



MAKING MOVEMENT FOR DEVELOPMENT EASIER IN AFRICA - PRESENTING THE REVAMPED AfDB LAISSEZ-PASSER

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Overview of the Bank Group

The AfDB Group: three constituent institutions, separate legally and financially, with a common goal...



African Development Bank ("AfDB")

- Established in 1964
- 80 member countries (54 RMCs)
- Authorized capital: US\$ 97 billion
- Resources raised from capital markets
- 0% risk weighting under Basel II
- Level 1 under Basel III



African Development Fund ("ADF")

- Concessional financing, established in 1972
- Financed by 27 State participants and 4 regional donors
- Subscription: US\$ 39 billion
- Focus on low income countries
- Replenished every 3 years



Nigeria Trust Fund ("NTF")

- Established in 1976 by Nigeria
- Targeted at the Bank's needier countries
- Maturing in 2018
- Total resources: US\$ 242 million

Governance and Oversight

- Board of Governors:
 - Highest decision making body,
 - Composed of Ministers of Finance and Ministers of Cooperation of the Bank's member countries
- Board of Directors :
 - 20 Executive Directors elected by the Board of Governors
 - Oversees the general operations of the Bank
- Decisions by both Boards require two third majority or 70% should any member require so

...focused on combating poverty, and improving living conditions on the continent

At the Centre of Africa's Transformation

UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)



AfDB Ten Year Strategy 2013-2022

Operational priorities

Infrastructure Development

SDG

3 4 5 6 7 9 10

Regional Integration

SDG

6 9 16 17

Private Sector Development

SDG

5 8 17

Governance & Accountability

SDG

5 7 8 9 16

Skills & Technology

SDG

4 5 9 10 17

Areas of special emphasis

Fragile States

Agriculture & food security

Gender

AfDB 'High 5' priority areas

Light up & power Africa

SDG

3 4 5 7 9

Feed Africa

SDG

2 5

Industrialize Africa

SDG

5 7 8 9

Integrate Africa

SDG

6 9 17

Improve the quality of life for the people of Africa

SDG

3 4 5 6 8 10 11

✓ Agenda 2063 of the African Union: "The Africa We Want"

High 5's – Scaling up implementation of the Ten Year Strategy



Light up and power Africa

Unlock the continent's energy potential in order to drive much-needed industrialization



Improve the quality of life for the people of Africa

Develop innovative flagship programs to open up opportunities for youth employment, improve access to basic services and create economic opportunities for the extreme poor



Feed Africa

Transform agriculture to increase productivity, lower food prices, enhance food security, revive rural areas and create jobs for Africans



Industrialize Africa

Lead other partners in the process of industrializing Africa and developing the private sector to create wealth from natural assets



Integrate Africa

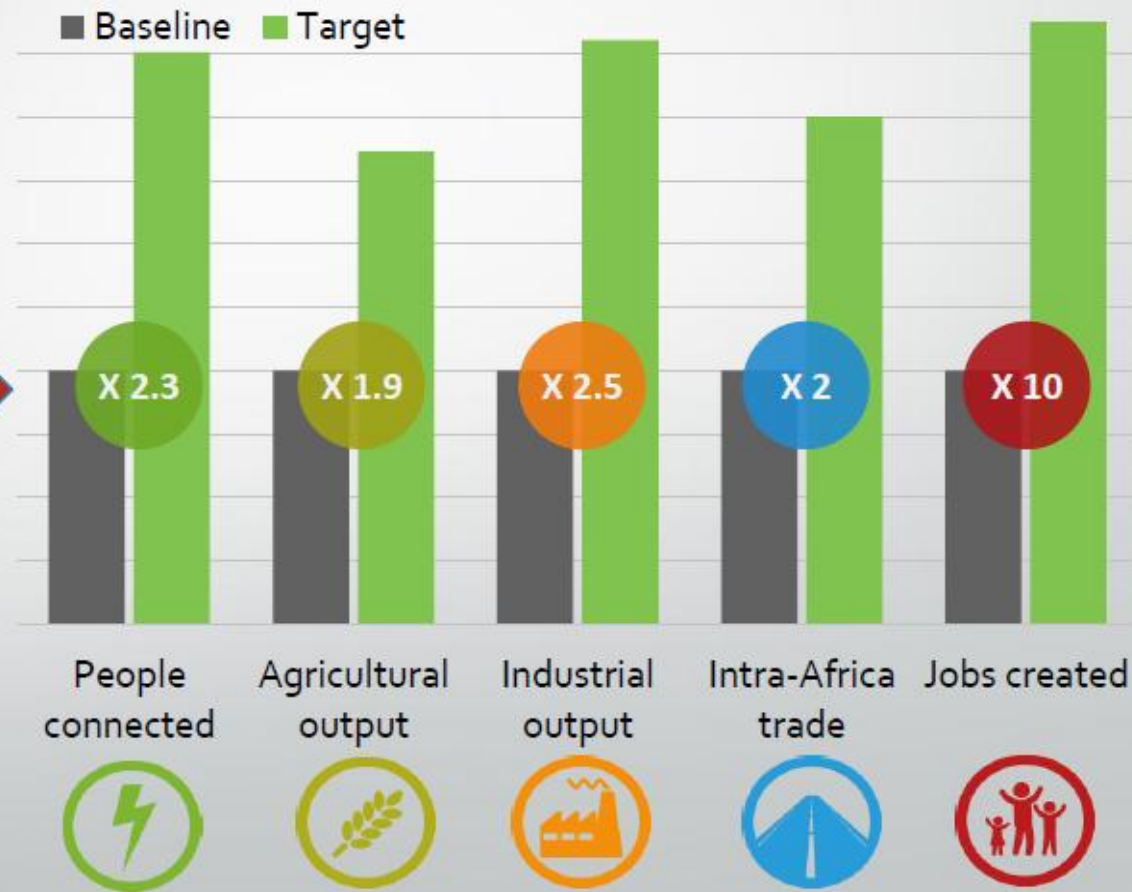
Address barriers, create regional value chains and leverage complementarities in order to tap the continent's huge market potential

