

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	Badge Collection  Venue: SDJK Conference Center (TBC)

Opening Ceremony


TIME	ITEM
10:00 AM – 11:50 AM	<p>Opening Ceremony- (MC TBD)</p> <ul 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: Mr. Alhaji Aliko Mohammad Dangote, Founder, Chairman, & CEO, Dangote Industries Limited iv. Guest Speaker: H.E. Amb. Selma Malika Haddadi, Deputy Chairperson of the African Union Commission (AUC) v. Keynote Address by H.E. Dr. Sidi Ould Tah, President of the African Development Bank Group (AfDB) vi. Opening Speech by the H.E Adama Barrow, President of the Republic of The Gambia vii. Cultural Performance by (TBC)
11:50 AM – 12:00 PM	 Group Photo and  Tea Break

Side Events

<p>2:30 PM – 3:30 PM</p>	<p>Side Event 1 – Central Bank Gold Operations</p> <p> Venue: SDJK Conference Center</p> <hr/> <p>Opening Remarks – (5 mins) - Mr. Buah Saidy, Governor, Central Bank of The Gambia</p> <p> Presentation (15 min) African Central Banks’ Experience with Gold Purchase Programs</p> <p>i. Mr. Aivo Andrianarivelo, Governor, Bank of Madagascar</p> <p>Panel Discussion</p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Daouda Sembene, CEO, Africatalyst</p> <p>Panelists (5 mins each):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bank of Ghana • Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe • Bank of Tanzania • Hon. Mohammed Lamine Lebbou, Bank of Algeria <p>Q&A (30 mins)</p> <p>Closing Remarks - Moderator</p>
<p>3:30 PM – 4:45 PM</p>	<p>Side Event 2 – Breaking Barriers, Boosting Trade: Making Regional Markets Work for Africa</p> <p> Venue: SDJK Conference Center</p> <hr/> <p>Opening Remarks – Hon. Seedy K.M Keita, Chair of the 2026 African Caucus (5 mins)</p> <p> Presentation (35 mins)</p> <p>i. Mr. Nathan Belete, Regional Program Director, WBG</p> <p>ii. Mr. Ivohasina Razafimahefa, Director of the Regional Technical Assistance Center for Anglophone West Africa, IMF</p> <p>Panel Discussion</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Stephen Karingi, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa</p> <p>Panelists (5 mins each):</p> <p>i. Hon. Mod K. Ceesay, Minister of Trade, Industry, Regional Integration and Employment, The Gambia</p> <p>ii. Mr. Mustapha Njie, Chairman of Taf Group, The Gambia</p> <p>iii. Mr. Omar A. Touray, President, ECOWAS</p> <p>Q&A (20 mins)</p> <p>Closing Remarks – Moderator</p>
<p>4:45 – 5:00</p>	<p> Tea Break</p>

5:00 – 6:00

Side Event 3 – High Level Dialogue on Africa Led Borrower Coordination

 Venue: SDJK Conference Center

Moderator: Mavis Owusu-Gyamfi, President and CEO, ACET

Welcome Remarks – Hon. Seedy K.M Keita, Chair of the 2026 African Caucus (5 mins)

Speakers:

- i. Hon Tamer Mohamed Mostafa, Assistant Minister of Foreign Affairs, Arab Republic of Egypt
- ii. Hon Enoch Godongwana, Minister of Finance, Republic of South Africa

Q&A (mins)

Closing Remarks - Moderator

**6:00 PM –
8:00 PM**

 **Cocktail Reception**

TIME	AGENDA ITEM
8:00 AM – 10:00 AM	Continued Badge Collections Video Presentation on The Gambia 📍 Venue: SDJK Conference Center

Institutional Presentations (IMF & WBG)


10:00AM – 10:40 AM	MC- Directs proceedings Presentations (15 mins) Mr. Zeine Zeidane, Director, (IMF) Discussants (15 mins): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hon. Sheku Bangura, Minister of Finance, Sierra Leone Ms. Hanan Morsy, Deputy Executive Secretary, Chief Economist, UNECA Mr. Ceda Ogada, IMF Secretary 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
10:45 AM – 11:45 AM	Moderator: Mr. Ruud De Mooij, Deputy Director, IMF Presentation (15 mins): Mr. Kevin Chika Urama, Chief Economist/VP for Economic Governance and Knowledge Management Complex; African Development Bank Group Speakers (25 mins): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hon Enoch Godongwana, Minister of Finance - South Africa Hon Cheikh Diba, Minister of Finance – Senegal Hon Taiwo Oyedele, Minister of Finance- Nigeria Ms. Mary Baine, Executive Secretary, Africa Tax Administration Mr. Mick Moore – International Centre for Tax and Development (ICTD) Q&A (15 mins)

