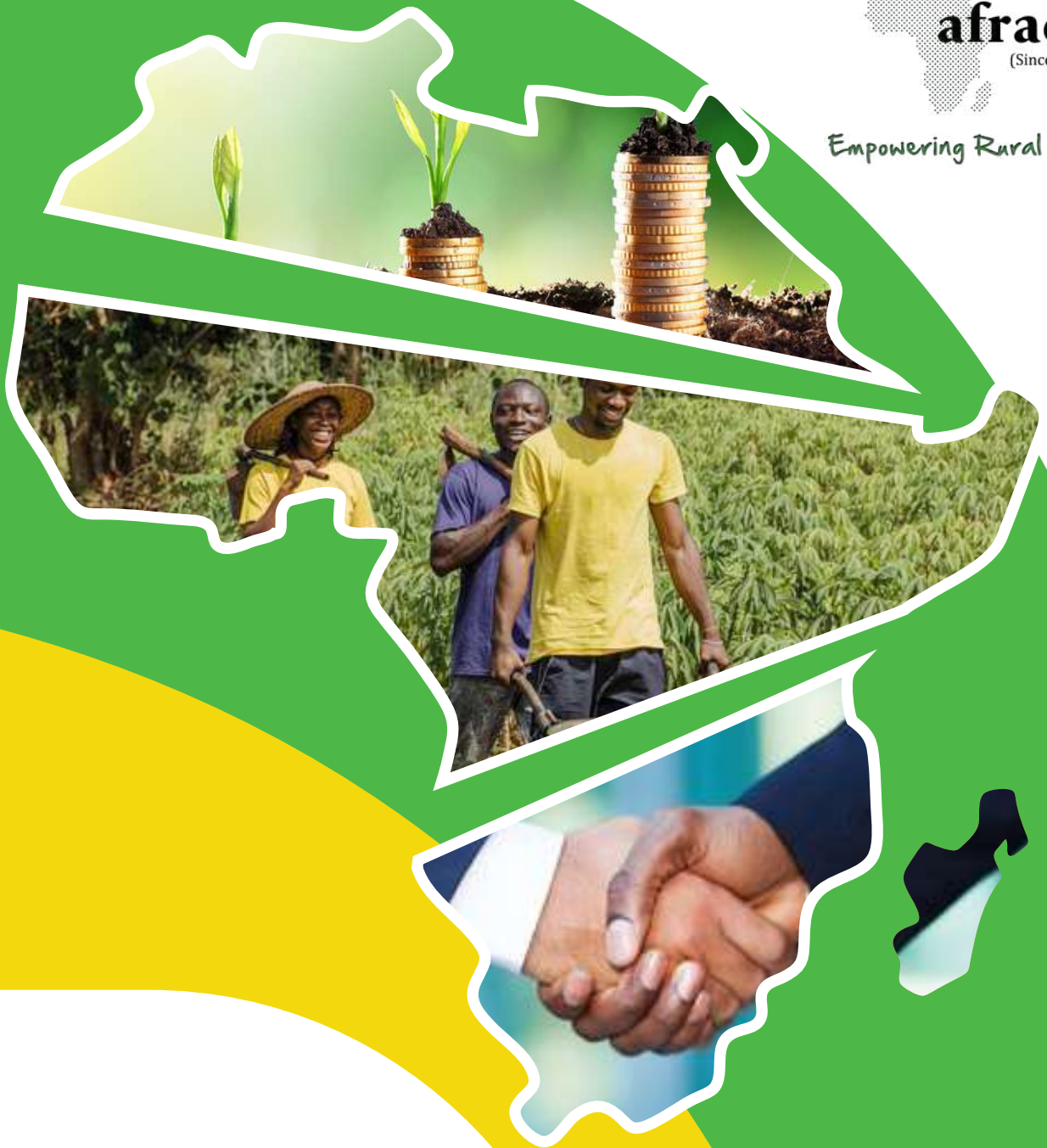




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Empowering Rural Africa



# **AFRACA** **MEMBERSHIP** **PACK**

# ABOUT AFRACA

AFRACA was established in 1977 as a Pan-African Association of sub-Saharan financial and non-financial institutions involved in promoting rural and agricultural finance. AFRACA's goal is to build a strong and sustainable regional network of institutions and agencies that provide opportunities for learning amongst members and promote rural and agricultural finance aimed at empowering rural and agricultural communities in the continent. AFRACA members include: Central Banks, Commercial Banks, Agricultural & Development Banks, Microfinance Institutions, Universities and Training Institutions. Currently AFRACA counts with a total of 110 institutions in 30 countries in the region affiliated as its members.

## VISION

To see a continent where rural and agriculture SMEs access quality and sustainable financial services for accelerated economic development.

