



ASSOCIATION OF AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT FINANCE INSTITUTIONS

2026 CAPACITY-BUILDING PROGRAM

...building capacity of development finance professionals in Africa



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professionals in Africa*



40⁺

Years of experience



1,000⁺

Capacity-Building



25,000⁺

Participants



Industry
Experts



2026 Capacity-Building Program

Certification Program in Development Finance

Professional Certificate Program
in Development Finance
Foundation Level

📅 2-10 March 2026
📍 Virtual
💬 French & English

Professional Certificate Program
in Development Finance
Intermediate Level

📅 1-5 June 2026
📍 Côte d'Ivoire
💬 French & English

Professional Certificate Program
in Development Finance
Advanced Level

📅 14-18 September 2026
📍 Senegal
💬 French

Professional Certificate Program
in Development Finance
Advanced Level

📅 21-25 September 2026
📍 South Africa
💬 English

Certificate Program in Project
Restructuring and Turnaround
Management (PRTM)

📅 18-22 May 2026
📍 Uganda
💬 English

Certificate Program in Project
Restructuring and Turnaround
Management (PRTM)

📅 13-17 July 2026
📍 Senegal
💬 French

Project, Investment and Business Development

Project Appraisal and Investment
Bankability Assessment

📅 6-10 April 2026
📍 Abidjan
💬 French & English

SME Management and
Entrepreneurship Development
Program

📅 27-29 April 2026
📍 Virtual

Agri-business Value Chain
Analysis & Financing

📅 20-24 April 2026
📍 Côte d'Ivoire
💬 English

Monitoring & Evaluation
and Development Impact
Measurement

📅 6-10 July 2026
📍 Côte d'Ivoire
💬 English

Study Tour/Business Mission
on Small Businesses, Rural
Industrialization, MSME
Technology Optimization

📅 5-9 October 2026
📍 India

Developing Smart Proposals for
Resource Mobilization

📅 15-18 June 2026
📍 Virtual

Managing Problem and Non-
Performing Loan

📅 20-24 July 2026
📍 Kenya | Abidjan
💬 English | French

Mastering Financial Modeling

📅 8 days TBC
📍 Virtual
💬 English

Mastering Project Finance

📅 9-13 November 2026
📍 South Africa
💬 English

Credit Monitoring and Evaluation

📅 6-10 July 2026
📍 Abidjan

Risk Management

Cybersecurity

📅 TBC
📍 Virtual

Risk Management and
Compliance

📅 23-27 March 2026
📍 South Africa

Strategic Forum for Risk
Professionals in African DFIs

📅 10-13 August 2026
📍 In-person

2026 Capacity-Building Program

Research and Economic Analysis

Economic and Market Research




 **4-6 May 2026**
 **Virtual**

Professional Development, Business Communication

Strategic Development Program for Executive Secretaries and Personal Assistants

 **12-16 October 2026**
 **In-person**
 **English & French**

Communication Excellence for DFIs

 **26-29 October 2026**
 **Virtual**
 **English**

Climate/Green Project Finance

Understanding Climate/ Green Project Finance

 **23 February 2026**
 **Virtual**
 **French & English**

Climate Project Finance – Team Development and Improvement

 **1-2 April 2026**
 **Virtual**

Climate Change Project Identification, Appraisal & Financing

 **3-7 August 2026**
 **South Africa**
 **English**

Climate Change Project Identification, Appraisal & Financing

 **TBC**
 **France**
 **French**

High Level Meetings and Executive Programs



AADFI Annual General Assembly & AfDB Annual Meetings

 **25-29 May 2026 - TBC**
 **Brazzaville, Congo**
 **French & English**

CEO Forum of African DFIs

 **4-6 November 2026**
 **Lesotho**
 **French & English**

Strategic Board Governance Program for DFIs

 **24-26 June 2026**
 **Cape Town, South Africa**

Global Impact Leadership for Financial Institutions (GILFI)

 **15 - 17 April 2026**
 **Germany**

Global Sustainable Finance Conference (GSFC)

 **26-27 August 2026**
 **Germany**


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CERTIFICATION PROGRAM IN DEVELOPMENT FINANCE

- **Professional Certificate Program in Development Finance**
 - *Foundation Level*
 - *Intermediate Level*
 - *Advanced Level*
- **Certificate Program in Project Restructuring and Turnaround Management (PRTM)**



Professional Certificate Program in Development Finance *Foundation Level*

 **2 - 10
March 2026**

 **Virtual**

 **English Session**
French Session

Objectives

The focus of the PCP training is on developing practical and hands-on skills in development finance operations. The Foundation level is an introduction to the early stage of development banking/development finance. The training aims to expose participants to the concepts and operations in development finance. The teachings are basic, mainly introducing participants to the world of development finance.

