



## Ninth African Development Forum

Innovative Financing  
for Africa's  
Transformation

### OVERARCHING OBJECTIVES

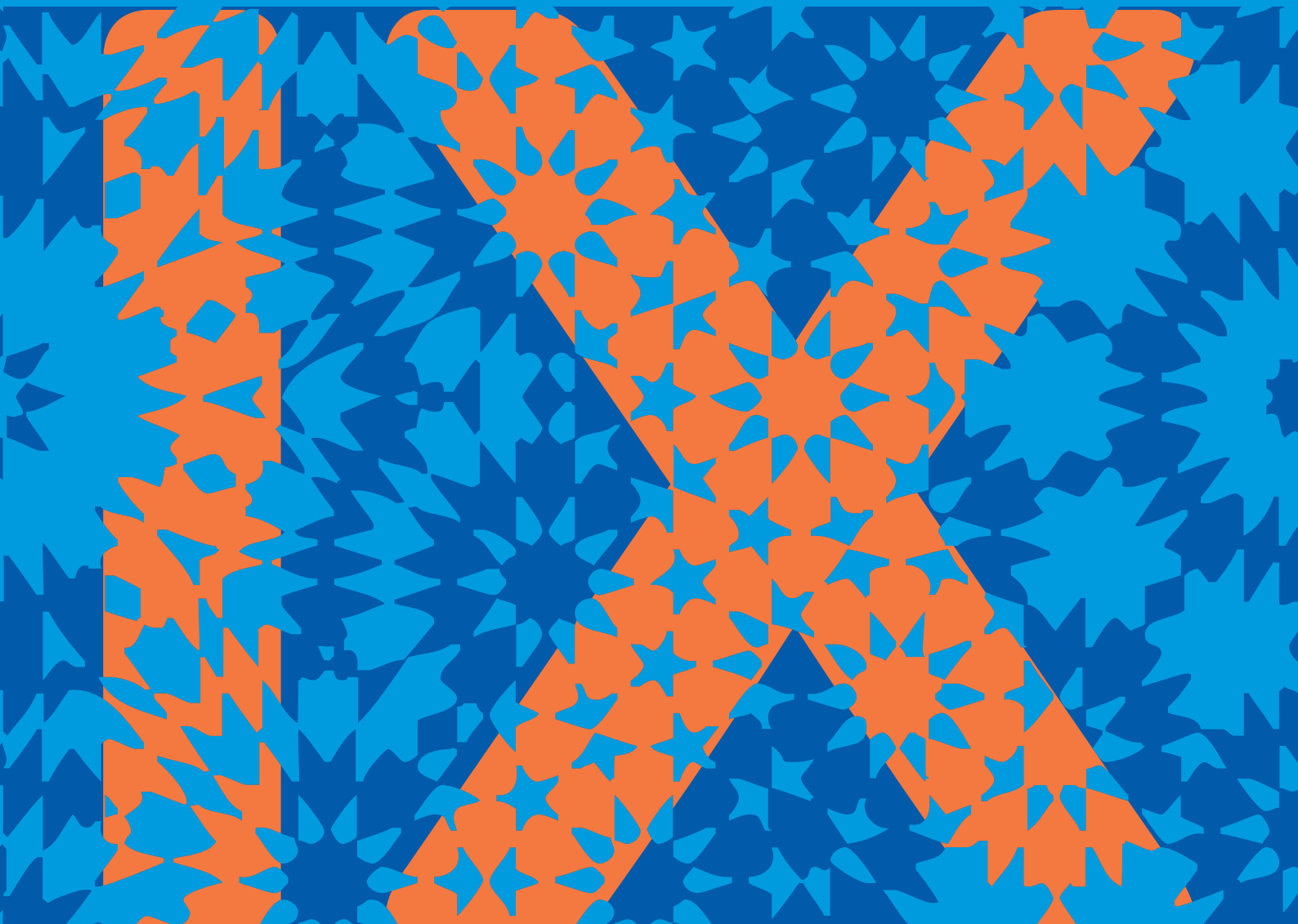
Promote and develop sustainable financing models and mechanisms to fast-track development and economic transformation in Africa.