Session 2: Deepening Domestic Capital Markets

TIME	ITEM: PANEL DISCUSSION
11:50 AM – 12:50 PM	<p>Moderator: IMF – OEDAC, Mr. Regis N’Sonde</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation (15 mins): Mr. Mohamed Lamine Mbengue, Gaston Berger University, Senegal <p>Panelists (15 mins):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Wangari Muikia, Fiscal Policy Economist and MD, Expertise Global Mr. Lesego Caster Moseki, Governor, Central Bank of Botswana Mr. Buah Saidy, Governor, Central Bank of The Gambia <p>Q&A (30 mins)</p>
12:50 PM – 2:15 PM	<p> Lunch Break</p>

Session 3: Attracting Private Capital & Empowering MSMEs

TIME	ITEM: ROUNDTABLE
2:15 PM – 3:10 PM	<p>Moderator: Daouda Sembene, CEO, Africatalyst</p> <p>Presentation: (15 mins): Ms. Vera Songwe, Founder and Chair, Liquidity and Sustainability Facility</p> <p>Presentation (10 mins): Ms. Linda Dogbe, Digital transformation expert, Founder, Qavaa Innovate</p> <p>Q&A (15 mins) Open to all Ministers and Governors</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
3:15 PM - 4:30 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"> Hon. Thambo Gina, Minister of Economic Planning and Development, Kingdom of Eswatini Hon. Mariama Ciré Sylla, Minister of Economy and Finance, Republic of Guinea Hon. Nadia Fettah Alaoui, Minister of Economy and Finance, Kingdom of Morocco Hon. Louise Perrette Mvono, Minister of Finance, Republic of Gabon Hon. Khamis Mussa Omar, Minister of Finance, United Republic of Tanzania <p>Q&A (10 mins)</p>
4:30 PM – 4:40 PM	 Tea Break

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




TIME	ITEM: EXPERT CONVERSATION
4:40 PM – 5:20 PM	<p>Moderator: Executive Director, WBG- EDS13, Mr. Harold Taraves</p> <p>iii. Presentation (15 mins): Mr. Nathan Belete, Regional Program Director, WBG</p> <p>Speakers (15 mins):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Sergio Pimenta, CEO, Africa50 Infrastructure Acceleration Fund Hon. Rohey John Manjang - Minister of Minister of Environment, Climate Change and Natural Resource, The Gambia Hon Alain Ndikumana, Minister of Finance, Budget, and Digital Economy, Republic of Burundi. <p>Q&A (10 mins)</p>
5:20 PM – 5:25 PM	Closing Remarks - Moderator
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 – 10:00 AM	<p>Moderator: Executive Director, WBG - EDS25, Ms. Zainab Shamsuna. Presentation (15 mins): Christian Bodewig, Director for Education and Skills, WBG</p> <p>Panelists (5 mins each):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hon. Yusuff Murangwa, Minister of Finance and Economic Planning, Rwanda Hon Pierre Gomez, Minister of Higher Education, Gambia Mr. Mamadou Biteye, Executive Secretary, African Capacity Building Foundation (ACBF) Prof. Gaspard Banyankimbona, African Union for Education Science Technology and Innovation <p>Q&A (10 mins)</p>

Closed Session: African Caucus Deliberations

10:00 AM – 11:30 AM	<p>Drafting Session of the Memorandum and Declaration</p> <p> Closed Session for Governors</p> <p>Moderator: Executive Director WBG, EDS06 Mr. Abdelhak Bedjaoui</p> <p>Review of the Draft 2026 African Caucus Memorandum</p>
11:30 AM – 12:00 PM	<p> Tea Break</p>
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM	<p>2026 African Caucus Plenary Meeting</p> <p> Restricted to Governors, ED Offices ONLY</p> <p>Finalization and Adoption of the Banjul Declaration</p>
1:00 PM – 1:30 PM	<p>Closing Ceremony</p> <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	<p>LUNCH and DEPARTURE</p>



Thursday/Friday, July 8-9, 2026 — Departure and Sightseeing visit (Optional)

July 8, 6:00 PM	Depart from hotel (Banjul) Visit to Kunta Kinteh Island
July 9, 2:00 PM	Depart from Kunta Kinteh (James) Island Return to hotel, Banjul

