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ACBF STRATEGIC PLANNING	
PHASE 1	1991-1997
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INTRODUCTION

The Federal Republic of Nigeria is one of the 12 African countries which in cooperation with their bilateral and multilateral partners, established the African Capacity Building Foundation (ACBF) on 9 February 1991. Since then, the partnership between the Foundation and the Federal Government of Nigeria has grown from strength to strength. Nigeria has been a shareholder and member of the African Capacity Building Foundation for 29 years. The country is represented by its Minister of Finance in the ACBF Board of Governors.

ACBF'S INVESTMENTS IN NIGERIA

The Foundation's investment in Nigeria, to date, has reached about US\$ 24.62 million. ACBF is proud to have supported human and institutional development in the country. The Foundation has to date funded national programs in Nigeria to the tune of US\$10.19 million. This support has gone to key institutions such as the Nigerian National Secretariat for Capacity Building (NNCB), the Development Policy Centre (DPC), Policy Analysis and Research Project (PARP), to mention just a few. The Foundation has over the years trained the Ministry of Finance staff to capacitate its departments and to help the Ministry to better deliver on its mandate as a key leading state arm in policy formulation and implementation. The Foundation has also invested about US\$14.43 million into regional programs and projects implemented in Nigeria, from which institutions like the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) and the West African Institute for Financial and Economic Management (WAIFEM) benefited.

With support from the ACBF, the aforementioned national and regional institutes have become more valuable and are playing significant roles in the country's development agenda.

Table 1: ACBF-supported National projects and programs in Nigeria (US\$)

NATIONAL PROJECTS/PROGRAMS	PHASES	INVESTMENTS
Development Policy Centre (DPC)	Phase I	2,742,561
National Centre for Economic Management and Administration (NCEMA) I	Phase I	990,000
National Centre for Economic Management and Administration (NCEMA) II	Phase II	896,859
Development Policy Centre (DPC) II	SMTP I	161,686
National Centre for Economic Management and Administration (NCEMA) III-CMD	SMTP II	375,676
Policy Analysis and Research Project (PARP)	SMTP I	1,995,773
Policy Analysis and Research Project (PARP) II	SMTP II	1,927,267
Civil Society Legislative Advocacy Centre (CISLAC I)	SMTP III	181,567
Capacity Development Research Group (CDRG)	SMTP III	55,000
Youth Trade Nigeria (YES Nigeria)	SMTP III	30,132
Dukes Transnational Consult & Integrated Services (DTCIS)	SMTP III	93,262
Public Service Institute of Nigeria (PSIN)	ACBF STRATEGY 2017-2021	391,080
Capacity Building for Staff of the Ministry of Nigeria	ACBF STRATEGY 2017-2021	199,968
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Civil Society Legislative Advocacy Centre (CISLAC II)	ACBF STRATEGY 2017-2021	78,287

CISLAC Nigeria	ACBF STRATEGY 2017 - 2022	28,000
TOTAL NATIONAL PROGRAMS		10,286,782
REGIONAL PROJECTS/PROGRAMS	PHASES	INVESTMENTS
Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS)	SMTP I	358,350
Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) (ESCAP)	SMTP I	300,798
West African Institute for Financial and Economic Management (WAIFEM)	SMTP I	2,427,626
West African Institute for Financial and Economic Management (WAIFEM) II	SMTP I	2,297,087.29
West African Institute for Financial and Economic Management (WAIFEM) III	SMTP II	1,725,875
Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS – EPAU)	SMTP II	553,295
West African Institute for Financial and Economic Management (WAIFEM) III (Additional)	SMTP III	673,112
African University of Science & Technology (AUST-ABUJA)	SMTP III	2,178,903
National Institute for Legislative Studies (NILS)	SMTP III	900,000
National Institute for Legislative Studies (NILS) (Additional)	SMTP III	400,000
National Institute for Legislative Studies (NILS-AGOA)	ACBF STRATEGY 2017-2021	220,000
National Institute for Legislative Studies (NILS)	ACBF STRATEGY 2017-2021	1,100,000
West African Institute for Financial and Economic Management (WAIFEM)	ACBF STRATEGY 2017-2021	1,295,595
TOTAL REGIONAL PROGRAMS	18,776,875	14,430,641
GRANT TOTAL	31,408,032	24,717,423