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Policy options and strategies for mobilising domestic resources by strengthening frameworks and new partnerships for Africa's development

# Overview

12 - 16 October 2014  
Marrakech, Morocco



# Objectives of the forum

The African Development Forum is the flagship biennial event of the Economic Commission for Africa designed to offer a multi-stakeholder platform for discussing and initiating concrete strategies for Africa's development.

The Ninth African Development Forum aims at enhancing Africa's capacity to develop innovative financing mechanisms.

**The theme of the ADF IX is "Innovative financing for Africa's transformation".** This year's programme is geared towards delivering clear outcomes and new ideas. The Forum will offer a platform for prominent African stakeholders to participate in in-depth discussions across five thematic areas:

## Themes



### Domestic Resource Mobilization

The African continent has large pools of capital which are not used optimally. Domestic resource mobilisation can play a pivotal role in financing the post-2015 sustainable development agenda. Participants will:

- Share and discuss views on traditional and innovative strategies to broaden the national tax base and make better use of capital in order to drive transformative growth in Africa;
- Formulate concrete solutions to address regulatory and institutional issues affecting Africa's domestic resource mobilisation.

### Illicit Financial Flows Africa's annual

average loss due to illicit financial flows over the past decade is estimated at \$50 billion. This issue seriously undermines Africa's structural transformation efforts. The ADF IX will:

- Shed light on the mismanagement and misunderstanding of illicit financial flows and offer alternatives to curb these flows to support the financing of the continent;
- Identify priority actions and mechanisms for better and transparent harnessing of natural resource revenue for development.

### Private Equity

Although foreign direct investment inflows have been rising, the continent still attracts only a small share of global equity funds, which are concentrated in a few countries and sectors. Speakers will:

- Discuss private equity as a model to fasttrack investment in Africa and explore what the public sector can do to translate these investments into equitable growth and job creation;
- Explore the role that pension funds, sovereign wealth funds and investors can play – as well as the opportunities that they can tap into – in Africa's capital markets and key growth areas.

### New forms of partnership

Africa's development challenges and the emergence of new global actors impose a refreshed approach to partnerships and development finance. The ADF IX will:

- Explore mutually-beneficial partnership models to go beyond the donorrecipient dichotomy, with a view to shifting the development finance paradigm from aid towards investment;
- Identify new potential partners, as well as strengthening existing partnerships, with a particular focus on the role of the private sector and South-South cooperation.

### Climate Financing

Predictions show that climate change in Africa will adversely affect key economic sectors, such as agriculture, water, energy and health. Participants will:

- Discuss ways to respond to climate change and finance challenges in Africa;
- Identify new mechanisms for fasttracking access to funding in order to build resilience to climate change, capitalising on innovative domestic climate finance opportunities.

# FAQs



## Who will attend?

Heads of State, Ministers, and  
Senior Government Officials  
Private Sector Leaders  
Financiers  
Entrepreneurs  
Academics  
Scholars  
Africa Experts  
Civil Society Representatives

## Where will the Forum be held?

The Ninth African Development Forum (ADF IX) will be held at the Palmeraie Palace Hotel, Marrakech, Morocco, approximately 25 minutes from Menara International Airport.

## When is the Forum?

The opening of ADF-IX side events will commence Sunday 12 October, 2014 from 9.00 a.m. There will be an ADF exhibition running from Monday 13 to Thursday 16 October 2014.

The Opening Ceremony for the Forum will be held on Monday 13 October 2014, from 17.00 – 18.00 hrs. Kindly refer to the Draft Program of Work above for details of plenary and breakout sessions. The Forum's Closing Ceremony will be held, Thursday 16 October, 16.30-17.00 hrs. Working languages of the Forum  
All plenary and breakout sessions will be simultaneously translated between English, French and Arabic.

