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The ALSF supports the Djibouti Power Project

The ALSF's Management Board approved a project to assist the Government of Djibouti negotiate a Power Purchase Agreement and other related documents for the Djibouti Power Project. In sum, the ALSF will provide legal counsels and financial and technical advisors to guide the government during these negotiations.

The ALSF will also organize capacity building activities for key government officials and technical staff in Djibouti to equip them with the requisite skills to negotiate fair and sustainable investment agreements in the years to come.

It is anticipated that the Djibouti power project will potentially contribute an additional 80 MW (60 MW of wind energy and at least 20 MW of solar energy) to the country's grid thereby increasing the access to power for its citizens.

African Legal Support Facility Academy trains African lawyers on deal negotiations for investments in key economic sectors

The African Legal Support Facility (ALSF) recently conducted a training for African lawyers and government negotiators, to strengthen their negotiating capacities in deal negotiations involving investments in key economic sectors.

Convened in Accra, Ghana for two-days (14-15 February 2019), the workshop was jointly organized with the African Business Law Firms Association (ABFLA), under the auspices of the "ALSF Academy". 40 government negotiators and 30 lawyers in private practice representing public and private organizations across Africa attended the workshop.

In his opening remarks, Stephen Karangizi, Director and Chief Executive Officer of the ALSF said the topics covered during this training were "carefully chosen to fill identified knowledge gaps between lawyers academic training and legal practice."

Participants benefited from a wide array of rich legal contributions and content on the techniques needed to successfully negotiate sustainable and equitable investment agreements for projects in the energy, mining, oil and gas sectors. The negotiation and legal intricacies of other infrastructure projects and public-private partnerships were also covered. Participants and government officials attending the workshop commended the initiative, stating that the skills acquired were relevant and vital for the effective and efficient discharge of their professional duties and official responsibilities.

Karangizi also observed that the academy's curriculum was co-developed by the ALSF, national and regional bar associations, including the Southern African Development Community Lawyers Association, the East African Law Society and the International Training Centre in Africa for Francophone Lawyers based in Cotonou, Benin. The academy's capacity building initiative is also accessible virtually via a portal replete with learning tools and documentation sourced from the ALSF library.

The Accra workshop was also an opportunity for the ALSF to call on Regional Member Countries to contribute to the financial resources of the ALSF - all in a bid to strengthen its capacity to support African countries with their creditor litigation and negotiations for complex commercial transactions.

Previous ALSF Academy sessions have been held in Kigali, Rwanda and Cotonou, Benin in October and November 2018, respectively.

African Legal Support Facility Participates in the 2019 Mining Indaba

The ALSF attended the 25th Mining Indaba Conference Anniversary, which took place from the 3-6 February 2019. As in previous years, the event attracted a number of senior government officials, development partners, investors, and a cross-section of other stakeholders.

This conference was officially opened by H.E President Cyril Ramaphosa, Republic of South Africa and H.E President Akufo-Addo, Republic of Ghana. 35 African Mining ministers were also in attendance.

At the event, the ALSF Director, Stephen Karangizi moderated two sessions, the first was a Ministerial and Chief Executive Officers roundtable which focused on resource nationalism, tax and revenue management and the industrial revolution in the extractive sector in North and West Africa regions. And the second gathered five southern African Ministers of mining to discuss the extractives potentials in their respective countries.

The ALSF team also separately met and discussed with 9 African ministerial delegations. During these meetings, the ALSF followed up on the implementation of its interventions in these countries and took this opportunity to consult on how it can remain engaged and impactful. Finally, the ALSF participated in a session sponsored by the African Development Bank's Africa Natural Resource Centre on Mineral Value Chain for Africa's development.

ALSF launches its framework procurement procedure for 'Panel A'

The ALSF has launched its procurement procedure for the selection of the 'Panel A' (law firms with international expertise) of the ALSF Legal Panel.

The ALSF wishes to enter into framework arrangements for the procurement of legal services. Pursuant to this Request for Proposals (RFP), the ALSF will select law firms with specific experience and expertise to be appointed on the ALSF Legal Panel. Panel members will then be engaged to provide legal services on a call-off basis.

The ALSF will establish two separate panels:

- 'Panel A' - Legal Counsel with international expertise including in African countries;
- 'Panel B' - Legal Counsel with local expertise in African jurisdictions.

The current procurement procedure only covers 'Panel A'. 'Panel B' will be procured at a later date.

Please find below the links to the procurement notices in both French and English. We hope that a maximum of law firms will be able to participate to this procurement procedure.

English : <https://www.afdb.org/en/documents/document/eoi-procurement-of-panel-a-of-the-alsf-legal-panel-108023/>

French : <https://www.afdb.org/fr/documents/document/eoi-procurement-of-panel-a-of-the-alsf-legal-panel-108023/>

The African Legal Support Facility partners with the Infrastructure PPP Resource Center (PPPLRC)

The African Legal Support Facility has provided a financial contribution to the Infrastructure PPP Resource Center (PPPLRC) to carry out knowledge management activities in the area of PPPs, including fragile states. With more than 17 percent of site visitors from sub-Saharan Africa alone in 2018, the PPPLRC has demonstrated that that it is a strategic partner in delivering ALSF's knowledge management and capacity building activities.

This collaboration will focus on cross-cutting issues within PPPs. The project will support and develop knowledge management products related to PPPs and ensure that these products are delivered to the target audience.

Over the next two years, the PPPLRC will continue to expand to address new themes as well as strengthen existing ones, including the launch of a new section on climate smart PPPs, which will examine the context underlying the need for climate-smart PPPs (international climate agreements); and explore methods to address climate change.

ALSF in the News

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Forthcoming Events

- 9 April 2019: ALSF Management Board Meeting, Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire
- 17 May 2019: ALSF Informal Government Council Meeting, Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire
- 21 May 2019: Donors Meeting, Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire
- 10 June 2019: Management Board Meeting, Malabo, Equatorial Guinea
- 11 June 2019: Governing Council meeting, Malabo, Equatorial Guinea
- 11 June 2019: High Level Meeting, Malabo, Equatorial Guinea
- 26 November 2019: Management Board Meeting, Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire



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