

Shaping The Future:

Financial Markets & Infrastructures as Catalysts for Transforming Economies

Agenda for Wednesday, 23 April 2025

10:00 – 18:00	Delegates Registration.
10:00 – 13:30	AMEDA's 3 rd Board Meeting.
13:30 – 14:45	Conference Closing Gong Ceremony (Strictly by Invitation).
15:00 – 17:00	Tour to JK Randle.
17:30 – 20:00	Welcome Cocktail Reception.

Agenda for Thursday, 24 April 2025

08:00 – 09:00	Registration & Coffee.
09:00 – 09:40	<p>Welcome Address.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Abdulla Jaffar Abdin – Chairman, AMEDA. Mr. Haruna Jalo- Waziri - Vice Chairman, AMEDA. Mr. Temi Popoola- Chairman, CSCS, GMD/CEO, NGX Group Plc. Dr. Emomotimi Agama - DG, Securities and Exchange Commission.
09:45 – 10:00	<p>Welcome and Goodwill Address.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> His Excellency, Mr. Babajide Sanwo- Olu - Executive Governor, Lagos State.
10:05 – 10:20	<p>Conference Keynote Address.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> His Excellency, Kashim Shettima (GCON) - Vice President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.
10:25 – 11:00	<p>Keynote: "Africa & the Middle East: Repositioning in a Rapidly Evolving Global Economy".</p> <p>Speaker: Aigboje Aig-Imoukhuede, CFR – Chairman, Coronation Group Limited Chairman, Access Holdings Plc.</p>
11:00– 11:35	Coffee Break.
11:35 -12:15	<p>Panel Discussion: "Capital Markets as Engines of Economic Transformation".</p> <p><i>Discussion Guide:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The role of capital markets in transforming economies. Expanding access to capital markets for SMEs and Startups. Innovations in Private Markets Ecosystems. Developing regional capital markets to drive local economic growth. Innovations in green bonds, social bonds, and other sustainable instruments. <p>Moderator: Damilola Aloba – Partner, Transaction Advisory Services, EY.</p> <p>Panelist:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Ekrem Arikan- CEO and Board Member of Merkezi Kayıt İstanbul (MKK). • Mr. Temi Popoola – Chairman, CSCS, GCEO, NGX Group Plc. • Mr. Bola Ajomale -Executive Commissioner (Operations) Securities & Exchange Commission. • Ms. Yanmo Omorogbe – Co-founder/COO, Bamboo. • Mr. Miguel Espinoza- Head Capital Markets, Montran.
12:15- 12:35	<p>Presentation: “Transforming Economies through Financial Markets & Infrastructures”.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The pivotal role of financial markets in economic transformation. ▪ Real-world examples of how FMIs drive growth in emerging and developed markets. ▪ Vision for the next decade: How FMIs can address global challenges. <p>Speaker: Mr. John Uwajumogu – Special Adviser to the President on Trade, Industry and Investment.</p>
12:35 – 12:45	Address from AMEDA.
12:45 – 12:55	Sponsor Address.
13:00 – 14:00	Buffet Lunch.
14:00-14:15	Partner Address.
14:15 - 14:55	<p>Panel Discussion: “Africa & Middle East Vision 2030: Shaping Tomorrow’s Financial Markets for Inclusive and Sustainable Growth”.</p> <p><i>Discussion Guide:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The future of Africa-Middle East economic partnerships. ▪ Aligning national visions like Saudi Vision 2030 and Agenda 2063. ▪ Discussion on long-term strategies for innovation and resilience. ▪ Inclusive growth strategies involving women, youth, and SMEs. ▪ Role of private-public partnerships in market transformation. ▪ Engaging stakeholders to build trust and transparency in financial systems. ▪ Audience Q&A to gather diverse perspectives on the path forward. <p>Moderator: Ladi Williams – Channels TV Anchor.</p> <p>Panelist:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Bolaji Balogun – CEO, Chapel Hill Denham. • Dr. Folarin Alayande –Member, Board of Directors GLEIF. • Mr. Abdulla Jaffar Abdin- Chairman, AMEDA & CEO, Bahrain Clear Company. • Mr. Samalia Zubairu- President, African Finance Corporation. • Ms. Hanan Alshehri - CEO, EDAA, Saudi Arabia.
14:55 – 15:15	<p>Presentation: “Innovation in Financial Market Infrastructures: A Game-Changer for Growth”.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Blockchain and distributed ledger technology for clearing and settlement systems. The rise of digital assets and tokenized securities. Cloud computing and AI for operational efficiency. Private Markets on the Rise! <p><i>Case Study: Real World Applications of new technologies in Financial Infrastructures.</i></p> <p>Speaker: Ms. Nandini Sukumar – CEO World Federation of Exchanges (WFE).</p>
