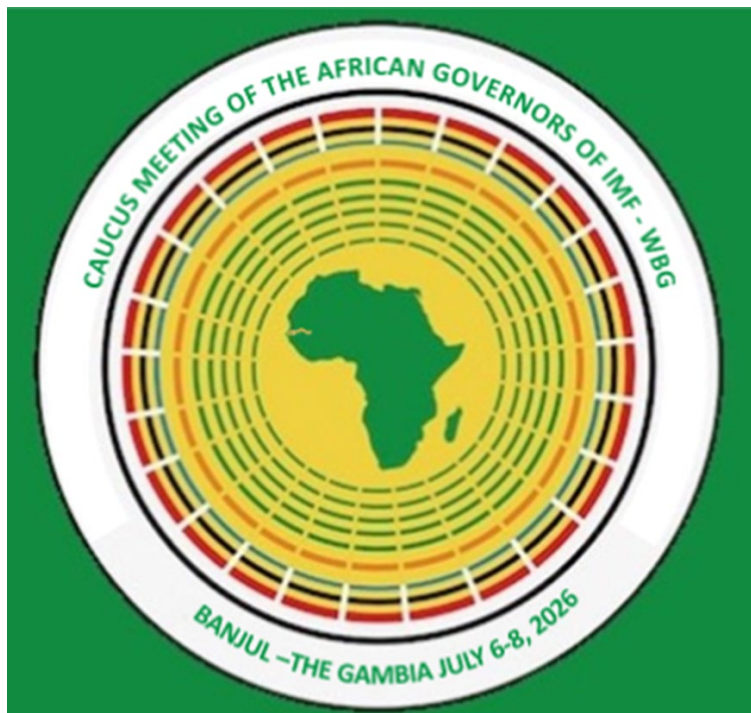


2026 AFRICAN CAUCUS MEETINGS

Schedule of Events

Banjul, The Gambia

July 6-8, 2026




**TRANSFORMING AFRICA'S ECONOMIES THROUGH
INVESTMENT, INNOVATION AND INCLUSION**

TIME	AGENDA ITEM
8:30 AM – 5:00 PM	<p>Badge Collection</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Venue: SDJK Conference Center (TBC)
4:00 PM – 6:00 PM	<p>Side Event – Breaking Barriers, Boosting Trade: Making Regional Markets Work for Africa (MC TBD)</p>
	<p>Opening Remarks – H.E. Seedy K.M Keita, Chair of the 2026 African Caucus (5 mins)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Venue: SDJK Conference Center
	<p>Presentation (40 mins- 20 min each)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Nathan Belete, World Bank Group IMF Presentation (TBD)
	<p>Panel Discussion</p> <p>Moderator: Stephen Karingi, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (TBD) , African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) Secretariat Hon. Mod K. Ceesay, Minister of Trade, Industry, Regional Integration and Employment, The Gambia Mr. Mustapha Njie – Chairman of Taf Group, The Gambia Dr. Omar A. Touray, President, ECOWAS
	<p>Q&A (20 mins)</p>
6:00 PM – 7:00 PM	<p>Cocktail Reception</p>

TIME	AGENDA ITEM
8:00 AM – 9:00 AM	Continued Badge Collections Video Presentation on the Gambia  Venue: SDJK Conference Center

Opening Ceremony

TIME	ITEM
9:00 AM – 9:50 AM	Opening Ceremony- (MC TBD) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. National Anthem ii. Welcome Remarks by the Chair of the 2026 African Caucus, Hon Seedy Keita iii. Guest Speaker: H.E. Amb. Selma Malika Haddadi, Deputy Chairperson of the African Union Commission (AUC) iv. Keynote Address by H.E. Dr. Sidi Ould Tah, President of the African Development Bank Group v. Opening Speech by the H.E Adama Barrow, President of the Republic of The Gambia vi. Cultural Performance by (TBC)

9:50 AM – 10:00 AM	 Group Photo and  Tea Break
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Institutional Presentations (IMF & WBG)


10:00 AM – 10:40 AM	MC- Directs proceedings Presentations (15 mins) Mr. Bo LI, Deputy Managing Director (IMF) Discussants (10 mins): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hon Sheku Bangura, Minister of Finance, Sierra Leone • Ms. Hanan Morsy, Deputy Executive Secretary, Chief Economist, UNECA Q&A (10 mins)
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Subtheme 1: Unlocking Financing to Drive Africa's Structural Transformation

Session 1: Restoring Fiscal Space by Strengthening Revenue Systems

TIME	ITEM: EXPERT CONVERSATION
10:40 AM – 11:20 AM	<p>Moderator: Executive Director, IMF – OEDAW, Mr. Wautabouna</p> <p>Presentation (15 Minutes): Prof. Kevin Chika Urama, Chief Economist/VP for Economic Governance and Knowledge Management Complex; African Development Bank Group,</p> <p>Speakers (15 mins):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hon Enoch Godongwana, Minister of Finance - South Africa • Hon Cheikh Diba, Minister of Finance - Senegal • Prof Mick Moore, Senior Fellow, International Centre for Tax and Development, Professorial Fellow, Institute of Development Studies, Non-Resident Fellow, Verite Research (Colombo) <p>Q&A (10 mins)</p>