Participants

Officials in DFIs, banks, and development agencies



Professional Certificate Program in Development Finance *Intermediate Level*

 **1 - 5
June 2026**

 **Côte d'Ivoire**

 **English Session**
French Session

Objectives

The PCP Intermediate level is a high-level training and a continuation from the Foundation level. It aims to upscale skills and competencies in DFI operations. The focus is on technical issues at a higher level and general knowledge of issues in development institutions.

Participants

Professionals who have passed through the Foundation level. Professionals with experience and exposure to development finance requiring skills upgrading to supervise the freshers as Team Lead or Head of Desks or Units.



Professional Certificate Program in Development Finance *Advanced Level*



**English
Session**



**21 - 25
September
2026**



South Africa

**French
Session**

**14 - 18
September
2026**

Senegal

Objectives

At the Advanced level, participants are assumed to be well-versed in the technical aspects of development finance or to hold senior positions in DFIs. They require knowledge of the development finance management landscape and the ability to interpret technical presentations to make informed investment and institutional management decisions. The emphasis is mainly on general technical issues and decision-making strategies within DFIs.

Participants

Participants who have completed the intermediate level. A special waiver may be granted to officials with advanced knowledge in development finance as designated by the program Directorate.



Certificate Program in Project Restructuring and Turnaround Management (PRTM)



**English
Session**



**18 - 22
May 2026**



Uganda

**French
Session**

**13 - 17
July 2026**

Senegal

Objectives

Equip participants with skills and knowledge to identify early warning signs of distress, and to develop and implement effective restructuring and turnaround strategies. Improve diagnostic and analytical skills to identify root causes of problems or failed projects, and craft strategies for quick turnaround to bring underperforming projects back to profitability.

Participants

Project Managers, Turnaround Specialist, Restructuring Advisor, DFIs and Bank officials, Asset Management Company, Legal Officials, Managers involved in project monitoring and overseeing problem projects



PROJECT, INVESTMENT & BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

- Project Appraisal and Investment Bankability Assessment
- SME Management and Entrepreneurship Development Program
- Agri-business Value Chain Analysis & Financing
- Monitoring & Evaluation and Development Impact Measurement
- Study Tour/Business Mission on Small Businesses, Rural Industrialization, MSME Technology Optimization
- Developing Smart Proposals for Resource Mobilization
- Managing Problem and Non-Performing Loan
- Mastering Financial Modeling
- Mastering Project Finance
- Credit Monitoring and Evaluation



Project Appraisal and Investment Bankability Assessment



**6 - 10
April 2026**



Abidjan



English & French

Objectives

Develop expertise in identifying and appraising projects or investments to assess viability and support informed investment decisions and efficient resource allocation.

Participants

Analysts, Project Managers, Investment officers, Entrepreneurs, and Government officials' involve in project planning, approval and implementation



SME Management and Entrepreneurship Development Program



**27-29
April 2026**



Virtual



English & French

Objectives

Teach business management skills for SMEs, build capacity to start and grow businesses. Enhance competence to guide entrepreneurs to success, including improving strategic, financial, and production planning; strengthening marketing and sales skills; enabling the ability to identify and manage risks and opportunities; and providing them with the knowledge to run enterprises efficiently and sustainably.

Participants

Portfolio Executives, Business Development Executives, Entrepreneurs.



Agri-business Value Chain Analysis & Financing



20-24
April 2026



Côte d'Ivoire



English

Objectives

Improve skills in smart agriculture projects, value chain appraisal, and financing. Sharpen skills in de-risking instruments in agriculture finance.

Participants

Agric-Finance Officers, Portfolio Executives, Officials in agricultural desks of banks/DFIs



Monitoring, Evaluation and Development Impact Measurement



6 - 10
July 2026



Côte d'Ivoire



English

Objectives

Equip the participants with the skills and knowledge to design and implement M & E system to achieve development impact.