## MISSION

To improve the rural finance environment through promotion of appropriate policy framework and to support member-institutions provide sustainable quality financial services to rural population and AgriSMEs.

## Our Thematic Pillars of Operation



Policy Development and Advocacy



Knowledge Management and Information Sharing



Capacity Building and Training



Partnerships and Networking



AFRACA works with Farmer Associations and financial institutions in Africa to facilitate access to finance for rural smallholder farmers.

# What Makes us Different?



We link our members' expertise, knowledge and resources with other members as well as other external strategic partners that form part of our Network.



We illuminate learnings from our network in policy and advocacy debates, in order to contribute evidence-based experiences in regards to role of financial institutions in smallholder finance in Sub-Saharan Africa.



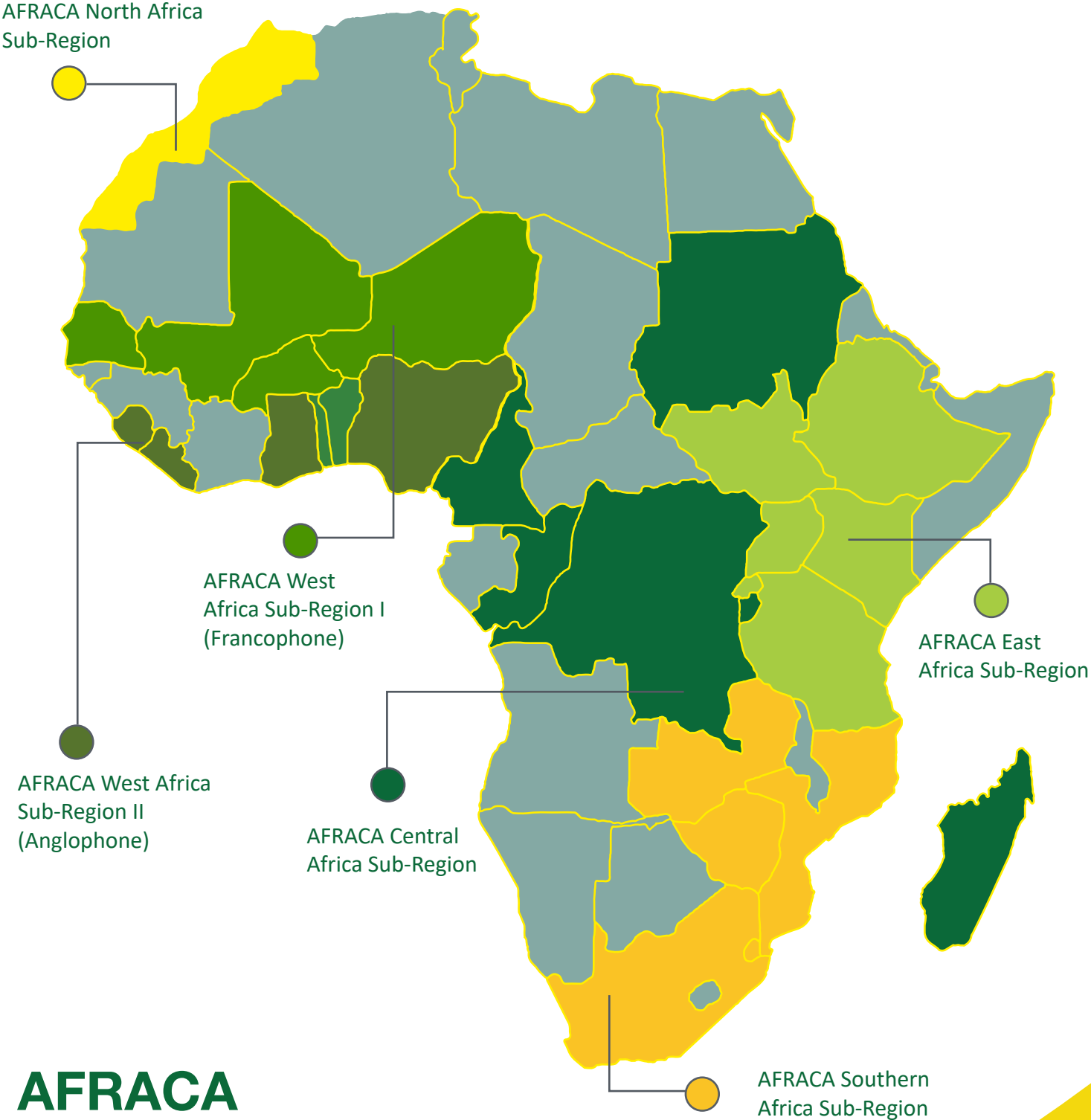
We provide a unique platform for our members to shape discourse and set the agenda on rural and agricultural finance.



