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

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.

**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.

**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.
Scaling up the Bank’s Capacity to Deliver

The High 5s

- Light up & power Africa
- Feed Africa
- Industrialise Africa
- Integrate Africa
- Improve the quality of life for the people of Africa

Ambitious Targets to Transform Africa by 2025

- People connected: Baseline X2.3, Target X1.9
- Agricultural output: Baseline, Target X2.5
- Industrial output: Baseline, Target X2
- Intra-Africa trade: Baseline, Target X10
- Jobs created: Baseline, Target X10
Institutional Transformation and Cross-Cutting Strategic Areas

- Adoption of a new Development and Business Delivery Model (DBDM)
- Enhancing the Bank Group operations effectiveness
  - Increase Development Impact
  - Enhance Quality and Speed
- Increasing institutional efficiency
  - Move closer to Clients
  - Improve financial performance and Mobilise Resources
- Increased movements to mobilise resources (worldwide) and deliver the results (Africa)
- Biometric AfDB Laissez-Passer Initiative
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**

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- 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

- 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.

3. 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

4. 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)
Data page (biometric) - EN
"The President of the African Development Bank Group kindly requests all those whom it may concern to extend to the bearer of this laissez-passer the courtesies, facilities, privileges and immunities which pertain to his (or her) official and his (or her) mission on which he (or she) is engaged.

This laissez-passer is issued in accordance with the provisions of chapter VII, Articles 56 to 59 of the Agreement establishing the African Development Bank which was signed on behalf of member states in Khartoum (Sudan) on the 4th August Nineteen Hundred and Sixty-three."

"Le President du Groupe de la Banque Africaine de Développement prête toutes les Autorités d'apporter au porteur du présent laissez-passer les courtes, facilités, privilèges et immunités réservées à ses fonctionnaires et de faciliter, par tous les moyens appropriés, le voyage et la mission de l'athlète (m)"

Le présent laissez-passer est établi en vertu des dispositions du chapitre VII, Articles 56 à 59 de l'Accord portant création de la Banque Africaine de Développement, signé du nom des États membres à Khartoum (Soudan) le 4 août 1963."

In case of emergency following an accident or in the case of theft or loss, please contact the Security Services of the African Development Bank at:
+226.202.55.11 or by email SECU_Aboja@afdb.org

En cas d'urgence suite à un accident ou en cas de vol ou de perte, veuillez contacter les Services de Sécurité de la Banque africaine de développement au
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This Laissez-passer contains 48 pages.
Ce Laissez-passer contient 48 pages.
Specific Security Features - visible

- Multicolor guilloches
- Complex security pattern

**MDrop**: Microtext of changing size

- Lines with modulation: lines of changing width
- Microtext modulation

- SCREEN®: Well design elements, arranged randomly, are blurred to create a grayscale image
- Dropout®: Microtext of changing size
- DROP IN®: Small symbols and letters within a well defined grid randomly
- Line with modulation in combination with a granit screen

Classification: confidential
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!