFFEE AND NETWORKING

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16:30 – 18:00

## 6 CONCURRENT INVESTMENT BOARD ROOMS

# FRIDAY 6 DECEMBER 2024 DAY 3

08:00

REGISTRATION

## MORNING SESSION – IN PARALLEL

08:00 – 9:00

### **BREAKFAST SESSION PRIVATE SECTOR INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN FORCED DISPLACEMENT SETTINGS**

**In partnership with UNHCR  
Market Place workshop**

This session presents a unique opportunity to showcase untapped investment opportunities in refugee-hosting areas across Africa. With refugee communities contributing significantly to local economies—such as 3% of Uganda’s GDP and driving a 6% boost in per capita income in Kenya’s Turkana County—these markets represent a compelling investment frontier. Frontier markets offer concrete opportunities to create deep, lasting impact while tapping into strong growth potential and an emerging consumer class. Recent large-scale investments by IFC, Equity Bank, and others validate market potential. Building on the successful implementation of AfDB’s Regional Investment Climate Program and growing private sector interest, AfDB and UNHCR are co-hosting an exclusive executive breakfast to spotlight these dynamic market opportunities.

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- **Hassatou Diop N'Sele**, Vice President for Finance and Chief Financial Officer, African Development Bank Group
- **Raouf Mazou**, Assistant High Commissioner for Refugees, UNHCR
- **Dagmawit Bekele**, Director, AU Peace Fund
- **Cheick-Oumar Sylla**, Regional Director for North Africa, IFC
- **Douglas Cox**, Director of African Project Development, Renewvia Solar Africa
- **Jonathan Bellish**, Director of Policy and Strategy, One Earth Future
- **Roukaya El Houda**, Principal, CrossBoundary Group

**Moderator: Dr. Julie Gichuru**, President and CEO, Africa Leadership and Dialogue Institute

09:00 – 10:30

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## PLENARY SESSION

09:00 – 10:00

### HIGH-LEVEL PANEL INVESTING IN AFRICA'S GREEN ENERGY FUTURE

#### Salle Royale Ballroom

Africa stands at a critical crossroad in its energy development. While the continent has vast potential for renewable energy, it faces significant challenges in attracting investment and implementing large-scale green projects. This panel will explore the opportunities and obstacles in Africa's transition to clean energy, examine successful case studies, innovative financing models, and policies to accelerate sustainable development. Speakers will discuss how international partnerships, technology transfer, and local capacity building can innovatively drive the growth of solar, wind, and other renewable sectors across the continent at scale.

**Opening remarks:** **Alain Ebobissé**, CEO, Africa50

#### Confirmed:

- **Dr. Mahmoud Mohieldin**, Africa Chair, Glasgow Financial Alliance for Net Zero (GFANZ)
- **Richard L. Nelson**, Power Africa Coordinator, USAID
- **Tas Anvaripour**, CEO, Neo Themis
- **Wale Shonibare**, Director for Energy Financial Solutions, African Development Bank Group
- **Angela Homsy**, President and Founder, Ignite
- **Fatima Hamdouch**, Executive Director Strategy and Monitoring, Masen

**Moderator:** **Dr. Kevin Kariuki**, Vice President, Power, Energy, Climate and Green Growth, African Development Bank Group

## PLENARY SESSION

10:00 – 11:00

### HIGH-LEVEL PANEL INNOVATIVE FINANCING MODELS

**Salle Royale Ballroom**  
**Sponsored by White & Case**

To date, traditional financing sources have fallen short of meeting Africa's development needs. Innovative financing models are emerging to fill the gap and to tap new capital streams. These include blended finance that matches commercial return-seeking capital with development finance, projects and diaspora bonds that channel funds from expatriate communities, and social/green impact bonds where investors are repaid based on measured development outcomes. In addition, multilateral initiatives are exploring mechanisms like SDR rechannelling, asset securitization, crowdfunding and cryptocurrency to finance innovation in Africa. The panel will discuss the opportunities for new forms of investment and debate their merits.

