



AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK GROUP



Financial Sector Development in African States Facing Fragile Situations

JUNE 28-29, 2016 – Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire – CCIA Building

TENTATIVE AGENDA

Day 1: Tuesday, 28th June	
Registration – Networking Coffee 8.00 – 8.55	
Opening Session 9.00 – 9.45	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome notes and presentation of the programme, objectives and expected outcomes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> M. Stefan Nalletamby, A.g Vice-President, Infrastructure, Private Sector, Regional Integration, AfDB M. Janvier Litse, A.g Vice-President, Country and Regional Programs (TBC) M. Mark Napier, Director, FSD Africa Ms. Consolate K. Rusagara, Program Manager, FIRST Initiative Mr Ashiagbor David, Coordinator, MFW4A
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keynote speech and opening remarks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Akinwumi Ayodeji Adesina, AfDB President (TBC)
Session 1: The Role of Financial Sector Development in Addressing Fragility 9.45– 11.15	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Defining and understanding fragility in Africa: What is fragility, where are fragile situations in Africa, and what specific challenges do they pose for Africa's development? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transition Support Department, AfDB Financial Sector Development Department, AfDB

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What makes financial sector development unique and important in addressing fragility in Africa? • What are the impact/outcomes from development partners' interventions in supporting financial sector development in African countries facing fragile situations? What evidence is available that these interventions have helped reduce fragility? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FIRST Initiative, World Bank • World Bank
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the current situation of financial sectors in African fragile situations, compared with non-fragile situations? What are the gaps? What are the needs? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FSD Africa
<p>Coffee Break 11.15-11.30</p>	
<p>Session 2: Key Challenges and Policy Responses 11.30-13.00</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the key barriers and obstacles to financial sector development in fragile situations? What are the appropriate policy responses? • What challenges African governments and central banks are facing in addressing these obstacles and barriers? How best can they be supported? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One Ministry of Finance/Economy and one central bank governor from African countries facing fragility (TBD) • One Minister of Finance/Economy or Central Bank Governor of an African country that have transitioned out of fragility (TBD). • Representative of a bank/non-bank financial institution active in African countries facing fragility (TBD)
<p>Lunch 13.00-14.00</p>	
<p>Session 3: Views and Experiences from Financial Institutions 14.00-15.30</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the major challenges facing private financial institutions in African countries facing fragile situations? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three or four representatives of private financial institutions operating in fragile countries in Africa (TBD)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How best to catalyse private sector engagement in the financial sector of African countries facing fragile situations? 	
Coffee Break 15.30-15.45	
Session 4: Focus on the potential of Digital Finance 15.45 – 17.00	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the state of digital finance in fragile countries vs non-fragile countries in Africa? • What is the potential of digital technologies and digital finance to achieve a broad financial sector development agenda, beyond financial inclusion? • How best to leverage the potential of digital technologies and digital finance? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One Ministry of Finance/Economy or central bank governor from an African country facing fragility (TBD) • Mastercard Foundation (TBC) • United Nations Capital Development Fund (TBC) • Representative of a bank/non-bank financial institution active in African countries facing fragility (TBD)
Day 2: Wednesday, 29th June	
Session 5: Addressing risks 9.00 – 10.30	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How can innovative instruments and partnerships help mitigate the risks facing financial institutions in fragile situations in Africa? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Blended finance ○ Risk sharing facilities ○ Credit guarantees • Public-private partnerships 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IFC (TBC) • Private Sector Credit Enhancement Facility, AfDB (TBC) • African Guarantee Fund (TBC) • European Investment Bank (TBC) • Representative of a bank/non-bank financial institution active in African countries facing fragility (TBD)
Coffee Break 10.30-10.45	
Session 6: Strengthening the capacity of financial institutions 10.45 – 12.15	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the innovative solutions, instruments and other opportunities to improve the technical capacity and increase the lending capacity of financial institutions operating in fragile contexts in Africa? • What factors could facilitate/impede uptake of these solutions, instruments and opportunities? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • African Development Bank • The World Bank (TBC) • International Monetary Fund (TBC) • FSD Africa • European Investment Bank (TBC)
<p>Closing Session 12.15 – 13.00</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wrap up 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Amadou Sy, Senior Fellow, Director of African Growth Initiative, Brookings, USA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Takeaways 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 to 5 country or financial institutions’ representatives invited to share their takeaways
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closing remarks. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • M. Stefan Nalletamby, Acting Vice-President, Director Financial Sector Development Department, AfDB
<p>Facilitator: TBD</p>	
<p>Lunch 13.00-14.00</p>	
<p>B2B Meetings scheduled in advance upon requests June 29 – 14.00 - 17.00</p>	