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## **THIRD INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON FINANCING FOR DEVELOPMENT**

**African Capacity Building Foundation (ACBF) Side Event on:  
‘Building Capacity for Domestic Resource Mobilization (DRM) to  
achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)’**

### **CONCEPT NOTE**

**Date and time:** Wednesday, 15 July 2015, Morning (10.00 am – 12.30 pm)

**Venue:** Elilly Hotel, Mars

## I. INTRODUCTION

The African Capacity Building Foundation (ACBF) is a lead pan-African capacity building institution established on 9 February 1991 by African governments and their bilateral and multilateral development partners to spearhead sustainable capacity development on the continent. The Foundation has the following objectives:

- serve as an integrated platform for a holistic approach to capacity building in Africa;
- build a partnership between African governments and their development partners, which allows for effective coordination of interventions in capacity building;
- strengthen African ownership, leadership and responsibility in the capacity-building process;
- strengthen dialogue between governments and private non-State actors in African countries on the formulation of policies to encourage and promote transparency and accountability in public sector management and the ownership of the development process at the national level;
- serve as a forum for discussion and sharing of experiences, ideas and best practices in capacity building and mobilization of resources for capacity building in Africa.

As African countries seek to finance their own development, it has become increasingly important for key government offices and stakeholders to be empowered with the skills and knowledge that enable: (a) the efficient, effective and innovative mobilization of domestic resources; and (b) the prevention of illicit financial flows and any leakages that hamper the collection of domestic resources and consequently the achievement of the SDGs. In recognition of this, the ACBF considers the focus on building capacity for domestic resource mobilisation (DRM) a crucial component in empowering Africa to fully finance its own development.

In this regard, ACBF is planning a side event that will contribute to the financing for development conference through: sharing the preliminary findings of the 2015 ACBF flagship report on “Capacity for Domestic Resource Mobilization in Africa”; identifying any capacities in DRM that have been overlooked; and providing an opportunity for participants to share DRM strategies that are efficient, effective and innovative based on country experiences. This event will not be restricted to African stakeholders, and will draw on the expertise of participants from: developing and developed countries, institutional stakeholders, non-governmental organizations, and business sector entities.

## II. RATIONALE AND OBJECTIVES FOR THE SIDE EVENT

The objective of this side event is twofold:

- (1) To raise awareness on the importance of the capacity dimension in domestic resource mobilisation in Africa to achieve the SDGs; and
- (2) To enable participants to gather and exchange ideas on innovative domestic resource mobilisation strategies worldwide, based on country experiences.

### III. THE THEMATIC FOCUS:

1. State of overall capacity in Africa;
2. Lessons learnt from the case studies on DRM;
3. Capacity needed for DRM in order to achieve the SDGs; and
4. Role of main actors in DRM to achieve the SDGs.

### IV. FORMAT OF THE SIDE EVENT

The side event will comprise of:

1. Short speeches by keynote speakers
2. A presentation on capacity for domestic resource mobilisation on the continent covering the following sub topics
  - a. Lessons learnt from the case studies on domestic resource mobilisation
  - b. Capacity needed for domestic resource mobilisation in order to achieve the SDGs
  - c. Role of main actors in domestic resource mobilisation to achieve the SDGs.
3. A panel discussion which provide view points from experts on the capacity for domestic resource mobilisation on the continent
4. The floor will then open for participants to comment/Q&A

### V. RESULTS EXPECTED FROM SIDE EVENT

The results expected from the side event shall include the following:

- (1) Identification of required capacities for Africa to meet:
  - a. The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs); and
  - b. Goal 18 of the AU Agenda 2063 (Africa to take full responsibility for financing her development);
- (2) Understanding of the state of overall capacity in Africa particularly around domestic resource mobilisation;
- (3) Knowledge shared on the experiences and lessons learnt from countries worldwide with respect to efficient, effective and innovative DRM.
- (4) Galvanised support towards the main actors providing capacity building initiatives especially around in domestic resource mobilisation for achieving the SDGs.

### VI. Important information for participants.

#### a) Co-Sponsorship

Co-sponsorship for the side event from various organisations with interest in the continent's capacity development is encouraged and welcome.

Co-sponsorship could entail any or a combination of the following: *Financial support for the delivery of the side event; Logistical support for the organization of the side event; Facilitation of publicity for the side event; Assistance with, or facilitation of, promotional activities in support of the side event.*

Expressions of interest may be directed to Wanjiku Nyoike on [w.nyoike@acbf-pact.org](mailto:w.nyoike@acbf-pact.org)

**b) Participation**

The side event will take place at the Elilly Hotel, Mars room, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia – a minute walk from the ECA where the main International Conference on Financing for Development will take place. A map of the location will be provided at a later date.

**c) Venue of the Side Event**

All interested parties are welcome and encouraged to participate in the event. Information on online registration of the event will be provided in the coming days.

**d) Date and Time of the Forum**

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**ACBF Secretariat**

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