Table 2: Current ACBF-Supported projects in Nigeria (2023)

PROJECT NAME	PROJECT DETAILS
Enhancing Leadership and Governance in Public Finance Management	The aim is to enhance leadership skills and practice of senior African public finance officials in the Ministries of Finance. It seeks to enhance the capacity for transformative change that will enable the highest level of government finance departments to better manage public finances
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.

The Foundation has conducted several research studies to inform policy formulation and implementation in Nigeria. Some of the knowledge products prepared for Nigeria are detailed in Annex 1.

NIGERIA’S CONTRIBUTION TO ACBF

The Foundation has benefitted immensely from the African and global political influence of the Federal Republic of Nigeria. The country has over the years been the lead African contributor to ACBF and to date has made a cumulative contribution of US\$12,2 million since 1991.

With the support of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, ACBF 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. Notably, ACBF has been catalyzing change in Africa by investing in capacity development initiatives in the public and private sectors, as well as in Civil Society Organizations; providing technical assistance in the implementation of capacity development interventions; and 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.

Table 3: Federal Republic of Nigeria’s Contributions to ACBF since 1991(US\$)

Financing Phase	Pledge	Payments
Phase I (1991-1997)	250,000.00	250,000.00
Phase II (1998-2001)	400,000.00	400,000.00
SMTP I (2002-2006)	500,000.00	500,000.00
SMTP II (2007-2011)	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00
SMTP III (2012-2016)	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00
ACBF STRATEGY 2017-2022	5,000,000.00	5,044,123
TOTAL	12,150,000.00	12,194,123

ANNEX 1: SELECTED ACBF KNOWLEDGE PRODUCTS AND SERVICES BENEFITING NIGERIA

Table A: Selected knowledge products to support African Union (AU) agenda, policy and development programs where Nigeria was covered.

Year	Type of Knowledge Product	Title/Theme	Coverage for Nigeria
2019	Africa Capacity Report 2019	Fostering Transformative Leadership for Africa's Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nigeria country Capacity Profile & Compendium of Statistics Case study on Nigeria
2019	Strategic Studies	Capacity Imperatives for the SDGs: In line with the African Union's Agenda 2063	Nigeria country Compendium of Statistics
2018	Compendium of Case studies	Compendium of case studies on youth and managing for development results	Case study on Nigeria
2018	Compendium of Case studies	Compendium of case studies on agriculture and food security in Africa	Case study on Nigeria
2017	Africa Capacity Report 2017	Building Capacity in Science, Technology, and Innovation for Africa's Transformation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nigeria country Capacity Profile & Compendium of Statistics Case study on Nigeria
2017	Occasional Papers	Policy and Institutional Dimensions of Africa's Political Economy in an Age of Globalization	Nigeria case study
2016	Occasional Papers	The Challenge of African Youth Unemployment	Nigeria case study
2015	Africa Capacity Report 2015	Capacity Imperatives for Domestic Resource Mobilization in Africa	Nigeria country Capacity Profile & Compendium of Statistics
2015	Development Memoirs	Addressing Africa's Youth Employment and Food Security Crisis: the Role of African Agriculture in Job Creation	Nigeria case study
2014	Africa Capacity Report 2014	Capacity Imperatives for Regional Integration in Africa	Nigeria country Capacity Profile & Compendium of Statistics
2013	Africa Capacity Report 2013	Capacity Development for Natural Resource Management	Nigeria country capacity profile & Compendium of Statistics
2012	Africa Capacity Report 2012	Capacity Development for Agricultural Transformation and Food Security	Nigeria country capacity profile & Compendium of Statistics
2011	Africa Capacity Report 2011	Capacity Development in Fragile States	Nigeria country capacity profile & Compendium of Statistics
2011	Development Memoirs	Transparency and Accountability in the Management of Public Funds: How sensibly must African Countries Stand?	Nigeria case study

Table B: Selected knowledge sharing events and networking to support African Union (AU) agenda, policy and development programmes which Nigeria has benefitted from.