Scaling up the Bank's Capacity to Deliver

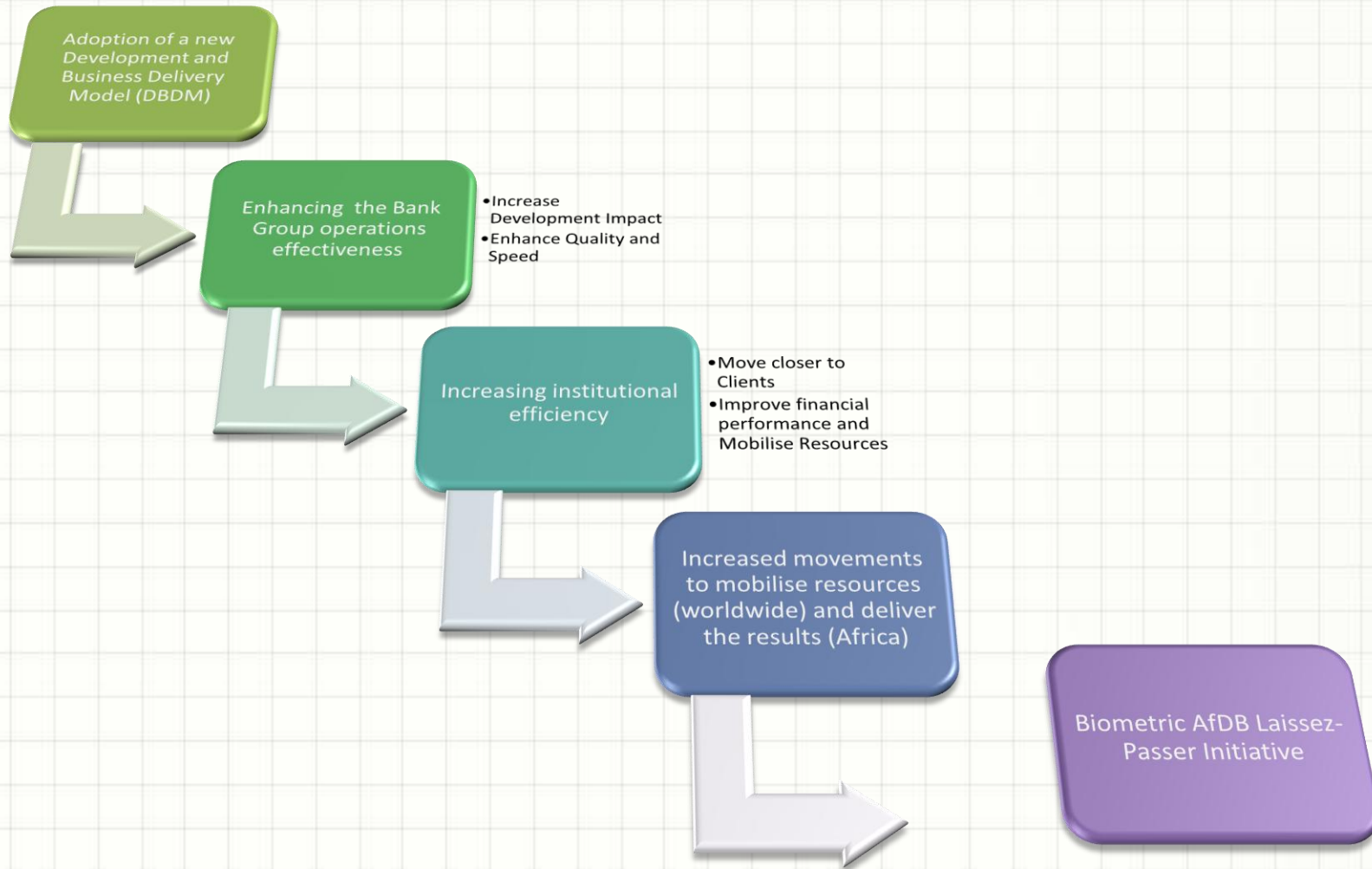
The High 5s



Ambitious Targets to Transform