The Africa Investment Forum in Brief

In 2018, the African Development Bank and its partners launched the Africa Investment Forum to overcome a critical infrastructure financing gap that had long hampered the continent’s economic development. The Forum is designed to advance bankable projects, raise capital and accelerate the financial closure of strategic, game-changing deals. A marketplace for corporations, multilateral agencies and governments, the Forum brings strategic infrastructure and power generation projects to the market.

At the 2019 Forum, held in November, 52 deals worth $4.1 billion secured investor interest, up from $3.7 billion in the previous year. The 2020 Forum is expected to build on this success, summed up at the close of AIF 2019 as “deals, deals, deals,” by African Development Bank President Akinwumi Adesina.

The Africa Investment Forum comprises much more than just Market Days in Johannesburg. There are 5 pillars:

01
Selects, supports, and facilitates deal origination, structuring and closure.

02
Leads productive engagements including global roadshows to deepen and diversify the sponsor, investor and partner base.

03
Brings together investors, project sponsors and key decision makers for investment conversations and closing deals.

04
Moves deals forward, accelerates investor commitments, and advances projects to closure.

05
Fosters an investment-friendly regulatory climate and knowledge dissemination.

In addition, AIF’s Founding and Institutional Partners meet regularly to discuss technical issues and strategies to grow the partner pool.
The Boardroom

Deals in this category have demonstrated bankability to enable capital raising from lenders, investors, grant providers and underwriters.

**CATEGORY 1:** ADVANCE TO BANKABILITY

**CATEGORY 2:** CAPITAL RAISING

**CATEGORY 3:** ACCELERATE TO FINANCIAL CLOSE

PROMISES MADE, PROMISES KEPT

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Dr Akinwumi A. Adesina, President, African Development Bank

"It is a new, more confident Africa. A continent now aware of its place in the world and determined to be a global investment haven. And Africa is harnessing investors' interests and investments."

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As at January 20, 2020, eight Africa Investment Forum deals representing $2.183 billion have fully secured investments. Of these deals, valued at $1.634 billion, have received partial financing from the Bank.

The largest deal was for a liquefied natural gas project in Mozambique valued at $24.6 billion.

The African Development Bank and partners expect the 2020 Africa Investment Forum to top the success of previous years. Through this game-changing marketplace, we will continue to shape Africa's investment future.