## Travel to the Forum

Our logistics teams at UNECA, [www.uneca.org](http://www.uneca.org) and ADF9 Team [r.rock@adf9.org](mailto:r.rock@adf9.org) will be available to assist you with any logistics arrangements.

## Where do I find additional information?

Additional information and documents for the Forum can be accessed from **UNECA** and **ADF**

## Where will I stay?

As well as other hotels in Marrakech, participants can stay at the venue, Palmeraie Golf Palace Hotel.

This 5-star hotel surrounded by landscaped gardens and swimming pools is a fine example of Moroccan architecture. Alternative accommodation, all of which are within 30 minutes of the venue of the Forum is available. Non-sponsored participants are kindly requested to contact the hotels themselves for accommodation. Below is a list of some recommended hotels.

**Kenzi Farah**  
**Kenzi Menara**  
**Le Meridien**  
**Palmeraie Golf Palace Hotel**  
**Palmeraie Palace**  
**Hotel Du Golf**

## How do I Register?

ADF (IX) is an invitation only event with no registration fee. Registration can be made online by clicking here. Onsite registration for ADF and pre-ADF activities will take place from 8.00 a.m. Sunday 12 October 2014. Please note all applications are subject to approval.

## Do I need a Visa?

Nationals of countries indicated in the link below do not require visas.

[Click here for travel advice](#)

Participants with nationality not included in the link above are requested to obtain a visa from the Moroccan diplomatic missions that serve their country of embarkation. A letter to expedite visa issue can be obtained by contacting the ADF9 Logistics team at [r.rock@adf9.org](mailto:r.rock@adf9.org). Participants must ensure they are in possession of a full passport valid for a minimum period of six months from the date of entry into Morocco.

## Do I require any vaccinations?

Participants should ensure routine vaccinations are up to date. It is recommended that you be vaccinated against Hepatitis A, Typhoid and Rabies.

In accordance with WHO directives, the Ministry of Health, Morocco, will require all participants to undergo screening for the Ebola virus upon arrival at the airports.

# Schedule



## Pre-Event: Sunday 12th Oct

Registration for ADF and pre-ADF activities  
Opening of ADF-IX side events

## Pre-Event: Monday 13th Oct

Exhibition (Full day)  
Meetings/workshops  
A new paradigm in health financing: the importance of national funding [Global Funds and African Partners]

### Opening Ceremony African Development Forum IX

## Day 1

### Tuesday 14th Oct

Exhibition All Day  
Keynote Address

**Plenary Session 1**  
Private Equity (PE)  
Private Equity Markets in Africa

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#### Parallel Sessions: Private Equity

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Keynote Address

**Plenary Session 2**  
Domestic Resource Mobilisation (DRM)  
Challenges and Opportunities

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#### Parallel Sessions: Domestic Resource Mobilisation

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## Day 2

### Wednesday 15th Oct

Exhibition All Day  
Keynote Address

**Plenary Session 3**  
Illicit Financial Flows (IFF)  
An African Problem with a Global Solution

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Keynote Address

**Plenary Session 4**  
New Forms of Partnership (NFoP)  
Renewed Partnerships for Africa's Development in a Multipolar World

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Keynote Address

**Plenary Session 5**  
Climate Financing for Africa (CFfA)  
Innovative Mechanisms to Fast-track Climate Financing

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#### Parallel Sessions: Private Equity

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## Day 3

### Thursday 16th Oct

Exhibition All Day

**Plenary Session 6**  
Review of the Discussions, Policy Suggestions and Proposed Actions Emanating from Breakout Sessions

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Launch of the 2014 edition of the Mutual Review of Development Effectiveness in Africa (MRDE)

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Closing Session

**Plenary Session 7**  
Open-ended Discussion on the Draft Consensus Statement

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CLOSING CEREMONY