Africa by 2025



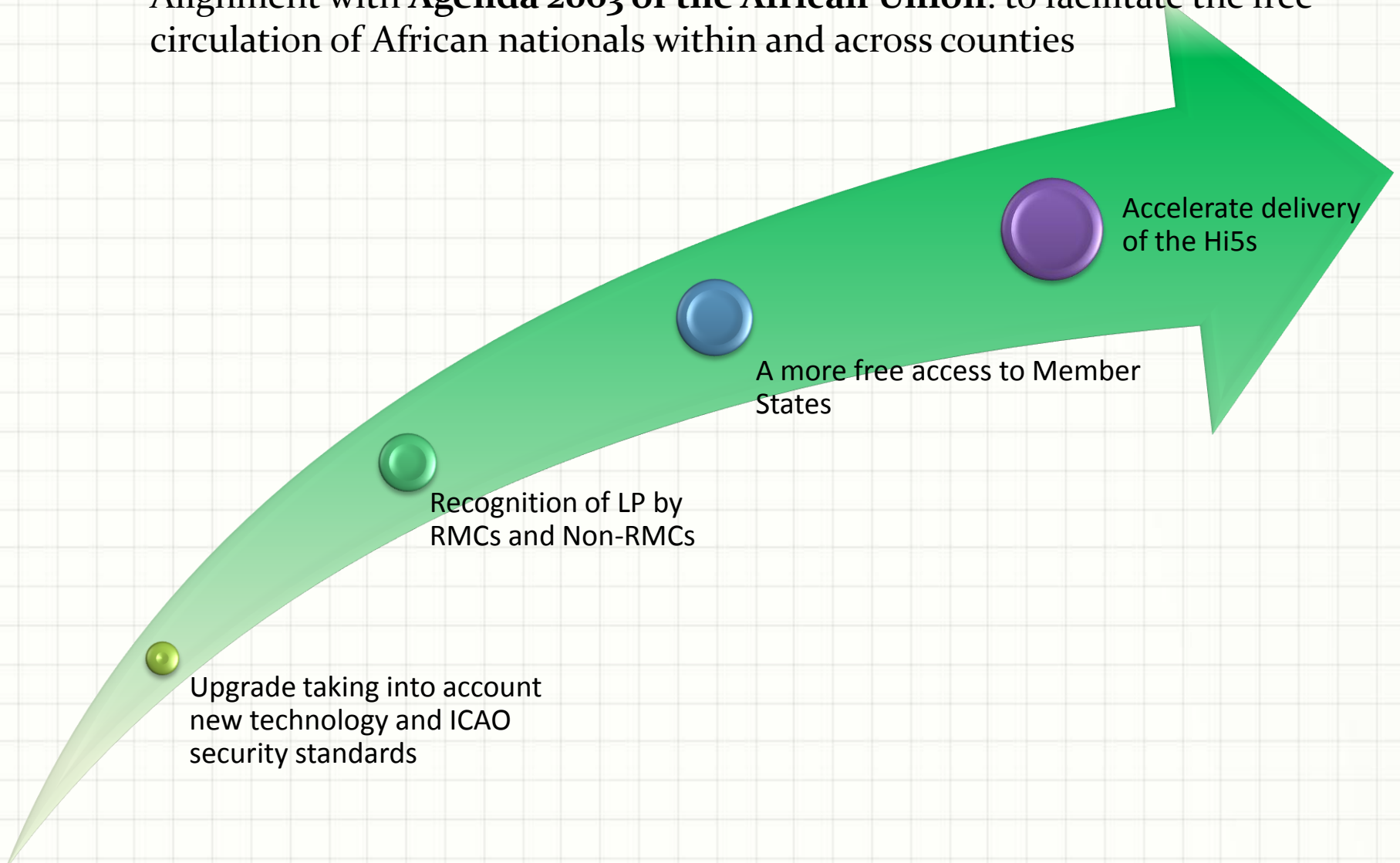
Institutional Transformation and Cross-Cutting Strategic Areas