#### **Opening remarks** (5 mins)

**Hassatou N'Sele**, Vice President for Finance and Chief Financial Officer, African Development Bank Group

#### **Panel discussion**

- **Ryad Yousuf, Partner**, Global Co-head of FICC Sales Strats and Structuring, Goldman Sachs
- **Lamia Merzouki**, Chief Operating Officer, Casablanca Finance City
- **Faruq Muhammad**, Managing Director, Standard Chartered Bank
- **Ryad Yousuf, Partner**, Global Co-head of FICC Sales Strats and Structuring, Goldman Sachs
- **Akinsowon Dawodu**, Cluster Head – Sub-Sahara, Citi
- **Tim Turner**, Senior Advisor to the President, TDB
- **Demba Diallo**, Managing Director for Project Development, Africa50

**Moderator: Jean Paul Djemba Abessolo**, Chairman and CEO Matha Capital

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## LETTER OF INTENT SIGNING: MULTI-ORIGINATOR SYNTHETIC SECURITISATION TRANSACTION PLATFORM

### Salle Royale Ballroom

The goal of the proposed multi-originator synthetic securitisation transaction platform (SST Platform) is to be an innovative platform for balance sheet optimisation through collaborative risk-sharing arrangements between multilateral development banks and private sector investors. Building on the African Development Bank Group's successful 2018 Room to Run initiative, the SST platform will have an estimated joint reference portfolio of approximately \$2 billion, and will enable AfDB and the Development Bank of Southern Africa (DBSA) to de-risk their assets, create new lending capacity, and crowd in institutional investor capital.

- **Dr. Akinwumi A. Adesina**, President and Chairman of the Boards of Directors of the African Development Bank Group
- **Boitumelo Mosako**, CEO, Development Bank of Southern Africa (DBSA)
- **Dan Schaeffer**, Executive Director ABS Capital Markets, Academy Securities
- **Alain Ebobissé**, CEO, Africa50
- **Andrew Hohn**, Founder & CEO, Newmarket Capital

11:30 – 12:0

## COFFEE AND NETWORKING

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## OFFICIAL CLOSING PLENARY SESSION

MCs for the Market Days: **Marie-Angèle Touré**, Journalist and Managing Director, MAT-Media Advice Training, and **Dr. Victor Oladokun**, Senior Advisor to the President for Communication and Stakeholder Engagement, African Development Bank Group

# LEVERAGING INNOVATIVE PARTNERSHIPS FOR SCALE

12:00 – 12:25

## REGIONAL CORRIDORS

Salle Royale Ballroom

Regional economic corridors - a key priority for infrastructure investment in Africa – will enhance connectivity and trade flows across multiple countries by developing integrated networks of roads, railways, pipelines, and ports. The Program for Infrastructure Development in Africa (PIDA) has prioritized vital corridor projects such as the North-South Multimodal Corridor spanning eight nations. Implementing large-scale, cross-border initiatives, however, require harmonized policies, regulatory frameworks, and financing mechanisms between participating states. Leaders will also discuss the wider investment environment, and address the impact of demographic trends on the changing population and they are leading the diversification of their economies.

12:00 – 12:05

**Remarks:** Nardos Bekele-Thomas, CEO, AUDA-NEPAD

12:05 – 12:25

## CONVERSATION

- **Samaila Zubairu**, President and CEO, Africa Finance Corporation (AFC)
- **K. Danae Pauli**, Senior Advisor, Partnership for Global Infrastructure and Investment, US Department of State

**Moderator:** **Dr. Victor Oladokun**, Senior Advisor to the President for Communication and Stakeholder Engagement, African Development Bank Group

12:25 – 12:35

**Special interlude: CNBC Africa** (10 mins)

12:35 – 12:45

Closing remarks from **Ryad Mezzour**, Minister of Industry and Trade, Kingdom of Morocco

# LEVERAGING INNOVATIVE PARTNERSHIPS FOR SCALE

12:45 – 12:55

**Musical interlude**

## **Announcement of projects and boardroom outcomes**

Closing statement from **Dr. Akinwumi A. Adesina**, President and Chairman of the Boards of Directors of the African Development Bank Group

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13:15

**END**

13:30 – 15:30

**CLOSING NETWORKING LUNCH**

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14:00 – 15:00

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Media Centre

14:00

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