

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

Opening Ceremony

TIME	ITEM
10:00 AM – 11:50 AM	Opening Ceremony- Master of Ceremony: Harona Drammeh, Media & Communications Consultant <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. National Anthem ii. Opening Prayer iii. Welcome Remarks by the Chair of the 2026 African Caucus, Hon Seedy Keita iv. Guest Speaker: Mr. Ousmane Diagana, Vice President for Western and Central Africa, World Bank Group v. Guest Speaker: H.E. Amb. Selma Malika Haddadi, Deputy Chairperson of the African Union Commission (AUC) vi. Keynote Address by H.E. Dr. Sidi Ould Tah, President of the African Development Bank Group (AfDB) vii. Opening Speech by the H.E Adama Barrow, President of the Republic of The Gambia
11:50 AM – 12:00 PM	 Group Photo
12:00 PM – 14:00 PM	Official Lunch hosted by H.E The President, Adama Barrow, President of the Republic of The Gambia.

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> <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"> • Hon. Zakari Mumuni, First Deputy Governor of the Bank of Ghana • Hon. Innocent Matshe Deputy Governor, Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe • Hon. Emmanuel Mpawe Tutuba, Bank of Tanzania • Hon. Mohammed Lamine Lebbou, Bank of Algeria <p>Q&A (30 mins)</p> <p>Closing Remarks - Moderator</p>
<p>3:35 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> <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)

Setting the Scene: H.E. Ms. Rania Abdelmegied, Minister Plenipotentiary and Deputy Assistant Foreign Minister, Arab Republic of Egypt

Ministerial Dialogue and Interactive Discussion: All Participants

Reflections: Hon Enoch Godongwana, Minister of Finance, Republic of South Africa

Closing Remarks and Next Steps- Moderator

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

Opening Speeches

TIME	AGENDA ITEM
9:00 AM – 10:00 AM	<p>Master of Ceremony: Master of Ceremony: Mod Secka, Permanent Secretary, Ministry Finance and Economic Affairs</p> <p>Opening Speeches</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Guest Speaker: Mr. Alhaji Aliko Mohammad Dangote, Founder, Chairman, & CEO, Dangote Industries Limited ii. Guest Speaker: Ilidio Vieira Te, Prime Minister, Republic of Guinea Bissau

Institutional Presentation (IMF)

10:00AM – 10:40 AM	<p>Master of Ceremony: Master of Ceremony: Mod Secka, Permanent Secretary, Ministry Finance and Economic Affairs</p> <p>Presentations (15 mins) Mr. Zeine Zeidane, Director, (IMF)</p> <p>Discussants (15 mins):</p> <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 <p>Q&A (10 mins)</p>
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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	<p>Moderator: Mr. Ruud De Mooij, Deputy Director, IMF</p> <p>Presentation (15 mins): Mr. Kevin Chika Urama, Chief Economist/VP for Economic Governance and Knowledge Management Complex; African Development Bank Group</p> <p>Speakers (25 mins):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hon Enoch Godongwana, Minister of Finance – Republic of South Africa • Hon Cheikh Diba, Minister of Finance – Republic of Senegal • Hon Taiwo Oyedele, Minister of Finance- Federal Republic of Nigeria • Ms. Mary Baine, Executive Secretary, Africa Tax Administration (ATAF) • Mr. Mick Moore – International Centre for Tax and Development (ICTD) <p>Q&A (15 mins)</p>
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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>

	Q&A (15 mins) Open to all Ministers and Governors
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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. Djibrilla Issa, Division Director for Senegal Mauritania, Cabo Verde, Guinea-Bissau, and The Gambia, 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. Joseph Mathyola Nakari Mwanamvekha, Minister of Finance Economic Planning and Decentralization, Republic of Malawi Hon. Louise Perrette Mvono, Minister of Finance, Republic of Gabon Hon. Khamis Mussa Omar, Minister of Finance, United Republic of Tanzania Hon. Christian Yoka, Minister of Finance, Republic of Congo <p>Q&A (10 mins)</p>
4:30 PM – 4:40 PM	<p>☕ Tea Break</p>

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, Republic of 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
6:00 PM- 8:00 PM	 Cocktail Reception offered by the Host and African Caucus Chair, Honorable Seedy Keita, Minister of Finance and Economic Affairs of The Gambia

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.</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"> Hon. Yusuff Murangwa, Minister of Finance and Economic Planning, Republic of Rwanda Hon Pierre Gomez, Minister of Higher Education, Republic of The Gambia Mr. Mamadou Biteye, Executive Secretary, African Capacity Building Foundation (ACBF) <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: Coordinating Executive Directors</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>Moderator: Executive Director WBG, EDS06 Mr. Abdelhak Bedjaoui</p> <p>Finalization and Adoption of the Banjul Declaration</p>

1:00 PM – 1:30 PM	<p>Closing Ceremony: Master of Ceremony: Harona Drammeh, Media & Communications Consultant</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	LUNCH and DEPARTURE

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

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