Session 2: Deepening Domestic Capital Markets


TIME	ITEM: PANEL DISCUSSION
11:20 AM – 12:40 PM	<p>Moderator: Executive Director, IMF – OEDAC, Mr. Regis N’Sonde</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation (15 mins): Mr. Valdes Rodrigo, Director, Fiscal Affairs - IMF <p>Panelists (15 mins):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Wangari Muikia, Fiscal Policy Economist & Managing Director, Expertise Global • Dr. Priscilla Muthoora, Governor of the Bank of Mauritius <p>Q&A (10 mins)</p>
12:40 PM – 2:30 PM	<p> Lunch Break</p>

Session 3: Attracting Private Capital & Empowering MSMEs

TIME	ITEM: MINISTERIAL ROUNDTABLE
2:30 PM – 3:10 PM	<p>Moderator: Executive Director, IMF - OEDAS</p> <p>Virtual Presentation (15 mins): Dr. Vera Songwe, Founder and Chair, Liquidity and Sustainability Facility</p> <p>Presentation (10 mins): Linda Dogbe,</p> <p>Q&A (15 mins)</p>

Subtheme 2: Leveraging Africa's Natural Resources for Quality Jobs

Session 4: Scaling Value Addition & Competitive Regional Value Chains (Industrialization)

TIME	ITEM: MINISTERIAL PANEL DISCUSSION
3:10 PM - 4:00 PM	<p>Moderator: Executive Director, WBG - EDS14, Dr Zarau Kibwe</p> <p>Presentation (15 mins): Mr. Ousmane Diagana, Vice President for Western and Central Africa, World Bank Group</p> <p>Video (3 mins): WBG Prosperity and Jobs</p> <p>Governors (5 mins each):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E Erica Shadufah, Minister of Finance and Governor, Namibia • H.E Khamis Mussa Omar, Minister of Finance, Tanzania • H.E Mariama Ciré Sylla Minister of Economy and Finance – Guinea • H.E Abdelkrim Bouzred, Minister of Finance – Algeria • H.E Doudou Roussel Fwamba Likunde, Minister of Finance – Democratic Republic of Congo <p>Q&A (10 mins)</p>
4:00 PM – 4:20 PM	<p> Tea Break</p>

Session 5: Transforming Natural Resource Wealth via Energy, Transport & Digital Infrastructure for Industrialization

TIME	ITEM: EXPERT CONVERSATION
4:20 PM – 5:00 PM	<p>Moderator: Executive Director, WBG- EDS13, Mr. Harold Taraves</p> <p>Presentation (15 mins):</p> <p>Speakers (15 mins):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Sergio Pimenta, CEO, Africa50 Hon. Rohey John Manjang - Minister of Minister of Environment, Climate Change and Natural Resource, The Gambia <p>Q&A (10 mins)</p>
5:00 PM – 5:10 PM	Closing
Evening	 Reception / Dinner

Wednesday, July 8, 2026 — Caucus Program & Deliberations DAY 3

Session 6: Strengthening Human Capital & Skills for a Future-Ready, Inclusive Workforce

TIME	ITEM: High Level Forum
9:00 AM – 9:40 AM	<p>Moderator: Executive Director, WBG - EDS25, Ms. Zainab Shamsuna.</p> <p>Presentation (15 mins): Christian Bodewig, Director for Education and Skills, World Bank Group</p> <p>Panelists (5 mins each):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Professor Gaspard Banyankimbona: African Union Commissioner for Education, Science, Technology, and Innovation Professor Pierre Gomez, Minister of Higher Education, Gambia Mamadou Biteye, Executive Secretary, African Capacity Building Foundation (ACBF) <p>Q&A (10 mins)</p>

Closed Session: African Caucus Deliberations

9:40 AM – 11:40 AM	Drafting Session of the Memorandum and Declaration 🔒 Closed Session for Governors Moderator: Executive Director WBG, EDS06 Mr. Abdelhak Bedjaoui Review of the Draft 2026 African Caucus Memorandum
11:40 AM – 12:00 PM	☕ Tea Break
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM	2026 African Caucus Plenary Meeting 🔒 Restricted to Governors, ED Offices ONLY Finalization and Adoption of the Banjul Declaration
1:00 PM – 1:30 PM	Closing Ceremony <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Proclamation of the Banjul Declaration• Expression of Gratitude• Concluding Remarks and Handing Over by the African Caucus Chairperson
1:00 – 3:00PM	LUNCH and DEPARTURE