The Association is very well positioned to work as a 'knowledge broker' on matters rural and agricultural finance in sub-saharan Africa.



We are flexible in tailor-making relevant, demand-driven capacity building interventions and trainings for member institutions.



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# Benefits of Membership

## 1. Peer to Peer Learning and Replication of Innovative Models among Member Institutions

We offer our members various opportunities to connect with other institutions within and outside our network to share learnings, new innovations, experiences and develop collaborations.

Our strong convening power enables us to bring together different financial sector actors both regionally and globally in our thematic learning events which includes: AFRACA Central Bank Forum, AFRACA Best Practice Conference in Rural and Agricultural Finance and World Congress on Rural and Agricultural Finance. We facilitate experiential learning through Technical Cooperation among developing countries enabling our member institutions visit industry experts and other key actors who are innovatively solving current bottlenecks in the industry thereby getting first-hand and practical experience.



2nd Edition of AFRACA's International Conference on Best Practices in Rural and Agricultural Finance, 30 September-3rd October 2019, Nairobi, Kenya. From left: Dr. Seeku Jaabe, 1<sup>st</sup> Deputy Governor, Gambia (Centre) Dr. Patrick Njoroge, Governor, Central Bank of Kenya, (Right) Mr. Thomas Essel, Secretary General AFRACA



AFRACA Delegates during the AFRACA Business Session at the 6th World Congress in Rural and Agricultural Finance in New Delhi, India, 12-13 November 2019



Participants during AFRACA's International Exposure Visit on Youth and Women Empowerment conducted in partnership with the National Youth Development Agency (NYDA) Pretoria, South Africa. 29 October 2015



AFRACA convened the International Conference on Best Practices in Rural and Agricultural Finance in Kigali, Rwanda, 1-3 August 2016

## 2. Connect with a Wide Network of Partners, Stakeholders and Resources in Africa's Agri-finance Sector

We facilitate linkages opportunities amongst our members and other key industry leaders by providing a platform for our members to gain visibility and share their expertise in various regional and global platforms which have strengthened engagement between various actors and as a result led to new business opportunities.



AFRACA in collaboration with ADA convened the 2019 African Microfinance Week (SAM), a major event that brings over 500 microfinance actors in Africa. From Left: Mr. Olivier Edelman, European Investment Bank, Mr. Massimo Pera (FAO), Mrs. Anne Contreras, Adrent/e-MFP and Mr. Thomas Essel, Secretary General AFRACA.