Participants

Senior Level Project Officials, Team Leaders, M&E Officials. Officials involved in development project .



Study Tour/Business Mission on Small Businesses, Rural Industrialization, MSME Technology Optimization



5 - 9
October 2026



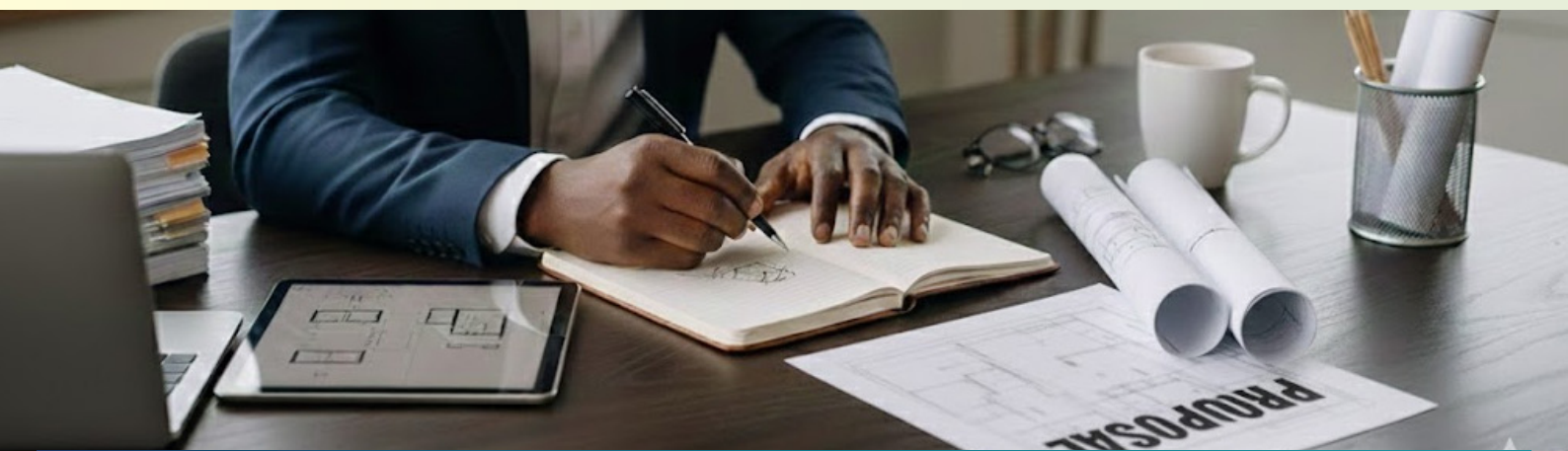
India

Objectives

Exposure visits to MSMEs and technologies applicable for MSMEs, rural industrialization, micro-businesses, smart agriculture value chains, and the health sector.

Participants

CEOs, Executive management, and Senior Officials of DFI, MSME Entrepreneurs, and business promoters.



Developing Smart Proposals for Resource Mobilization



15-18
June 2026



Virtual



English

Objectives

Improve skills in preparing effective proposals for resource mobilization. Build competence in mapping funder and partners for resource mobilization.

Participants

Officials involved in Resource Mobilization, Business Development, Strategy, Credit and Marketing.



Managing Problem and Non-Performing Loan



**English
Session**



**20 - 24
July 2026**



Kenya

**French
Session**

**20 - 24
July 2026**

Abidjan

Objectives

With the growing size of delinquent loans in some lending institutions, the need to strengthen capacity in recovery from bad accounts and nurture redeemable ones to good health is paramount. The course will improve participants' skills in managing problem accounts - early diagnosis of problem loan and recovery.

Participants

Officials in DFIs and other banking institutions. Managers whose schedule includes loan appraisal and approval, repayment monitoring, debt recovery, and loan restructuring officers



Mastering Financial Modeling



8 days, TBC



Virtual



English

Objectives

Improve skills in financial modeling of projects for financing. Improve competence in the tools used in financial modeling.

Participants

Project Managers, Analysts, and Credit and Finance Professionals



Mastering Project Finance



**9-13
November 2026**



South Africa



English

Objectives

Improve skills of participants to structure , analyze and manage project finance transactions.

