

## **African Policy Institutes Forum**

### **What is APIF?**

APIF is a continental knowledge network for generating, synthesizing, collating and sharing ideas and best practices for the management of economic and social policies and programs, good governance and poverty reduction in Sub-Saharan Africa. APIF's core mandate is to promote the knowledge generation, dissemination and sharing among African applied policy research centers and specialized training institutions, and provide a platform for the review of leading issues in development, including capacity building with a view to strengthening the development process of the continent.

### **Membership of APIF**

Members are national and regional African policy institutes providing economic policy analysis on main developmental issues of the continent. Since its establishment in 2004, APIF has set up an Interim Bureau consisting of a Chair, a Vice Chair and five other members drawn from the five sub-regions on the continent.

### **Objectives**

The main objective of APIF is to help strengthen African policy institutes to enhance their contributions to economic and social policy and program management and poverty reduction strategies, policies and programs at the national and regional levels. More specifically, APIF aims at:

- Bridging the gap between applied policy research and the policy making process
- Strengthening African policy institutes to enhance their impact and the continent's position globally
- Enhancing utilization of policy recommendations by government through increased quality, utility and presentation of policy institutes' outputs.
- Increasing the role of policy institutes in the formulation of strategies, policies, programs for sustainable development in Sub-Saharan Africa

### **Activities**

On an annual basis, APIF undertakes the activities listed below:

#### **1. ANNUAL POSITION PAPER**

APIF is expected to prepare a position paper on developments relating to the state of economic policy reforms and management on the African continent. The Annual Position Paper will be a regular feature of the Annual Work Plan of the APIF, and will be used as an instrument for systematically tracking progress or lack thereof in the building capacity in macroeconomic and sectoral policy reforms and management in Africa.

#### **2. APIF ISSUES AND LESSONS NOTES**

APIF is expected to prepare a Lessons, Best Practices or Avoidable Pitfalls Note each year that could provide lessons to countries in sub-Saharan Africa in any of the following areas, among others:

- Macroeconomic and Sectoral Policy Reforms and Management.
- Economic Structure and Vulnerability to Domestic and External Shocks.
- Public Sector ReformsSocio-Economic Infrastructure.

- Effectiveness of Poverty Reduction Programs.
- Macroeconomic Policy Analysis and Management Capacity Building.
- Trade Policy Development and Reforms.
- Economic Integration.
- HIPC, Debt Relief and Poverty Reduction.
- Private Sector Development.
- External Resource Flows and Development Management.

The Note is disseminated on behalf of the Network as a knowledge product to assist in the building and strengthening of economic policy analysis and management capacity.

### 3. **ACBF REGIONAL WORKSHOP RESOURCE PERSONS**

Members of APIF Interim Bureau are expected to serve as resource persons at ACBF seminars, workshops and conferences.

### 4. **ACBF ANNUAL LECTURE SERIES**

ACBF Annual Lecture Series on Capacity Building and Development Management. The lecture focuses on capacity building or a substantive development issue within its competence area. The Lectures Series will be held at the APIF Annual Meeting.

### 5. **REFLECTIONS BY APIF MEMBERS**

Members of the Network are expected to contribute a 3-5 page reflection on developments and issues relating to economic policy reforms and management in Africa.

### 6. **DISCUSSIONS, INFORMATION EXCHANGE AND ADVICE**

APIF members are expected to:

- Participate in the APIF discussions and information sharing activities, and assist to respond to request for information and advice on project and program operations by ACBF Secretariat.
- Inform members of the Network regularly about websites, portals and other information sources that are links to data, information and knowledge materials on issues and practices in economic policy analysis and management and capacity building in Africa and other developing regions. This also includes information sources on major international seminars, workshops, conferences, symposia, colloquiums, training programs and publications relating to economic policy analysis and management in Africa.
- Peer review and add value to ACBF publications and other knowledge-related materials that will be posted from time to time on the Network's web site.

### 7. **CONTRIBUTIONS TO ACBF PUBLICATIONS**

APIF members are encouraged to make contributions to any of ACBF's publications series.

### 8. **FUNDING FOR ACTIVITIES AND REMUNERATION**

Operations of APIF are funded by ACBF. Members are paid honoraria for tasks undertaken and fees

when they serve as consultants to ACBF.

## 9. **PERFORMANCE EVALUATION**

The performance of APIF is evaluated every year to determine the level of its effectiveness. The evaluation is expected to examine overall performance and the contributions of individual members of the Network.