AFRACA meeting with Mr. Mohamed Ould Mahmoud (in white) Minister of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries, Mali convened to enhance the country's Farmer Association Networks to set up their own Cooperative Financial System.



AFRACA convened the Agribusiness and Finance Session at the Cultivate Africa Dialogue hosted by the African Union on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2020. The session brought together different stakeholders across continent to explore avenue for resources and funds to be repurposed for agricultural value chain development and trade.



### 3. Training and Capacity Building Opportunities

For financial institutions to actively lend to the agriculture sector, there is need to capacitate staff with requisite skills and basic understanding of agricultural finance practices. AFRACA organizes various capacity building activities targeting member and non-member institutions within the continent. To date, we have successfully conducted over twenty (20) different specialized trainings and capacity building training programmes to over seven hundred (700) practitioners from diverse institutions.

Our training programmes are fee-based and highly subsidized for our member institutions. We also incentivize learning for our members through partial and full scholarships.



*In-house training on Agricultural Loan Analysis for Agricultural Finance Corporation staff, Nairobi, Kenya, 3-5 December 2018*



*Agricultural Loan Analysis Training at the National Banking College, Accra, Ghana, 19-21 October 2015*



*Participants at the Trainers of Trainers (ToT) in Agricultural Value Chain Finance (Anglophone) Accra, Ghana, 6-10 May 2019*



*Training Participants during the Training of Trainers (ToT) in Agricultural Value Chain Finance (Francophone) 22-26 March 2021, Goma, DRC hosted by Banque Centrale du Congo*



*Training Participants during the AFRACA's inaugural Warehouse Receipt Finance Training for Bankers, Moshi & Arusha, 24-28 October 2016*



*Training Participants visiting a Grain Warehouse during the Warehouse Receipt Finance Training for Bankers in Lusaka, Zambia, 23 -27 April 2018*

#### **AFRACA Scholarship recipients receiving certificates of recognition during the Rural and Agricultural Finance Programme (RAFP), July 17<sup>th</sup>- August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017 ILO Campus, Turin, Italy**



*Mr. Julien Yanve, Vital Finance, Benin*



*Mr. Evans Nakhokho, Centenary Bank, Uganda*



*From Left: Mr. Willy Kalombo N'senda, Deputy Director, Bank Supervision, Banque Centrale du Congo (BCC), Mr. Louis N'sa Elongo Isemoli, Chief of Staff (BCC), Mr. Alexis Kalinda Salumu, CEO, Lowa Chocolate and Mrs. Caroll Bakang, Head of Multilateral Relations AFRACA at a factory visit in Lowa Factory during the ToT training in Agricultural Value Chain Finance, Goma, DRC, 22-26 March 2021.*



## 4. Opportunities for South-South and Triangular Cooperation (SSTC)

We offer our members opportunities for cross-learning, benchmarking visits with other like-minded institutions beyond sub-Saharan Africa.



AFRACA – APRACA Master Class Training Programme on Agricultural Value Chain Finance (AgVCF), Bangkok, Thailand, 19 -24 March 2018



Delegates from State Bank of Pakistan during the Exchange Visit Programme in Kenya, 12 – 24 October, 2015, Nairobi



AFRACA and the Agricultural Finance Corporation receives a delegation from the Agricultural Development Bank of China (ADBC) led by Zhu Yuanyang, Assistant President of the Bank. This follows AFRA-CAs visit to ADBC in Beijing, China from 25 to 30 March, 2018.



Delegates from all the Rural and Agriculture Credit Associations (RACAs) namely: AFRACA, APRACA, CICA, NENARACA & ALIDE at the 6th World Congress on Rural and Agriculture Finance in New Delhi, India, 12-13 November 2019. The RACAs shared best innovative Agric finance approaches in their respective continents.