Biometric Laissez-Passer Initiative

IMPACT OF THE LP UPGRADE ON THE BANK'S DELIVERY

Alignment with **Agenda 2063 of the African Union**: to facilitate the free circulation of African nationals within and across counties





Status of LP visa waivers

REGIONAL MEMBER COUNTRIES THAT DO NOT REQUIRE VISAS ON THE LAISSEZ-PASSER BEFORE ENTRY

N°	COUNTRY	COMMENTS	N°	COUNTRY	COMMENTS
1-	Benin		23-	Malawi	
2-	Burkina Faso		24-	Mali	
3-	Burundi		25-	Mauritius	
4-	Cameroon		26-	Morocco	
5-	Cabo Verde		27-	Mozambique	
6-	Central African Republic		28-	Niger	
7-	Chad		29-	Uganda	
8-	Comoros		30-	Rwanda	
9-	Congo		31-	Sao Tome and Principe	
10-	Côte d'Ivoire		32-	Senegal	
11-	Democratic Republic of Congo		33-	Seychelles	
12-	Djibouti		34-	Sierra Leone	
13-	Eritrea		35-	Somalia	
14-	Ethiopia		36-	Swaziland	
15-	Gabon		37-	Tanzania	
16-	Ghana		38-	The Gambia	
17-	Guinea Conakry		39-	Togo	
18-	Guinea-Bissau		40-	Tunisia	
19-	Kenya		41-	Zambia	
20-	Lesotho		42-	Zimbabwe	
21-	Liberia				
22-	Madagascar				



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REGIONAL MEMBER COUNTRIES THAT REQUIRE VISAS ON THE LAISSEZ-PASSER BEFORE ENTRY

N°	COUNTRY	COMMENTS
1-	Algeria	
2-	Angola	
3-	Botswana	
4-	Egypt	Recent change in policy notified to the Bank in October 2016. Bank responded with Note Verbale reiterating the provisions of the Host Country Agreement.
5-	Equatorial Guinea	
6-	Libya	
7-	Mauritania	
8-	Namibia	
9-	Nigeria	
10-	Sudan	
11-	South Africa	Negotiations on visa waivers are ongoing
12-	South Sudan	

❖ Non-regional member countries do not accept the current AfDB LP as a valid travel document



Expected Outcomes



The new Laissez-Passer will ensure:

- More travel security;
- Quicker Access to Member States;
- Acceptability by Governments, leading to easier travel and transit at airports.

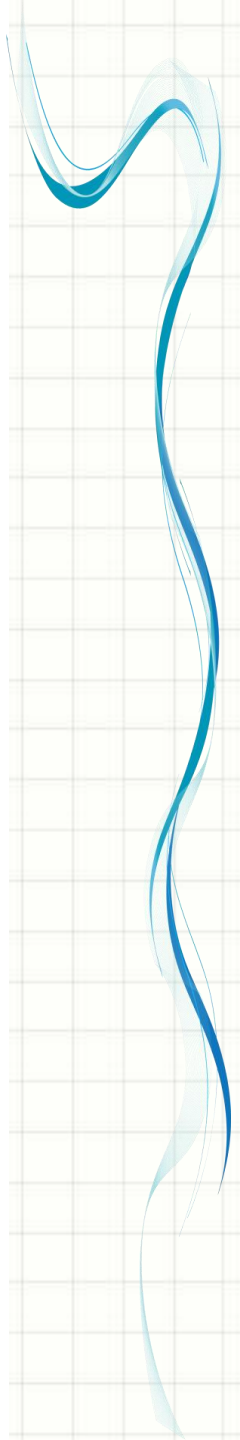


The biometric Laissez-Passer will:

- give greater standing to the Bank;
- enhance its profile;
- permit member countries to approve visa waivers for AfDB Laissez-Passer holders;
- Facilitate travel to and through member countries.