Develop competence to critically analyze project and financing option, project specific cost and cash flows, and legal issues in project finance.

Participants

Project Finance, Financial Analyst, Corporate Finance and Investment Officers, Analysts, Portfolio Managers/Officers



Credit Monitoring and Evaluation



**6 - 10
July 2026**



Côte d'Ivoire



English

Objectives

Improve skills and knowledge to effectively monitor credit and evaluate credit risk for early identification and management of credit losses.

Participants

Credit, and Investment Analysts. Loan Officers



RISK MANAGEMENT

- Cybersecurity
- Risk Management and Compliance
- Strategic Forum for Risk Professionals in African DFIs



Cybersecurity



TBC



Virtual



TBC

Objectives

Digital transformation and cybersecurity are intertwined, as modern digital progress increases the need for robust security to protect against cyber attack. The training will enhance capabilities in leveraging technology for efficiency and outreach, and in managing the associated risks in technology advancement and data protection management.

Participants

Finance Professionals, IT and Audit Officials, Administration and Human Resources



Risk Management and Compliance



23-27
March 2026



South Africa



English

Objectives

Improve skills of participants on risks identification, assessment and management across enterprise, while ensuring compliance with regulation, policies and reporting requirements.

Participants

Officers involved in Risk and Compliance Management.



Strategic Forum for Risk Professionals in African DFIs



**10 - 13
August 2026**



In-person, TBD



English & French

Objectives

A Forum for risk professionals in African DFIs to share knowledge and best practices, aimed at repositioning risk across all lines of defense to address current challenges and improve risk management capabilities within DFIs. It also focuses on enhancing strategic risk leadership skills for stronger risk management.

Participants

Chief Risk Officers, Head of Risk Department in development banks/DFIs, Central Banks



RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC ANALYSIS

- Conduct of Economic and Market Research



Economic and Market Research



4 - 6
May 2026



Virtual

Objectives

To improve skills in conducting economic and market research - gather, analyze, and interpret data to support business decisions. Enhance skills in the research methods used for DFI business and learn how to perform advanced statistical analysis and financial market valuation.

Participants

Research officers, Economists, Marketing and Business Development Officers, Analysts.



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT, BUSINESS COMMUNICATION

- Strategic Development Programmes for Executive Secretaries and Personal Assistants
- Communication Excellence for DFIs



Strategic Development Program for Executive Secretaries and Personal Assistants



**12 - 16
October 2026**



In-person, TBD

Objectives

Improve participants with modern skills and knowledge needed to provide strategic support to CEOs, driving business results and advancing their career growth.

Participants

TBD



Communication Excellence for DFIs



**26 - 29
October 2026**



Virtual



English

Objectives

Engaging with stakeholders most effectively and efficiently requires clearly communicating transformative programs, activities, impact, and organizational performance. Effective communication builds trust and ensures that ideas, goals, and policies are well articulated and understood by stakeholders. The program will enhance skills to communicate effectively with diverse stakeholders, increasing visibility, credibility, and influence.

Participants

Officials in Corporate Communication, Corporate Affairs and Relationship Management. Community Relationship Managers, Media and Public Relationship.



CLIMATE/GREEN PROJECT FINANCE PROGRAMS

- **Understanding Climate/ Green Project Finance**
- **Climate Finance – Team Development and Improvement**
- **Climate Change Project Identification, Appraisal & Financing**



Understanding Climate/ Green Project Finance



23
February 2026



Virtual

Objectives

Create awareness and knowledge on fundamentals of climate project finance, understanding the key concepts, expectations from development finance in driving the climate agenda.

Participants

Officer and those who want to build knowledge and career in climate finance.
Financial institution that are interested in venturing into climate finance and need to build the required skills set



Climate Project Finance – Team Development and Improvement



1 - 2
April 2026



Virtual

Objectives

Establishing or strengthening internal teams with the knowledge and right skills required to execute climate finance project are critical for African DFIs.
The program will provide guide to improving institutional frameworks, governance, policy, and strategic direction to better align with climate finance goals and enhance credibility with stakeholders and funders.

Participants

Officers in Business Development, Analysts, Climate and Green Finance desks.



