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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.
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.

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.
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.
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.

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

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.

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

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 AFRACA’s visit to ADBC in Beijing, China from 25 to 30 March, 2018.

LET’S CONNECT!
Register today to be a member of the AFRACA Network

Compete the registration form enclosed and return to the AFRACA Secretariat through the address below:

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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.