CHALLENGES

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- Persuading all member countries to recognize the new biometric LP as a valid travel document.
 - Obtaining visa waivers for holders of the AfDB biometric LP when traveling on official business.

New LP Security Features

1

- Micro chip embedded in cover page containing biographic information (photo, fingerprints, digital signature, nationality, name, etc.)

2

- Random watermarks, microprint including deliberate error.
- AfDB logo and photo of HQ building in background layers. AfDB and BAD randomly displayed on pages.

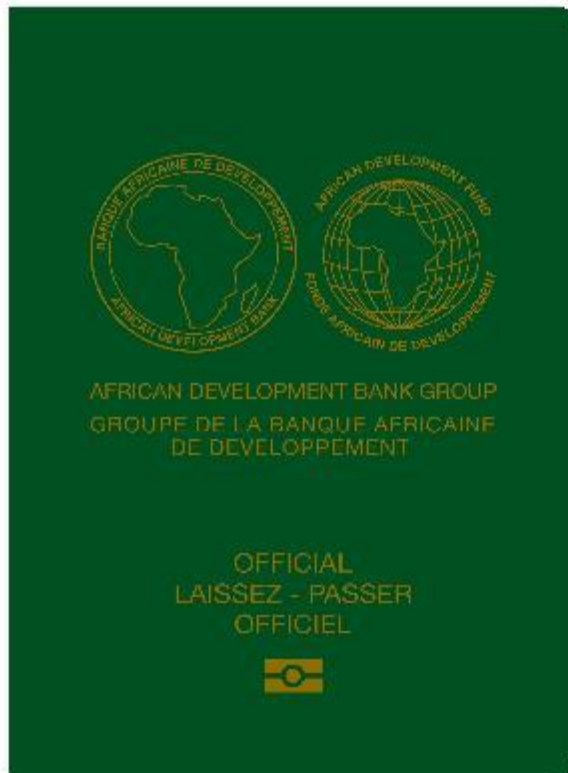
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- UV characters on paper and heat-sealable high security laminate. In daylight, colors of AfDB logo change depending on angle of view.
- UV reactive thread from top to bottom

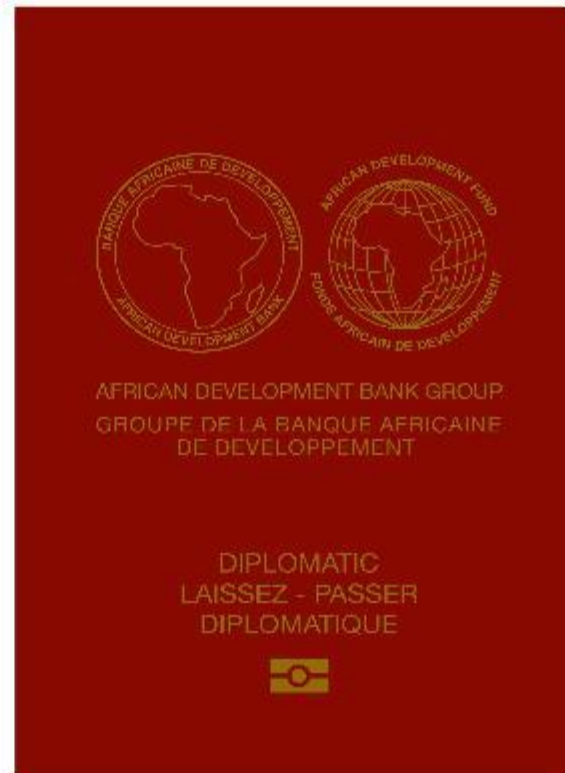
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- Numbering: conical laser perforation of LP number on every page starting on page 3 to back cover.
- UV reactive thread from top to bottom

Cover (official and diplomatic)