Year	Knowledge event	Title/Theme	Coverage for Nigeria	Date and Venue
2019	2019 Africa Think Tank Summit		3 participants, including 2 from the Centre for the Study of the Economies of Africa (CSEA) and 1 from the International Economic	24-26 April Nairobi, Kenya

Year	Knowledge event	Title/Theme	Coverage for Nigeria	Date and Venue
			Relations, Ministry of Finance, Nigeria, attended	
2018	2018 Africa Think Tank Summit	Tackling Africa's Youth Unemployment Challenge: Innovative Solutions from the Think Tanks	7 participants sponsored to attend: 1 participant from Igbinedion University; 1 communications consultant, 1 from ECOWAS and 1 participant from the Federal University Ndufu-Alike Ikwo, 1 from National Root Crops Research Institute, 1 participant from the Centre for the Study of the Economies of Africa (CSEA) and 1 participant from the African Centre for Shared Development Capacity Building	5 - 7 April Accra, Ghana
2017	Validation Workshop of the study on the "Capacity Imperatives for Achieving the SDGs in Africa.	Capacity Imperatives for Achieving the SDGs in Africa	4 participants sponsored to attend: 1 participant from Ministry of Budget and National Planning, 1 participant from Dukes Transnational, Office of The Senior Special Assistant to The President on SDGs and 1 participant from Civil Society Legislative Advocacy Center (CISLAC)	29 June Harare Zimbabwe
2017	2019 Africa Capacity Report Data Collectors' Training Workshop	Fostering Transformative Leadership for Africa's Development	1 data expert hired and sponsored to participate in data collection training workshop	29 May - 1 June Harare, Zimbabwe
2017	2017 Africa Think Tank Summit	African Think Tanks and Industrialization in Africa	1 National Root Crops Research Institute and 1 participant from the Economic Community of West Africa States (ECOWAS) sponsored by ACBF to attend	6 - 8 April Abidjan Cote d'Ivoire
2016	Africa Capacity Report Indicators' Review Workshop	Review of ACI (Africa Capacity Indicators) Data Collection Instrument	2 participants sponsored to attend: 1 from Nigerian Governors Forum and 1 from the University of Benin	27 October Dar Es Salaam Tanzania
2016	2016 AfCoP Annual Forum	Mobilizing Domestic Resources for Africa's Transformation	1 participant from the AfCoP Youth for Results Network (Y4R)	13 - 15 July Nairobi, Kenya
2016	ACBF-AUC Stakeholder Engagement Agenda 2063 workshop	Capacity Needs Assessment and Critical Technical Skills required for the implementation of Agenda 2063	2 participants sponsored to attend: 1 participant from the African Engineering Education Association (AEEA) and 1 from ECOWAS	12 – 13 May Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
2016	3 rd Capacity Development Forum and the 25th Anniversary Celebrations for the	Developing Capacity for Africa's Economic and Social Transformation	1 from Development Strategy and Governance IFPRI-Abuja; 1 from Department of Economics and Statistics,	3 – 5 May Harare, Zimbabwe

