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FINANCING CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT IN AFRICA: THE CASE OF AFRICA CAPACITY BUILDING FOUNDATION





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Background

- The African Capacity Building Foundation (ACBF) is the African Union's Specialized Agency for capacity development
- Established in 1991, the African Capacity Building Foundation (ACBF) spearheads and robustly coordinates human and institutional capacity for good governance and economic development in Africa



Mission and Vision

MISSION

To build strategic partnerships, offer technical support, and provide access to relevant knowledge related to capacity building in Africa.

VISION

Africa capable of achieving its own development.





Governance

Has a three–tier governance structure:

- Board of Governors;
- Executive Board; and
- Secretariat



Partners

- **Multilateral partners:** World Bank, African Development Bank (AfDB), United Nations Development Program (UNDP) and International Monetary Fund (IMF)
- **Non-regional partners:** Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Greece, India, Ireland, The Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, United Kingdom, United States of America
- **African partners:** 42 African Countries



Core Mandates

- Build strategic partnerships;
- Extend grants;
- Offer technical support; and
- Provide access to relevant knowledge related to capacity building in Africa.





Grants

- The ACBF offers grants as one of its core mandates to empower governments, parliaments, civic society, private sector, higher education institutions, regional and continental institutions
- Has supported institutions with **over 700 million US dollars** across **48 countries** and **8 regional economic communities (RECs)** in Africa since **1991**





Types of Grants

ACBF supports capacity building programs and projects with three types of investments:

- Financing of full-fledged projects for capacity building interventions spanning 2-5 years (under **ACBF Strategy 2017-2021**)
- Seed capital as part of the facility for **Financing Innovative Capacity Development (FICAD)** interventions
- Financing events organized in partnership with ACBF



Projects and Programs Supported by ACBF

- **Continental/Regional Levels**
 - African Union Capacity Building Program (AUCAP II)
\$300,000 from 2015-2017
 - Capacity building for Mandela Institute for development (MINDS), \$300,000
 - National Institute for Legislative Studies Capacity Building Project (NILS-CAP) in ECOWAS countries, \$900,000
 - Enhancing capacity for parliamentary oversight, representation and law making in the SADC Region (SADC PF II) \$2 ,800, 000



Projects and Programs Supported by ACBF Cont.

- **West and Central Africa**

- The Capacity Building Program for Public Reforms in West African Economic and Monetary Union (PRMP-UEMOA)
- Capacity Building for the African Institutions of Science and Technology (ACBF-AIST)
- The Public Sector Management Training Program
- New Intersvarsity Postgraduate Program (NPTCI)



Projects and Programs Supported by ACBF Cont.

- **Eastern & Southern Africa**
 - Institute of Policy Analysis and Research Capacity Building Project (IPAR-CAP)
 - Multi-Sector Capacity Building Program Of Rwanda (MSCP-Rwanda)
 - Rwanda Private Sector Capacity Building Project (Rwanda PS)
 - Improving Financial Governance in Djibouti by Scaling up Audit and Control Function in the Public Sector (GFID)



CURRENT GRANTS AVAILABLE UNDER ACBF

1. The ACBF Strategy For 2017-2021

- The ACBF Strategy For 2017-2021 is a 5-year Strategic Plan that aims to promote the emergence of *Skilled People and Strong Institutions to Transform Africa*
- The strategy is also aimed at achieving progress towards the first 10 year implementation plan of Agenda 2063 and the global goals
- USD 250,000,000 funding available
- The strategy has four strategic pillars with five service lines



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1. The ACBF Strategy For 2017-2021 Cont.

Strategic pillars:

- Enabling effective delivery of continental development priorities;
- Supporting countries to achieve tangible development results;
- Enhancing non-state actors, private sector and civil society to contribute to sustainable development; and
- Leveraging knowledge and learning to increase development effectiveness



CURRENT GRANTS AVAILABLE UNDER ACBF

1. The ACBF Strategy For 2017-2021 Cont.

Service Lines

Service lines to deliver impact on strategic pillars are:

- Resource Mobilization Services;
- Capacity Development Advisory Services;
- Knowledge Services;
- Investment in Capacity Development Initiatives and Management
- Innovation in Capacity Development



CURRENT GRANTS AVAILABLE UNDER ACBF

2. Funding Innovative Capacity Building Initiatives (FICAD)

- The FICAD is a specialized initiative by ACBF that supports innovative ideas (catalytic projects) within a quick turn around period of 1 year
- In all, USD 500,000 is allocated for FICAD projects per year
- An eligible project has a ceiling of 100,000 USD
- The first call for proposals was launched in March 2016



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2. Funding Innovative Capacity Building Initiatives (FICAD) Cont.

- Beneficiary projects could be considered for full-fledged interventions
- Regional representation is taken into consideration and countries can only benefit once from the FICAD grant for a given year
- FICAD cannot be used to fund costs such as rent, utilities, salaries, vehicles and other capital equipment, nor to fill gaps in any existing project



Applying for Grants

- Call for proposals are launched for FICAD each year
- Application templates are downloadable from ACBF website at https://www.acbf-pact.org/sites/default/files/FICAD_CDM-APPLICATION-TEMPLATE-202%5b1%5d.pdf
- Applications for ACBF Strategy 2017-2021 are on rolling bases and templates can be accessed at <https://www.acbf-pact.org/sites/default/files/ACBF%20Project%20Document%20Template.pdf>



Applying for Grants Cont.

ACBF receives project and program proposals from;

- Continental/Regional institutions;
- Government ministries and departments;
- Private sector;
- Civil society organizations; and
- Higher Education Institutions



Applying for Grants Cont.

- To be eligible for ACBF support, project and program applications must be in line with ACBF's mandates and strategic priorities
- Eligible projects and programs go through a rigorous assessment process by a Project Review Committee within the Secretariat
- Final review and approval is made by the Executive Board



Submission of Grant Proposals

➤ Proposals should be sent to;

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Summary

- The ACBF is a specialized agency of the African Union
- Spearheads human and institutional capacity development on the continent through grants, technical support/advisory services and strategic partnerships
- Eligible institutions can apply for funding through the three current investment types
- Projects must align with ACBF's priority areas alongside continental/national development agenda to qualify



Conclusion

- ASRIC is eligible as a continental institution to apply for;
 - Seed funding for Innovative catalytic idea under FICAD
 - Financing full fledged projects (2-5years) under ACBF Strategy for 2017-2021

- The Council can also partner with ACBF to fund capacity building events by signing an MOU



Recommendations

- The Bureau requests the Resource Mobilization Committee and the Scientific and Innovation Committee with the support of the Secretariat to develop a funding proposal for the ACBF under the 'Financing of full-fledged projects for Capacity Building' that is aimed at the development of ASRIC flagship projects by supporting the Scientific Sub-Committee.



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