COVER
Laissez-Passer



COVER
Diplomatic Laissez-Passer

Visible colours – inside pages 1 & 48 - official



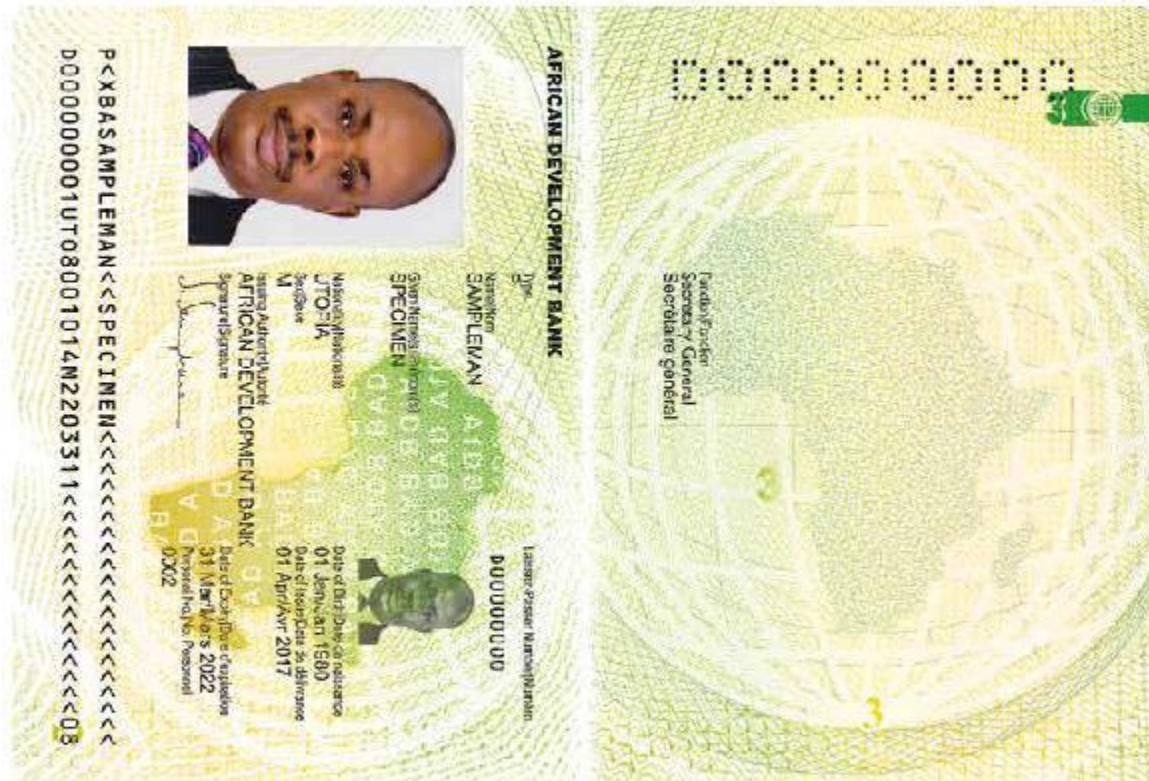
Pages 48 / 01, Official
Visible colours

Visible colours – inside pages 1 & 48 - diplomatic



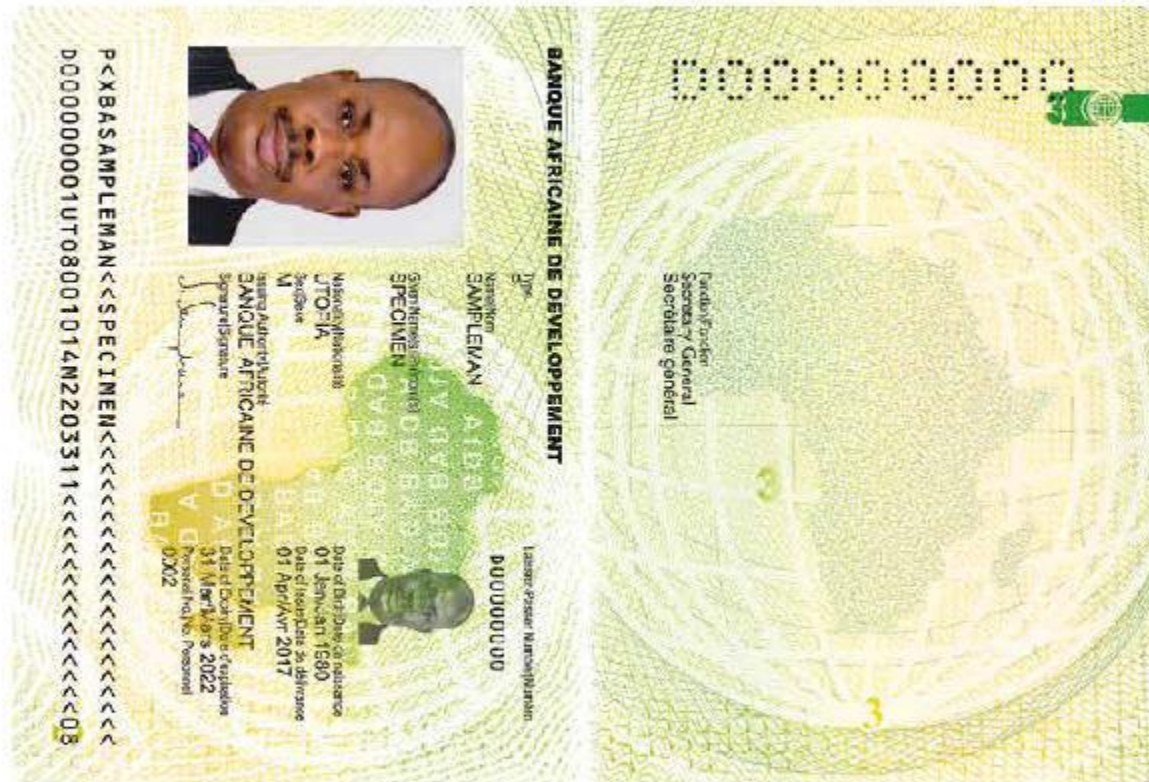
Pages 48 / 01, Diplomatic
Visible colours