Year	Knowledge event	Title/Theme	Coverage for Nigeria	Date and Venue
	African Capacity Building Foundation		University of Benin; 1 National Coordinator	
2016	2016 Africa Think Tank Summit	Creating a Sustainable Future for African Think Tanks in Support of SDGs and Agenda 2063	3 participants from Nigeria sponsored to attend: 1 from the Institute for Public Policy Research (IPPR), 1 from the Office of the Vice President and 1 from African Heritage Institution	8 - 10 April Victoria Falls Zimbabwe
2015	2017 Africa Capacity Report Data Collectors' Training Workshop	Building Capacity in Science, Technology and Innovation for Africa's Transformation	1 data expert hired and sponsored to participate in data collection training workshop	16 – 19 November Harare, Zimbabwe
2015	5th ACBF Policy Institutes Committee Meeting (PIC)	Knowledge and Experience Sharing for Effective Capacity Building in Africa	1 participant from ECOWAS sponsored to attend	22-23 October 2015 in Kigali, Rwanda
2015	Board of Governors' Meetings	Domestic Resource Mobilization	4 participants sponsored to attend: 1 from the African Centre for Shared Development Capacity Building, 1 from the Nigeria Governors' Forum, 1 from the African Evaluation Association and 1 from the University of Benin	2 – 4 September Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
2015	Financing for Development Conference (UN DESA)	Building Capacity for Domestic Resource Mobilization (DRM) to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)	2 participants from Nigeria. 1 from WAIFEM and 1 from Women and Children Development Initiative sponsored to attend	15 July Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
2015	Inaugural Think Tank Task Force Meeting	Toward the implementation of the recommendations of the 2nd Africa Think Summit	1 participant from the NIGERIAN NGO Network sponsored to attend	1-4 June Addis Ababa Ethiopia
2015	2015 Africa Think Tank Summit	The Rise of Africa's Think Tanks – Practical Solutions to Practical Problems	1 participant from ECOWAS sponsored to attend	7 – 8 April Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
2015	4th Policy Institutes Committee Meeting	ACBF's Policy Institutes Committee and its Contribution to Policy Direction in Africa" for PIC	1 participant from ECOWAS sponsored to attend	9 April Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
2014	2015 Africa Capacity Report Data Collectors Training Workshop	Capacity Imperatives for Domestic Resource Mobilization in Africa'	1 data expert hired and sponsored 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

Year	Knowledge event	Title/Theme	Coverage for Nigeria	Date and Venue
2014	Validation Workshop of the Position Papers on the US-Africa Relations	Validation of Draft position papers on U.S.-Africa relations	3 participants sponsored to attend: 1 from ECOWAS; 1 from the Office of the President, 1 from the African Heritage Institution	18 – 19 July Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
2014	2nd Policy Institutes Committee Forum	ACBF's Policy Institutes Committee (PIC) - Rethinking Capacity Development Solutions in Africa	1 participant from ECOWAS sponsored to attend	25 - 26 April Nouakchott, Mauritania
2014	Inaugural Meeting of the ACBF Strategic Studies Group (SSG)	Launch of the SSG	2 participants sponsored by ACBF to attend: 1 from the University of Benin and 1 from IFPRI-Abuja	7-8 March Lusaka, Zambia
2013	2013 Africa Capacity Report Data Collectors Training	Capacity Development for Natural Resources Management	1 data expert hired and sponsored to participate in data collection training workshop	8 – 11 October Harare, Zimbabwe
2013	Inaugural Policy Institutes Committee Meeting	Official Launch of the PIC	1 participant from ECOWAS sponsored to attend	13 -14 June Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
2013	Africa Capacity Report (ACR) 2013 launch	Capacity Development for Natural Resources Management	1 participant from Ministry of Petroleum Resources and 5 students from Nigeria (PSMTP) studying in Ghana sponsored to attend	22 March Accra, Ghana,
2012	2013 Country Policy and Institutional Assessment (CPIA) Workshop	Training workshop for 2014 CPIA	1 participant from ECOWAS sponsored to attend	28-30 June Yaoundé, Cameroon
2011	2012 Africa Capacity Report Data Collectors' Training Workshop	Capacity Development for Agricultural Transformation and Food Security	1 data expert hired and sponsored to participate in data collection training workshop	13 – 18 June Harare, Zimbabwe
2011	7th Annual Meeting of the ACBF Technical Advisory Panels & Networks (TAP-NETs)	Bi-Lateral Aid, Governance and Africa's Development Agenda – Implications for Busan 2011	1 participant from University of Benin and 1 participant from Nigerian Institute of Social & Economic Research (NISER) sponsored to attend	21-22 November Yaoundé, Cameroon
2010	2011 Africa Capacity Report data collection training workshop	Capacity building in Fragile states	1 data expert hired and sponsored to attend training workshop	13 – 16 July Harare, Zimbabwe