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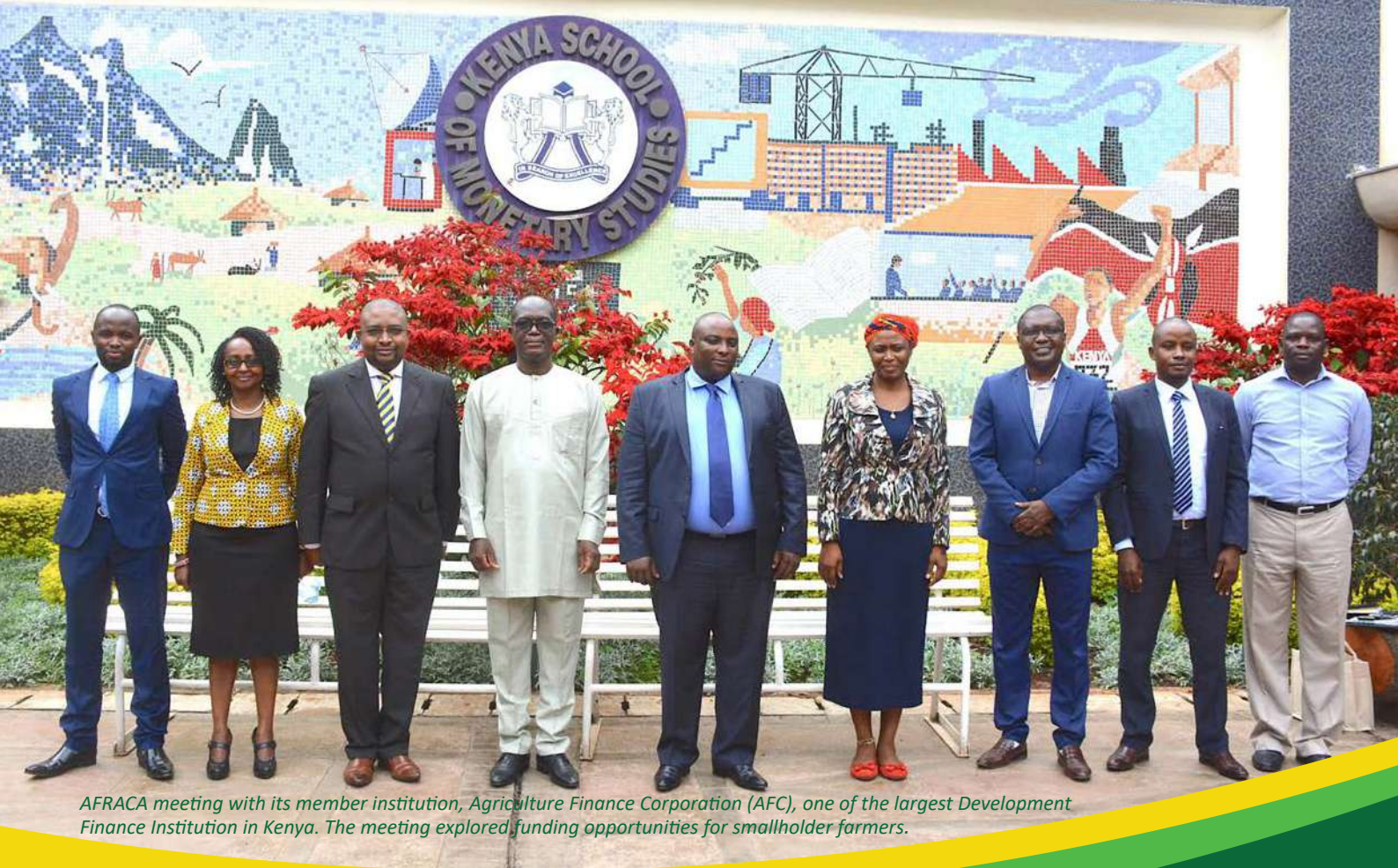
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*AFRACA meeting with its member institution, Agriculture Finance Corporation (AFC), one of the largest Development Finance Institution in Kenya. The meeting explored funding opportunities for smallholder farmers.*



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