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LIST OF ACRONYMS

ACBF	African Capacity Building Foundation
ACR	Africa Capacity Report
CPIA	Country Policy and Institutional Assessment
PSMT	Public Sector Management Training
SMTP	Medium Term Strategic Plan
USD	United States Dollars

ACBF STRATEGIC PLANNING	
PHASE 1	1991-1997
PHASE 2	1998-2001
SMTP 1	2002-2006
SMTP2	2007-2011
SMTP3	2012-2016
ACBF STRATEGY	2017-2022
ACBF STRATEGIC PLAN	2023-2027

INTRODUCTION

The Democratic Republic of São Tomé and Príncipe became a member and partner of the African Capacity Building Foundation (ACBF) in 2007. Prior to the country officializing its membership with the Foundation, the African Capacity Building Foundation had already been supporting the country since 2002, with grant support to enhance the capacity of the Development Policy Investigation and Analysis Center and the National Secretariat for Capacity Building. Since then, the partnership between the Foundation and the Democratic Republic of São Tomé and Príncipe has continued to grow significantly. To date, Democratic Republic of São Tomé and Príncipe has been a shareholder and member of the African Capacity Building Foundation for 13 years. The country is represented by its Minister of Planning, Finance and the Blue Economy in the ACBF Board of Governors.

ACBF'S INVESTMENTS IN SÃO TOMÉ AND PRÍNCIPE

The Foundation's investment in the Democratic Republic of São Tomé and Príncipe, has reached about US\$ 2.04 million. The African Capacity Building Foundation is proud to have supported human and institutional development in the country. This funding has supported the Capacity Building in Economic Policy Analysis and Management Project hosted by the Development Policy Investigation and Analysis Center, and the National Secretariat for Capacity Building. With this support from ACBF, the aforementioned national institutes have become more valuable and are playing significant roles in the country's development agenda.

Table 1: ACBF-supported projects and programs in Sao Tome and Principe

NATIONAL PROJECTS/PROGRAMS	PHASES	INVESTMENTS
Capacity Building for the Fight Against Poverty in the Democratic Republic of Sao Tome and Principe (PRECASP)	SMTP I	1,088,340
Center for Investigation and Policy Analysis Development (CIAD)	SMTP II	935,488
SENAREC Sao Tome	NFPS	18,717
TOTAL NATIONAL PROGRAMS		2,042,545

Table 2: Current ACBF-Supported projects benefiting Sao Tome Principe (2023)

PROJECT NAME	PROJECT DETAILS
African-Finnish Partnerships on Taxation Capacity in Africa	The aim is to strengthen the capacity of selected African governments and pan-African organizations to increase Domestic Resource Mobilization (DRM) through informed policy-making and effective tax administration
African Union Transformative Climate Finance program	The project aims at addressing the capacity gaps in climate change adaptation in Africa. Key activities include scoping and mapping of green growth landscape in Africa, conducting of a Capacity Needs Assessment and Development of a Capacity Development Program.

ACBF SUPPORTED KNOWLEDGE PRODUCTS FOR SÃO TOMÉ AND PRÍNCIPE

In addition to the programmatic support, the Foundation has also conducted several research studies to inform policy formulation and implementation in São Tomé and Príncipe. Some of these knowledge products prepared for São Tomé and Príncipe include the following:

Table 3: Selected knowledge products to support AU agenda, policy and development program São Tomé and Príncipe

Year	Type of Knowledge Products	Title/Theme	Coverage for Central African Republic
2018	Compendium of Case Studies	Lessons Notes on Capacity Development in Africa	São Tomé e Príncipe Country Cases
2014	Africa Capacity Report 2014	Capacity Imperatives for Regional Integration in Africa	São Tomé e Príncipe country Capacity Profile & Compendium of Statistics
2013	Africa Capacity Report 2013	Capacity Development for Natural Resource Management	São Tomé e Príncipe country Capacity Profile & Compendium of Statistics
2012	Africa Capacity Report 2012	Capacity Development for Agricultural Transformation and Food Security	São Tomé e Príncipe Country Capacity Profile & country Compendium of Statistics
2011	Africa Capacity Report 2011	Capacity Development in Fragile States	São Tomé e Príncipe Country Capacity Profile & country Compendium of Statistics

The Foundation has also held some knowledge sharing events and networking activities from which São Tomé and Príncipe benefitted. Some of these events include the following:

Table 4: Selected knowledge sharing events and networking to support AU agenda, policy and development programs from which São Tomé e Príncipe has benefitted

Year	Knowledge Event	Title/Theme	Coverage for Central African Republic	Date and Venue
2014	2015 Africa Capacity Report data collectors training workshop	Capacity Imperatives for Domestic Resource Mobilization in Africa	1 data expert hired and sponsored by ACBF to participate in data collection training Workshop	12 – 15 February, Harare, Zimbabwe
2014	2014 Africa Capacity Report data collectors' training workshop	Capacity Imperatives for Regional Integration in Africa'	1 data expert hired and sponsored by ACBF to participate in data collection training Workshop	17 – 21 October, Harare, Zimbabwe
2013	2013 Africa Capacity Report data collectors	Capacity Development for Natural Resources Management	1 data expert hired and sponsored by ACBF to participate in data collection training Workshop	8 – 11 October, Harare, Zimbabwe

Year	Knowledge Event	Title/Theme	Coverage for Central African Republic	Date and Venue
2011	2012 Africa Capacity Report data collectors' training workshop	Capacity Development for Agricultural Transformation and Food Security	1 data expert hired and sponsored by ACBF to participate in data collection training Workshop	13 – 18 June, Harare, Zimbabwe
2010	2011 Africa Capacity Report data collection training workshop	Capacity building in Fragile states	1 data expert hired and sponsored by ACBF to attend training workshop	13 – 16 July Harare, Zimbabwe

ACBF’s ACHIEVEMENTS

The African Capacity Building Foundation has benefitted from the African and global political influence of the Democratic Republic of São Tomé and Príncipe and other African countries. With this political support, the African Capacity Building Foundation has been able to leverage resources from the international community to support capacity development across Africa and to achieve significant results in support of the continent’s development process.

ACBF has been catalyzing change in Africa by investing in capacity development initiatives in the public and private sectors and in civil society organizations; providing technical assistance in implementation of capacity development interventions; generating, managing and sharing knowledge on best practices in capacity building and development management.

The Foundation has strengthened public policy across Africa, produced highly skilled public sector economists and managers, strengthened institutions of financial accountability, and enhanced the effectiveness of non-state actors. ACBF has also supported the creation of platforms for dialogue on, and coordination in capacity development, supported improvements in trade and regional integration, empowered women and strengthened parliaments.

SÃO TOMÉ AND PRÍNCIPE’S CONTRIBUTION TO ACBF

The Government of São Tomé and Príncipe has not made any financial contribution to the African Capacity Building Foundation, despite the pledge of \$250,000 the country made in 2008, which was never fulfilled.

ANNEX 1: ACBF SUCCESS STORY IN SÃO TOMÉ AND PRÍNCIPE

ACBF's intervention in Sao Tome has been considered as one of the most impactful.

ACBF launched and supported the Capacity Building in Economic Policy Analysis and Management Project, in 2002. The objective of the project was to improve the country's macroeconomic policy analysis and management. The project was aimed at enabling the Government and the Parliament to effectively and efficiently perform their respective functions in policy making, review, oversight and accountability on economic matters, thereby boosting good governance and consolidating the process of democracy gains in the nation.

In couching the project, ACBF ensured that the Project was articulated around four components: (i) institutional strengthening, (ii) policy research and advice, (iii) policy supervision and oversight, and (iv) training.

Through this intervention, ACBF contributed to the establishment of the Centro de Estudos e Investigação in the Ministry of Planning and Finance. The Centre served to provide technical advice that responded to the country's needs and enhanced policy-making decisions in São Tomé and Príncipe. The project also strengthened the capacity of the Directorate of Support of Parliamentary Services and Documentation within the Legislature by facilitating policy research in response to the needs of the National Assembly to effectively fulfil its oversight and accountability functions on matters related to economic policy review, monitoring and oversight. For example, the project contributed to the review, approval and publication of the Budget Act and the Planning and State Budget Acts. These laws guided the preparation of the State Budget.

ACBF's intervention in Sao Tome has been considered as one of the most impactful in skills building as it responded to the recognized scarcity of senior, experienced and qualified staff in key managerial positions relevant for policy and development management in the country. The training provided by ACBF has resulted in enhanced skills of senior managers and professional staff to carry out economic policy analysis and provide qualified macroeconomic policy advice on sectoral co-ordination, integrated planning, budgeting and poverty reduction policies and strategies.

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