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WHAT: Heads of State and Government Breakfast Dialogue: Strengthening Africa's Financial Architecture to Finance Agenda 2063

WHEN: Saturday, 14th February 2026

TIME: 8:30 – 10:00 AM (EAT)

WHERE: Multipurpose Hall, African Union Commission

WHO: AUC Economic, Trade, Tourism, Industrialization and Minerals Directorate (ETTİM), Alliance of African Multilateral Financial Institutions (AAMFI), The Presidency Republic of Ghana, AfDB and AUDA-NEPAD

WHY: The dialogue will be the official launch of the African Infrastructure Financing Facility (AIF), a flagship, Africa led platform designed to mobilize and deploy long term capital for transformative, cross border infrastructure aligned with Agenda 2063

Invited Speakers:

- H.E. João Manuel Gonçalves Lourenço, President of the Republic of Angola and Chairperson of the African Union
- H.E. Mahmoud Ali Youssouf, Chairperson, African Union Commission
- H.E. John Dramani Mahama, President of the Republic of Ghana and Champion for AU Financial Institutions
- Samaila Zubairu, Chair, Alliance of African Multilateral Financial Institutions (AAMFI) and President & CEO, Africa Finance Corporation
- H.E. Mrs. Francisca Tatchouop Belobe, Commissioner for Economic Development, Trade, Tourism, Industry and Minerals, African Union Commission
- Dr. Sidi Ould Tah, President, African Development Bank
- Dr. George Elombi, President, African Export-Import Bank
- Dr. Corneille Karekezi, CEO, Africa Reinsurance Corporation
- H.E. Nardos Bekele-Thomas, CEO, AUDA-NEPAD
- H.E. Mr. Abdullah KH ALMUSAIBEEH, President of President of the Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa (BADEA)
- Ms. Ahunna Eziakonwa, Assistant Administrator and Regional Director for Africa, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

Additional Heads of State and Government from across the continent are expected to deliver

presidential statements endorsing the African Infrastructure Financing Facility.

Key topics

1. **Strengthening Africa’s financial architecture:** Enhancing coordination and collective action among African multilateral financial institutions to deliver long-term, affordable development finance.
2. **From reform commitments to results:** Translating global financial reform agendas into Africa-led financing solutions aligned with Agenda 2063.
3. **Mobilising capital at scale:** Crowding in African and private capital through risk-sharing, guarantees, and blended finance instruments.
4. **Political leadership for delivery:** Sustaining reform momentum and empowering African institutions to finance infrastructure, industrialisation, trade integration, and sustainable development.

Expected outcomes:

- Formal launch of the **African Infrastructure Financing Facility (AIF)**.
- Renewed high-level political commitment to strengthening Africa’s financial architecture.
- Stronger coordination and collective action among African multilateral financial institutions through AAMFI.
- Clearer pathways for public–private collaboration to de-risk investment and mobilise capital at scale.

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