15:15 – 15:55	<p>Panel Discussion : "Driving Financial Inclusion through Digital Transformation".</p> <p><i>Discussion Guide:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leveraging mobile money platforms to increase market participation. Tokenization as a tool to democratize investments. Closing the digital divide to include underserved regions in Africa & Middle East financial markets. <p>Moderator: Professor Olayinka David-West - Dean, Lagos Business School.</p> <p>Panelist:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Adaora Umeoji, OON – GMD/CEO Zenith Bank Plc. Mr. Karl Toriola - CEO, MTN Nigeria. Mr. Premier Oiwoh - MD/CEO, NIBSS. Dr. Ajibola Asolo – Partner, Aluko Oyeboode & Partners.
15:55- 16:10	Address by GLEIF
16:10 – 16:20	Sponsors Address
16:20 – 16:30	Day One Closing Remarks – Mr. Haruna Jalo-Waziri- Vice Chairman, AMEDA.
17:00 – 18:00	<p>AMEDA Closed Session (members only).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Related Issues.
19:00 – 21:00	Dinner (By Invitation)
Agenda for Friday, 25 April 2025	
09:00 – 09:15	Opening Address and Recap of Day One – IK Osakioduwa.
09:15 – 09:55	<p>Panel Discussion: "Resilience in Financial Markets: Preparing for Global Disruptions"</p> <p><i>Discussion Guide:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How do we ensure stability in adopting innovative technologies? What frameworks are necessary to assess systemic risks in digital FMIs? How can public and private sectors collaborate to build resilient infrastructures? Cybersecurity in FMIs: Trends, risks, and prevention. Building operational resilience to withstand systemic shocks.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lessons learned from recent crises (e.g., pandemic, geopolitical instability). <p>Moderator: Dr. Benson Uwheru, FCIB – Group Executive & COO Parthian Partners.</p> <p>Panelist:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kyari Abba Bukar- Chairman, Sunu Assurances Nigeria Plc. Jim Micklethwaite - MD, Financial Markets, Thomas Murray. Dr. Bala M. Bello - Deputy Governor, Operations Directorate, CBN Stuart Turner – Founder/Chairman, Avenir Technology. Beverly Furman – Head of Operations & Change STRATE, South Africa.
09:55- 10:05	Sponsor Address.
10:05 – 10 :45	<p>Panel Discussion: “The Future of Decentralized Finance and Market Infrastructures”.</p> <p><i>Discussion Guide:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exploring the potential and challenges of decentralized finance (DeFi) in traditional markets. Integrating DeFi principles into FMI operations. <p>Moderator: Tolu Thompson – Presenter, Accelerate TV.</p> <p>Panelist:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jesse Kagoma- CEO, CDSC Kenya. Ayodele Onawunmi – Managing Director, FMDQ Clear Limited. Colin Parry - CEO, International Securities Services Association (ISSA). Barnaby Nelson - CEO, The Value Exchange
10:45 – 11:15	Coffee Break.
11:15 – 11:25	Sponsor Address Slot.
11:25-12:05	<p>Panel Discussion: "The Future of Cross-Border Payments and Settlements".</p> <p><i>Discussion Guide:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Digital currencies (CBDCs and stablecoins) and their impact on cross-border transactions. Harmonizing global payment standards for faster, cheaper, and more secure transactions. <p>Moderator: Joanna Mustapha - Senior Business Correspondent, News Central Television.</p> <p>Panelist:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Andrew Uaboi- Vice President & Head, West Africa Cluster at Visa. Kari Tukur – Regional Vice President, Customer Solutions Mastercard. Solomon Osuoza - Regional Country Director (Western Africa), SWIFT Oliver Alawuba – GMD/CEO UBA Group

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12:05 – 12:30	Day Two and Conference Closing Remarks. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Abdulla Jaffar Abdin – Chairman, AMEDA. • Haruna Jalo-Waziri – Vice-Chairman, AMEDA.
12:30 – 13:30	Buffet Lunch.
19:00 – 22:00	Gala Dinner (Strictly by invitation).