



STRATEGIC IMPACT **AND** PRIORITIES FOR 2026

Dear Africa Fintech and Digital Finance Ecosystem Stakeholders,

We bring you warm greetings from the AFN family from across 48 countries in Africa and hereby extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to all our members, partners, collaborators, and supporters for your continued active contribution to our mission of building a pan-African fintech ecosystem.

Following seven years of our establishment, 2025 was a year of consolidation and global positioning as we commenced the roll out AFN 3.0 Strategic Plan focused on strengthening our primary role as a pan-African fintech convener and voice of advocacy for Africa's fintech and digital economy development.



Advocacy & Thought Leadership



Our advocacy voice and thought leadership work spanned several countries and major international events including.

- **The Rwanda Inclusive Fintech Forum - February 2025**
- **Botswana Scam Radar- Launched by Fintech Botswana - February 2025**
- **Gitex Africa, Morocco - April 2025**
- **Fintech Botswana Power Breakfast - May 2025**
- **OSIANE, Congo Brazaville - May 2025**
- **Afreximbank AGM, Abuja Nigeria- June 2025**
- **Meet and Greet the AFN CEO - June 2025:** Organized by Mauritius Africa Fintech Hub and the Mauritius Development Board as a side event of the Community of Africa Banking Supervisors ' (CABS) Meetings in Mauritius, where we were invited to present one of our key initiatives – the Fintech License Passporting in Africa.
- **Canada–Africa Fintech Summit (CAFS 2025)** Held from 5th –8th August 2025 in Toronto, the inaugural CAFS marked a key milestone in AFN's *Africa to the World* series with over 200 participants. The summit convened regulators, innovators, investors, and industry leaders from both regions under the theme: “Accelerating Canada–Africa Fintech: Collaboration for Talent, Innovation, Investment, and Economic Growth.”
- **Bank of Botswana Fintech Week-September - May 2025**
- **East Africa Investment Forum - September 2025**
- **East Africa Investment Forum (TAFINA) – September 2025**
- **Nigeria Fintech Week- October 2025**
- **World Bank/IMF Annual Meetings, Washington D.C - October 2025**
- **FITSPA Fintech Conference-October 2025**
- **Guinea Fintech Week - November 2025.**



Webinars:



We successfully partnered and co-hosted important webinars including:

- **Virtual Assets Regulatory Trends: Spotlight in Africa:** Co-hosted with Ripple
- **Blockchain and Crypto Adoption: The New Normal in African Fintech:** Co-hosted with UNECA and Ant Group
- **Virtual Town Hall on License Passporting:**
We hosted the first Town Hall in commemoration of *World Fintech Day (August 1st)* as part of strategic move for building the foundational work for a Pan-African fintech license passporting regime, featuring high profile speakers from African Development Bank; African Union Commission; Central Bank of Nigeria; Interswitch; Wave; Financial Services Commission Mauritius the Consultative Group to Assist the Poor (CGAP) CGA; etc.



Africa Fintech Festival 2025:



New Tier 1 Members

AFF 2025 was successfully co-hosted with our Member- Fintech Association of South Africa (FINASA) in November in Pretoria, South Africa, been the fifth edition following Nigeria, Uganda, Mauritius and Kenya in 2024.

4.1 New Tier-1 Members

We onboarded new Tier-1 member associations from:

- Niger
- Côte d'Ivoire,
- Djibouti
- Guinea

4.2 New Tier-2 Members

We successfully incubated new tier-2 memberships in

- Libya
- Namibia
- Gabon

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Fellows

As part of our global positioning, we onboarded 17 fellows from across the world - London, Canada, USA, Europe, Asia etc. Our fellows are seasoned professionals with diverse specialities across the digital finance sector who are supporting the execution of various workstreams on a pro bono basis.

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FinHer
Africa:



The FinHer Africa series was launched in 2025 as part of our fellowship program in collaboration with an AFN Fellow to celebrate and spotlight women shaping Africa's fintech and digital finance ecosystem. The series shares the journeys, leadership insights, and impact of female innovators, builders, and ecosystem contributors across the continent, highlighting their roles in driving inclusive innovation and ecosystem growth.

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Shaping Africa's
Instant Payments
Landscape

2025 was climaxed with our support to a consortium (of AfricaNenda Foundation, Arab Monetary Fund, BTCA, Integral and World Bank) on their seminal work on addressing some of the main challenges facing the uptake of instant payments in Africa, to spur financial inclusion and economic growth.

2026 Strategic Priorities:

AFN's focus will be on expanding our global execution agenda and concurrently advancing our core pan-African programs:

- **Africa Fintech Platform:** The commencement of the actual development of the Africa Fintech Platform- an online digital platform for Africa's fintech community funded by the African Development Bank.
- **Africa Fintech License Passporting:** Commencement of the main building blocks for the actualization of the Fintech License Passporting Scheme- expected to be live by end of 2027.
- **Africa Fintech to the World Series:** Building on the successful inaugural edition in Canada in 2025, the second edition will hold in the second half of this year while we're also working on separate editions with partners in France and the United Kingdom.
- **Africa Fintech Festival 2026-** will be hosted in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) in the second half of the year.
- **Africa Fintech Funders-** an online portal for connecting Africa fintech startups with funders across the globe.

We invite all our partners to continue the good work with AFN as we systematically catalyze Africa's digital economic development.