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Conference of African Chief Finance Officers

Profit, Risks & Scalability:
The African CFO on a Continent in a Flux

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3-4 November 2025
Accra- Ghana

An exclusive gathering of Africa's Finance Leaders

About the Conference

- *The Conference of African Chief Financial Officers (CACFO)* offers a fresh and unique platform for African CFOs to gather and reflect on the peculiar but shared challenges confronting their work as apex managers of the financial portfolios of companies on the continent and beyond.
- In the wake of new challenges presented by the recent global pandemic, coupled with ongoing geopolitical and economic uncertainties, the work of the CFO has been thrown into sharper focus like never before thereby compelling a nuanced review of the subjects affecting CFOs as a niche community of officers leading the financial management of the African corporation.
- Structured to reflect the diversity and spectrum of trending themes affecting the work of the contemporary CFO, CACFO will dive into such topics as Sustainable Financing and ESG, AfCFTA & Trade Finance, implications and opportunities of AI in African Project Finance, Risks and Economy Issues in Post Pandemic Africa, Credit & Liquidity challenges in African Corporate Finance, Corporate governance and the work of the CFO, etc.



A Message from the Conference Chair!

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Prof. Kofi Abotsi
Dean, UPSA Law School

The Conference of African Chief Financial Officers offers an innovative platform aimed at fostering actionable conversations on matters affecting corporate finance and governance in Africa. As we gather at the maiden conference in Accra Ghana, discussions will highlight the crucial role finance leaders play in shaping the future of African businesses and driving economic transformation in corporations across the continent. In an era of rapid technological advancements, evolving regulatory complexities, and global economic shifts in diverse business fields, the responsibilities of CFOs continue to extend far beyond traditional financial management and leadership. Today's CFOs are called upon to be strategic visionaries, leveraging data, innovation, political economy dynamics, and cross-enterprise collaboration to propel organizations to new heights and stay ahead of the competitive curve.

November's conference will provide a platform for a nuanced but effective discussion of the most relevant issues affecting the work of the African CFO today, encourage partnerships, and collectively chart a course toward sustainable growth and financial resilience of the African corporation.

I look forward to welcoming you to Accra in November for this pivotal gathering!

Background

- The role of Chief Financial Officers (CFOs) across Africa is becoming increasingly complex due to rapid economic changes, digital transformation, regulatory shifts, and the growing demand for sustainable financial practices.
- In this dynamic environment, CFOs play a critical role in shaping corporate strategies, managing risks, and driving business growth. On the other hand, African corporations operate within an environment characterized by a complex mix of political and economic risks and uncertainties which constantly impact their sustainability, profitability and overall performances as going concerns.
- Although mainstream commercial factors continue to shape the operations of the African corporation, the external environment of business impacts the liquidity and profitability of companies particularly in the post-pandemic era in Africa.
- While by no means exhaustive, these existing challenges range from the general dynamic and volatility of the national economies of host countries, regulatory and operational complexities, infrastructural deficits and complications, lack of access to capital, corporate governance deficits, and tax disparity challenges obtaining in the various countries on the continent.
- Understanding and navigating these complexities is vital to the success and growth of African corporations. On the other hand, the persistence of these obstacles and the emergence of newer ones in light of changing trends in business and transnational commerce implies that there is the need for African corporations deepen their network by sharing new insights, leveraging on operational prospects, and comparative perspectives on the mode of doing things as chief finance officers of corporations on the continent.

The Advisory Board



The Advisory Board of Conference of African Chief Finance Officers (CACFO) provides strategic leadership, guidance, critical thinking, and direction toward the realisation of the vision, values, and objectives of the conference.

The Board is constituted by eminent Africans with a high level of influence in their respective fields and who possess deep insight and keen interest in issues affecting the development of the African continent.



Mr. Prudence Sebahizi
Minister for Trade and Industry,
Rwanda



Mr. Seth Terkper
Former Minister for Finance and
Economic Planning, Ghana



Fadilah Tchoumba
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Hatem R. El Demerdash,
MBA, CPA
Global Head of Advisory
& Capital Markets,

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Platforms for connecting key stakeholders are essential to achieving inclusive development. For maximum impact and influence we must leverage bringing industry leaders together to connect, share ideas and contribute to a collective cause.



Hannah Awuku
Executive Director, Conference
of African Chief Finance Officers

Objectives

The African business landscape is evolving, with increasing integration into the global economy and growing expectations for financial leaders to navigate complex and oftentimes convoluted market dynamics.

On the other hand, there are limited platforms specifically designed for African CFOs to engage, share insights, and collaborate and leverage operational dynamics across companies operating on the continent. This conference bridges that deficit by seeking to undertake the following:

Highlighting Regional Financial Challenges: African economies face unique financial and operational challenges, including currency volatility, regulatory diversity, and access to capital. This conference will put the spotlight on the issue and offer insights tailored to the African context.

Mainstream the conversation on Innovation and Digital Transformation: With the rise of financial technology (FinTech) and digital financial systems, CFOs must adapt to new tools and practices to remain competitive and drive business efficiency.

Enhance greater awareness and projection of Financial Leadership and Governance: As regulatory frameworks become more complex, there is a growing need for CFOs to lead in corporate governance, transparency, and compliance, and this conference is structured to lead in that conversation.

Foster Peer-to-Peer Learning and Networking: By bringing together CFOs from diverse sectors and countries, the conference will encourage knowledge sharing, cross-border collaboration, and the exchange of innovative financial strategies



Why Participate

Contribute to discussions on the latest trends, technologies, and best practices shaping the future of financial leadership in Africa.

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Gain insight into the technical and strategic capabilities of CFOs through expert-led workshops, case studies, and panel discussions framed to highlight emerging development and industry best practices across the globe.

Engage with policymakers and regulators to shape financial policies that foster business growth and investment.

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Connect with top Finance Officers and industry leaders from across Africa and beyond.

Join the African Council of Chief Finance Officers and be part of Africa's premier Network of Chief Finance Officers.

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Expected Outcomes

- An African Council of CFOs to foster collaborative engagements.
- Communique directed at African Finance Minister on issues affecting corporate finance legalities and allied challenges related to African Economies.

Audience

- CFOs
- Ministers of Finance
- Consulting firms
- Finance Houses
- Development Financial Institutions
- Tech and IT firms
- Law firms
- Government finance officers
- CSOs
- Development Organizations
- Influential Thought Leaders



Event Highlights

- **Plenary Sessions**
Anticipate Keynote speeches, fireside chats and power panels
- **The Female Chief Finance Officer Forum**
A dedicated forum for female chief finance officers shaping Africa's financial landscape to connect and share best practices.
- **Masterclasses**
Curated to offer participants the opportunity to learn from experienced chief finance officers.
- **Networking sessions**
Breakfast meetings, a welcome cocktails reception and a dinner gala to connect and build strategic partnerships.





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