Climate Change Project Identification, Appraisal & Financing



**English
Session**



**3 - 7
August 2026**



South Africa

**French
Session**

TBC

France

Objectives

Develop skills in climate project identification and appraisal of green projects through a climate change and sustainability lens. Participants will be equipped with the skills to identify potential risks and opportunities and ensure alignment with sustainability principles.

Participants

Sustainability professionals, Managers in Project promotion and finance, Senior Analysts, Project Managers



HIGH LEVEL MEETINGS AND EXECUTIVE PROGRAMS

- AADFI Annual General Assembly & AfDB Annual Meetings
- CEO Forum of African DFIs
- Strategic Board Governance Program for DFIs
- Global Impact Leadership for Financial Institutions (GILFI)
- Global Sustainable Finance Conference (GSFC)



AADFI Annual General Assembly & AfDB Annual Meetings



**25 - 29
May 2026, TBC**



**Brazzaville,
Congo**



English & French

Objectives

Annual meeting of members and stakeholders. Review the activities of the Association in the past year and outlook for the future. Participate and explore development financing opportunities with partners during the AfDB Annual meetings

Participants

CEOs, Management Staff in DFIs, Partners and stakeholders



CEO Forum of African DFIs



**4-6
November 2026**



Lesotho



English & French

Objectives

Discuss strategic issues on sustainable development and development financing in African. Network and explore business collaboration and partnerships.

Participants

CEOs, Board Members and Management Staff, Staff of DFIs, Supervisory authorities, Central Banks, and other stakeholders.



Strategic Board Governance Program for DFIs



**24 - 26
June 2026**



**Cape Town,
South Africa**



English & French

Objectives

Effective board governance is essential for DFIs to overcome complex challenges, seize opportunities, and fulfill their mandates. The program will enhance the governance capabilities of DFIs' boards to ensure long-term resilience and operational efficiency to achieve institutions' mandate. Enhance board and management collaboration to achieve results.

Participants

Board of Directors of DFIs

EXECUTIVE PROGRAM IN GLOBAL IMPACT LEADERSHIP IN FINANCIAL INDUSTRY

Global Impact Leadership for Financial Institutions (GILFI)



**15 - 17
April 2026**



Germany



English


Objectives

Sustainability in financial institutions is beyond ESG reporting. The course will provide a holistic understanding of the sustainability principles and equip skills to lead and embed sustainability in DFIs to surpass simply reporting ESG and deliver impact.

Participants

C-class Executives in Development Banks/DFIs and other financial institutions

Global Sustainable Finance Conference (GSFC)

 **26 - 27
August 2026**

 **Germany**

 **English**

Objectives

Discuss trends in the sustainability of financial institutions and how this supports providing solutions to development challenges, especially in developing countries. Explain how financial institutions can lead change by offering solutions to national development issues, climate change, unemployment, and more. Highlight environmentally friendly and smart projects that could be implemented in developing economies like Africa, such as smart agriculture, biotech, renewable energy, and waste management.

Participants

CEOs, Board Members, Senior Executives in DFIs and financial institutions, Entrepreneurs

AADFI Consultancy Services

**Balance Sheet
Diagnosis and
Analysis**

**Local Currency Risk
Analysis and
Management**

**Operational Policies
Document Review (Credit
Manual, Compliance
Manual, etc.)**

**Loan Portfolio
Management**

**Pricing Model
Assessment**

**Asset
Valuation**

**Monitoring and
Evaluation**

**Business Strategy
Planning and Review**

**Review of Corporate
Strategy**

**PSGRS Institution
Assessment & Rating**



About AADFI

The Association of African Development Finance Institutions (AADFI) is the umbrella organization for development finance institutions in Africa. The Association was formed in 1975 under the auspices of the African Development Bank (AfDB), with the objectives being to stimulate cooperation for promoting and financing sustainable development in Africa and encourage economic integration on the continent.

The AADFI currently has over 90 members, including national, regional, and multilateral development finance institutions in Africa and other continents engaged in development finance activities in Africa. It is a founding member of the World Federation of Development Financing Institutions (WFDI), which brings together the continental regional Associations. The AADFI's headquarters is in Abidjan, Republic of Côte d'Ivoire.

Corporate Philosophy

Vision

To promote sustainable growth of members' economies through financially strong, resilient, and sustainable National DFIs.

Mission

To provide cutting edge services to African DFIs for effectively financing National Development and SDGs for shared prosperity in the continent.



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