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ACBF STRATEGIC PLANNING	
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INTRODUCTION

The government of the Republic of Namibia became a member and partner of the Capacity Building Foundation (ACBF) in 2012. Since then, partnership between the Foundation and the government of Namibia continues to grow significantly. The country is represented by its Minister of Economic Planning in the ACBF Board of Governors.

NAMIBIA'S CONTRIBUTION TO ACBF

The Foundation has benefitted immensely from the African and global political influence of the government of Namibia. The country has to date made a cumulative contribution of US\$250,000.

With the support of the government of Namibia, 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. Particularly, 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.

Table 1: Namibia's contributions to ACBF

FINANCING PHASE	PLEDGE	PAYMENTS
Phase I (1991-1997)	-	-
Phase II (1998-2001)	-	-
SMTP I (2002-2006)	-	-
SMTP II (2007-2011)	-	-
SMTP III (2012-2016)	250,000.00	250,000.00
ACBF STRATEGY 2017-2021	-	-
TOTAL	250,000.00	250,000.00

ACBF'S INVESTMENTS IN NAMIBIA

The Foundation's investment in Namibia, to date has reached about US\$ 9.3 Million. ACBF is proud to have supported human and institutional development in the country. The Foundation has to date funded national programs in Namibia to the tune of US\$6.29 million. This support has gone to key institutions such as the UNAM and NEPRU, to mention just a few. The Foundation has also invested about US\$3 million to regional programs and projects implemented in Namibia, from which SADC-PF and MISA, benefited.

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

Table 2: ACBF-supported projects and programs in Namibia

NATIONAL PROJECTS/PROGRAMS	PHASES	DISBURSEMENTS
The Namibian Economic Policy Research Unit Project (NEPRU)	Phase I	2,374,724
The Namibian Economic Policy Research Unit Project (NEPRU II)	SMTP I	1,923,730
The Namibian Economic Policy Research Unit Project (NEPRU III)	SMTP I	367,406
NFP (NPCS)	SMTP 1	39,237
The Namibian Performance Management System Project (NPMSP)	SMTP I	1,033,190
Master's degree in public policy and Administration	SMTP I	553,974
TOTAL NATIONAL PROGRAMS		6,292,261
REGIONAL PROJECTS/PROGRAMS	PHASES	DISBURSEMENTS
Institutional Strengthening and Capacity Building of The Southern African Development Community Parliamentary Forum (SADC-PF)	SMTP I	2,247,977
The Media Institute of Southern Africa (MISA)	SMTP III	331,997
Institutional Strengthening and Capacity Building of The Southern African Development Community Parliamentary Forum (SADC-PF)	SMTP III	393,209
TOTAL REGIONAL PROGRAMS		2,973,184
GRAND TOTAL		9,265,445

Table 3: Current ACBF-Supported projects benefiting Namibia (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 policymaking 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.

ANNEX 1: DETAILS OF SELECT ACBF SUPPORTED PROJECTS IMPLEMENTED IN NAMIBIA

PROJECT NAME	OBJECTIVES
NEPRU (3 phases)	To support the consolidation of policy research and advice in Namibia, and to intensify NEPRU's efforts to promote a more equitable balance in its employment of research and management staff, through a scaled up "Namibianization" of its staff.
Namibia Master's Program in Public Policy and Administration (UNAM-MPPA)	The goal of this project was to improve the quality of public policies and programs in Namibia and to end the reliance on expatriate staff teaching Public Policy and Administration at the University of Namibia (UNAM). UNAM set out to strengthen Namibia's public policy management capacity in a way that supported and sustained the government's priorities in the crucial areas of development, democratization and decentralization.
Namibia Performance Management System Project (NPMSP)	The main goal of the project was to reposition the public service for the challenges of Vision 2030 and as a result align the mandates and performance standards of Government Offices, Ministries and Agencies (OMAs) with Namibia's economic growth, poverty reduction, human development, equity, public service revitalization and reform aspirations.
Capacity building for Media Development in Southern Africa	The project sought to (i) Improve efficiency and effectiveness of MISA in supporting citizen's participation in the development process in the targeted countries; (ii) Facilitate platforms for dialogue between media, public, private sector and government; (iii) Enhance knowledge sharing and learning on media, freedom and freedom expression in targeted countries.
SADC PF	SADC PF project aimed to create an institutional framework for equipping members of parliament, parliamentary staff and parliamentary institutions in the SADC region with knowledge, skills and information that enhance their professional performance in implementing their mandates.

ANNEX 2: SUCCESS STORY

ACBF-SPONSORED MANAGEMENT TOOLS CONTRIBUTE TO ECONOMIC STABILITY IN AFRICA

Central Banks and ministries of finance across eastern and southern Africa have enhanced their capacity to efficiently stabilize their economies, improve the management of debt and of their financial sector thanks to the adoption of a number of ACBF-sponsored debt and financial management tools – such as models, manuals and procedures.

ACBF supported the Macroeconomic and Financial Institute of Eastern and Southern Africa (MEFMI) and the West African Institute for Financial and Economic Management (WAIFEM) to provide hands-on training, technical/advisory services to Central Banks, Ministry of Finance and Planning in sub-Saharan Africa. The results have been more than encouraging as training contributed to macroeconomic stability, debt management and improved financial sector management in the two organizations' member countries through the development and implementation of model, manuals, procedures and tailor-made training and technical assistance.

In southern Africa, the Central Bank of Namibia and the Ministry of Finance of Botswana were able to almost project the real GDP growth of accurately 4.3% and 5.3% for 2013, against the actuals of 4.4% and 5.9% respectively. In Lesotho, MEFMI supported the government to develop an Economic Activity Indicator, which is currently being used to proxy the performance of the economy in the short to medium term. MEFMI has also supported the Ministry of Finance in Swaziland to construct a model for macroeconomic analysis in March 2012, which is now being actively used to make macroeconomic simulations. The institute also assisted the Bank of Namibia to develop a core macroeconomic model and Economic Indicators Analysis (EIA) tool for monitoring the Namibian economy in April 2013. Botswana was also able to estimate the output gap accurately using the macro model, and this variable has greatly improved the quality of inflation forecasts.

In east Africa, the National Bank of Rwanda has also been assisted by the institute to build a core model for inflation, which has improved inflation forecasting. In Djibouti, the capacity building support from the Foundation in 2004 enabled the *Projet de Renforcement des Capacités de la Gouvernance Financière et de Contrôle de la République de Djibouti* (IGE) to take off and to effectively promote good governance and accountability for the management of public fund the heart of any fight against corruption.

ACBF's support has enabled the institution to improve its internal capacity as well as enhance its collaboration and networking with likeminded institution in the fight against corruption. IGE regularly conducts in depth investigation and strategic audits of government institutions that has led to significant changes and institutional reforms in the country. For example, the audit of the health sector exposed a chaotic and opaque management of funds and cases of established fraud and the audit of the social security led to the merger of the two social security funds to become the National Social Security Council (CNSS).



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