Data page (biometric) - EN



Data Page 02 / Visa Page 03
Visible colours, laserperforation, Specimen personalization english, AR A

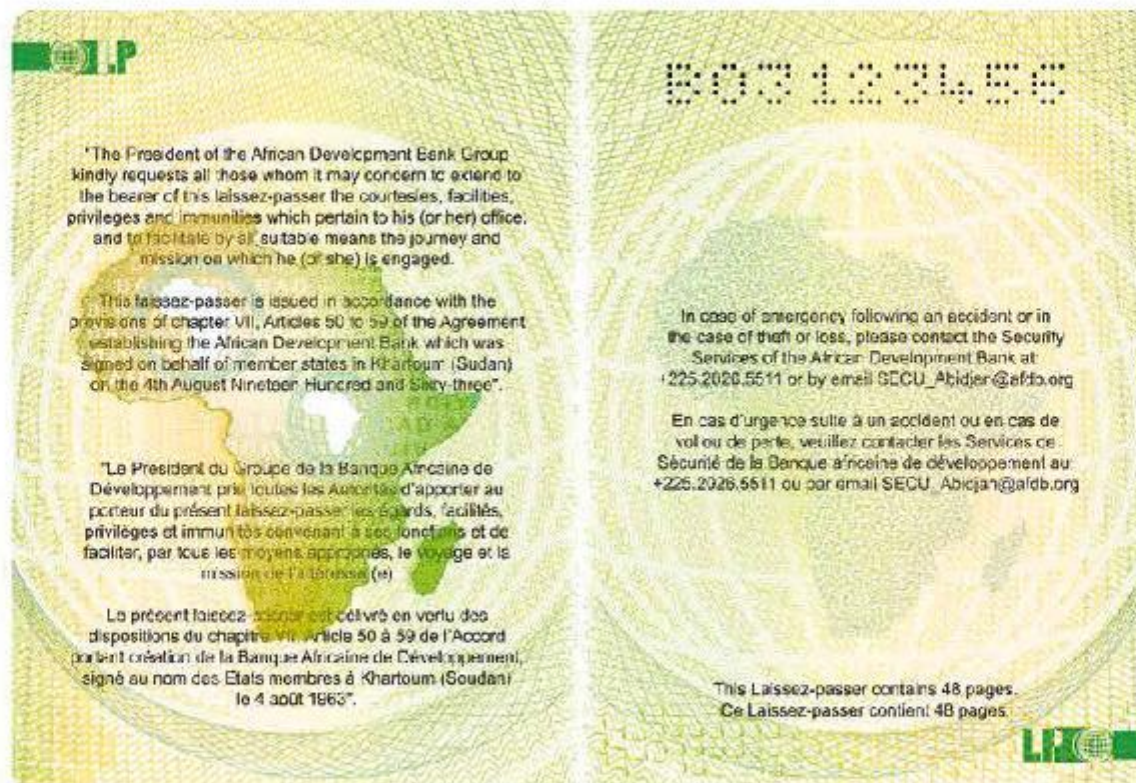
Data page (biometric) - FR



Data Page 02 / Visa Page 03

Visible colours, laser perforation, Specimen personalization French, ARIAL

Front end / Back end

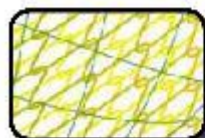


Front end page / Back end page
Via the colours, laser perforation

Specific Security Features - visible



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Multicolor guilloches

Multicolor guilloches



Complex security pattern

Complex security pattern



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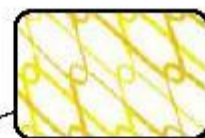
SCREEN®:
well design elements, arranged randomly, are blurred to create a grayscale image