ANNEX 2: SUCCESS STORIES

1. Strengthening Parliament for Good Governance and Accountability in Nigeria

The National Institute for Legislative Studies (NILS) is an organ of the Nigerian National Assembly established by an Act of Parliament. Created in 2011, [NILS](#) was built on the successes of the Policy Analysis and Research Project ([PARP](#)), established in 2003 as a capacity building institution of the National Assembly with the financial support of the African Capacity Building Foundation (ACBF).

NILS aims to promote good governance and strengthen democratic processes, structures and institutions in Nigeria by fostering and disseminating among legislators, the practice of science-based methodologies of law-making; providing Legislators and officials with institutionalized opportunities and training in the various disciplines of legislative processes; improving the capacity of legislators to sustain and consolidate democratic governance through deliberation and policy formulation; and improving the technical capacity of legislative staff, committee secretaries and political aides to process appropriation bills and policy oversight of the executive.

For over 7 years, PARP has helped to strengthen the capacities of Legislators and ensure that the positions and proposals advanced by the National Assembly are informed by requisite research and analytical support. PARP's two-phase program supported by the ACBF has assisted legislators in drafting and sponsoring Bills on topical policy issues and also assisted the National Assembly in tracking the progression of Bills. In so doing, PARP collates the Acts enacted and Bills presented on the floors of the two chambers of the Assembly. The Bills are then digitalized and uploaded onto the National Assembly website. During Phase I of the Project, 725 Bills were tracked.

To enhance the capacity of Legislators to contribute positively to debates on issues of national importance on the floors of the two Chambers, PARP analyses new government policy actions and shares the outcomes with them. PARP also conducts research and studies on topical and relevant national issues, which are then used to enhance the capacity of legislators and their staff and guarantee their effective and efficient performance. The Project has also conducted various workshops on legislative development and process, budget process, communication and information management, and ICT skills acquisition and enhancement. An assessment of these programs revealed that the attitudes and behaviour of over 98 percent of beneficiaries have changed, and performance improved.

2. Proffering Energy Solutions to Africa

Ms. Blessing Onyeche OGWOKE, whose M.Sc. in Petroleum Engineering at the African University of Science and Technology (AUST) was funded by the ACBF, clinched the ENI AWARD 2017 Debut in Research: Young Talents from Africa from Italian energy and engineering giant Eni.

She is now furthering her research through PhD, to help solve Africa's rural electrification problems.

"The ACBF study grant for me is a harbinger of great things. It paved the way forward for me with respect to advancing my academic career. It is a platform on which other success rides. It has indeed paved way for others that have benefited from it, not just me. This grant is honestly a wonderful initiative from the ACBF and it is forever changing lives," Ms. Ugwoke said.

3.Creating Leaders in development management

With ACBF's support, the West African Institute for Economic and Financial Management (WAIFEM) has trained over 17,000 senior officials in the areas of debt, finance and macroeconomic management.

Prof. Akpan EKPO – Director General of WAIFEM affirms "ACBF has assisted us to be proactive and to be abreast with the tools used by multilateral institutions such as the IMF and the World Bank in dealing with our economies" and thinks African Central Banks should use their important role in African economies to mobilize support for the ACBF to continue helping the continent to produce development results.



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