

The African Capacity Building Foundation (ACBF)





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About Us

The African Capacity Building Foundation (ACBF) is a specialized agency of the African Union that focuses on developing capacity across the African continent. It was established in 1991 by twelve African nations with the assistance of their bilateral and multilateral partners in response to the significant challenges of capacity building in Africa. ACBF serves as a common governance platform for partners' investments in the capacity development process on the continent. Since its inception, ACBF has expanded its membership to include forty African states.

ACBF is the premier partner for capacity building in Africa. Our Board of Governors is comprised of representatives from African countries' governments, specifically from the Ministries of Finance and Economic Planning/Development. We have an extensive network of partners across Africa and a database with a pool of experts that can be rapidly mobilized to meet the continent's requirements.

For more than three decades, the Foundation has provided capacity development programs. Our policy support think tanks and African policy institutes have demonstrated their ability to enhance policy-making and implementation practices. We have also proven our expertise to work efficiently in various environments across the continent.





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Our Vision

A Prosperous, Resilient, and Inclusive Africa

Our Mission

To develop the human capital and institutions required to enable Africa's inclusive and sustainable development.

Our Values



Our Achievements



Strengthened the capacity of 40 African states



Supported 70 higher education institutions across the continent



Trained 50,000 personnel in civil service



Created and supported 50 think tanks



Generated over 500 knowledge products



Enhanced the institutional capacity of 32 civil society organizations



Scan to discover more about our strategy.



Our Strategic Plan 2023-2027

Our Strategic Plan was developed through an extensive consultative process involving Member States, Partners, the Executive Board, and Staff. These consultations and background research identified Africa's significant capacity development challenges and the strategies to address them.

The plan is anchored on four Key Impact Pillars:



Climate Change and Energy for Productive Use



Agribusiness and Food Sovereignty



Trade as an engine of Economic Development



Economic and Social Governance

Our Business Model

Our Business Model has five core elements: who we support, our value proposal, our service offering, our revenue model, and our unique strategic position. It aims to improve the capacity of those we support to deliver sustainable development results. Our unique service offering has four elements: Africa Capacity Building Academy (ACB-Academy) for skills development, Institutional Accelerator Model (IAM) for institutional building, Capacity Knowledge Hub (CKH) for knowledge generation and sharing, Fiscal Agent Services (FAS) for funds management.

Our Product /Service Offerings

Africa Capacity Building Academy

- Skills development needs assessment
- Management and leadership training sessions
- Technical training on highly relevant topics

Institutional Accelerator Model

- Capacity needs assessment
- Implementation of capacity improvement plans
- Embedded advisory

Capacity Knowledge Hub

- Knowledge generation/gathering and dissemination
- Policy dialogue sessions
- Development/management of resource platforms

Fiscal Agent Services

- Financial Oversight
- Funds ad grant management
- Financial Settlement

Delivery Modes

- Degree Programs
- Professional training courses / Webinars
- Mentoring Programs
- Deployment of technical assistance
- Digital Platforms

Revenue Generation

- Paid Courses
- Company / Government / Sponsored Courses
- Fee for Service
- Donor-Funded Programs / Projects
- Targets (Beneficiaries/Donors/Sponsors)

Public Institutions/Enterprises

- Companies/MSMEs
- NGOS
- Academia
- Research Institutions
- International Organizations
- Foundations
- Individuals

Our Programs

The African Capacity Building Foundation works to build strategic partnerships, manage grants, offer technical support, and provide access to relevant knowledge related to capacity building in Africa. We are widely acknowledged for contributing to Africa's development process through our human capital development and institution-building work.





Knowledge Services

ACBF is a globally recognized hub of knowledge on capacity development in Africa. The Foundation advances capacity development knowledge through knowledge products and services, knowledge networks and forums, and its online Library and Information Resource Centre.

The Foundation also distills knowledge through its unique monitoring and evaluation work, which has developed specific indicators to measure success in capacity building. The results of the Foundation's knowledge, learning and monitoring, and evaluation operations are published through occasional papers and books, and the knowledge generated is used in improving the design of capacity-building interventions on the continent.





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Our Institutional Members















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