Graphical Design-Prototyping GmbH

Classification: confidential



MDrop®:
Microtext of changing size
Microtext of changing size



Line with modulation:
lines of changing width

Line with modulation:
lines of changing width



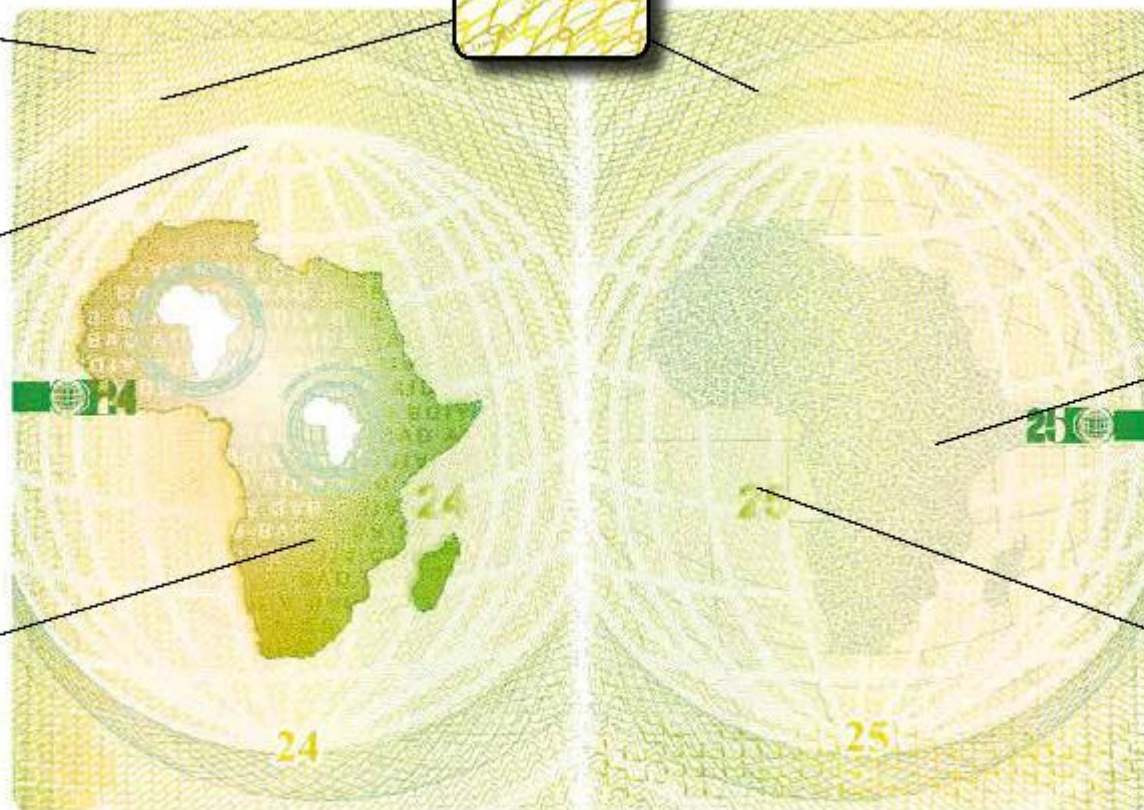
DROP IN99
small symbols and letters are dropped within a well defined grid randomly

DROP IN®:
small symbols and letters within a well defined grid randomly



Line with modulation in combination with a granscreen

Line with modulation in combination with a granscreen



Visa Page 24 / Visa Page 25
Visible colours

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Specific Security Features – UV



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UV simulation



Conclusion

- The Bank plays a critical role in the social and economic development of Africa.
- The need for officials of the Institution to freely travel to and from African countries in order to ensure the Bank fully achieves its mandate, notably through the implementation of its transformation Agenda via the Hi5s: ***Feed Africa, Light up and power Africa, Integrate Africa, Industrialize Africa*** and ***Improve the lives of people in Africa***.
- Support of all AfDB member countries necessary to implement this transformation Agenda.
- Adding the AfDB LP on national visa waiver lists.
- ***ID4Africa members can play a vital role in advocating for the recognition of the biometric AfDB Laissez-Passer by Governments.***



THANK YOU!