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"People don't resist change. They resist being changed."

Peter Senge

1-MINUTE TOOL

The "3W Card"

Understanding Bank Group Additional Financing Policy

Use this tool to assess whether a project qualifies for Additional Financing (AF) under the Bank Group's policy.

Who is eligible?
Well-performing sovereign projects that are assessed as satisfactory in recent implementation progress reports (IPRs).

What qualifies?
Projects needing resources for cost overruns, financing gaps, scaling up, or emergency-related modifications.

When is it appropriate?
When AF is a better alternative than initiating a new operation, and the AF aligns with strategic priorities.

Download the policy from here

MISSED THE KNOWLEDGE EVENTS AT THE ANNUAL MEETINGS?

Catch Up Here!

Explore all the cutting-edge publications and insights shared during the 2025 Annual Meetings from here:

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The Bank launches the first-ever Public Sector Delivery Index (PSDI) at its 2025 Annual Meetings - spotlighting performance, accountability, and impact.

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All eyes on Africa's future – Participants gather for the high-profile launch of the 2025 African Economic Outlook at the Bank's Annual Meetings in May.

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Presentation of key findings from the 2025 African Economic Outlook at the AfDB Annual Meetings — charting Africa's future and spotlighting its growth potential.



Shaping Africa's Global Voice – The G-20 Africa Expert Panel meets at the 2025 AfDB Annual Meetings to align priorities and explore innovative solutions for Africa's development in a shifting global landscape.

Watch the highlights of the AEO 2025 launch event:

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Watch the Keynote Speech by the Chief Economist and Vice-President:

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African Economic Outlook 2025 resources

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ENGAGING THE WORLD FOR AFRICA



Igniting Ideas for Africa's Future – The African Development Institute delivers a powerful presentation on strengthening resilience and driving continuous skill-building and capacity enhancement at the Seoul National University Asia Center (SNUAC).



A glimpse inside Tsinghua University Library – a modern, AI-powered hub of knowledge and innovation, showcasing cutting-edge digital infrastructure and smart learning spaces.



Sharing insights on navigating global digital challenges during the Knowledge Exchange Days in Korea — fostering dialogue, innovation, and collaboration for a digitally inclusive future.



Global institutions gather at NAVER 1784 for an immersive site visit, exploring cutting-edge logistics automation and unmanned systems at CJ Logistics' Incheon Global Distribution Center in Korea.

Other knowledge events/products launched at the Annual Meetings

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Download the African Financing Stability Mechanism (AFSM) report:

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Download the Green Wealth of Nations report:

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Download Declaration:

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Watch the presentations of the Inclusive Growth Study:

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ASK ME ANYTHING ON CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT

With Dr. Eric K. Ogunleye



Q What is the No.1 thing that makes capacity development succeed?

A **"Relevance!** If learners can't apply it immediately, it won't stick**."**

? MYTH OR FACT?

"The Bank only finances big infrastructure."

X Myth!

☑ Fact

Yes, we build roads and power grids, but that's just the start. We also fuel agriculture, water, energy access, private sector growth, integration, and gender equality, among others. Plus, we play a phenomenal role in knowledge generation and management, policy dialogue, and capacity development, helping shape smarter decisions and stronger institutions across Africa.

"The Bank only lends to governments."

X Myth!

☑ Fact

Governments are big partners, but we also back private companies, regional projects, and civil society. Since 1964, we have funded game-changing projects across Africa, ranging from small-scale ventures to continent-wide integration projects.

DID YOU KNOW?

How well do you know the Bank Group?

Fun Facts to Spark Your Curiosity

Test your Bank smarts in 10 seconds flat!

1 **When was the Bank born?**
Answer: 1964
Signed in Khartoum in 1963, officially launched Sept. 10, 1964. Mission: Boost Africa's growth & progress. HQ: Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire.

2 **How many member countries?**
Answer: 81
Comprising 54 African (RMCs) + 27 non-African (NRMCs) from Europe, the Americas, the Middle East & Asia. 100% African focus.
Always African-led.

3 **How many Bank country offices?**
Answer: 30 Country Offices and 7 Liaison Offices
Powerhouses on the ground, turning big ideas into real-life results: more crops, more clean water, more energy, more jobs, more integration.

Know more about the Bank

here

SPOTLIGHT ON ECVP COLLEAGUES

Meet Dr. Ann Sow Dao



You are now managing ECAD.1 (Project/Program Cycle Management) — How did your role evolve to focus on capacity development?

"I started with a passion for building institutions and people. Over time, I moved from designing projects to shaping the Bank's strategic approach to capacity development and knowledge sharing across Africa."

What's been the most rewarding part of crafting and scaling programs?

"Seeing knowledge turn into action — when teams on the ground use what we have shared to solve real problems and deliver better project/program results for Africans."

MEET THE MINDS BEHIND KNOWLEDGE NIBBLES



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