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Editorial

"2019: A fruitful year for the ALSF"

This year, the demand for ALSF services continued to grow, and our partnerships and membership expanded.

Project approvals exceeded the Target by 22%. These interventions are expected to be transformative in the years to come through improved infrastructure, creation of jobs and increased revenues for governments.

Increasingly, the ALSF is gaining regional and international recognition. On 21 March 2019, two infrastructure projects supported by the ALSF won the 2018 IJ Global Awards. Nachtigal Hydro Dam project in Cameroon won the African power sector transaction of the year and Tiaba N'Diaye wind farm project in Senegal won the Wind African transaction of the year. Both projects will add more than 570 MW of clean energy at competitive tariffs to support industrial expansion, job creation, and economic growth that will benefit local communities.

In 2019, Mozambique, Uganda and Zimbabwe ratified the agreement for the establishment of the ALSF. These ratifications were driven by the countries' recognition of the value added by the ALSF's interventions to further strengthen and improve the respective country's legal capacities.

This year, the ALSF continued to be creative and innovative, officially launching the ALSF Virtual Academy Project in October 2019. The academy's curriculum was co-developed by the ALSF, national and regional bar associations, including the Southern African Development Community Lawyers Association, the East African Law Society and the International Training Centre in Africa for Francophone Lawyers

Over the year, the ALSF also consolidated and deepened its partnerships with various strategic and financing partners, to amplify its impact and ensure efforts are not duplicated. Connected to this, in 2019, the Facility participated **in the highly successful** AfDB sponsored Africa Investment Forum; and African Energy Forum to raise awareness of its role in assisting African countries to negotiate contracts and build legal foundations required to complete fair deals and maximize the resources available for economic and social progress in Africa.

In sum, the Facility remained agile, relevant and effective in 2019. Thanks to an energetic, enthusiastic, hardworking and competent team, and the rich and constructive guidance of the ALSF Board and Governing Council. Looking forward to another year of continued growth in 2020.

On behalf of the Facility, I wish you a happy, healthy and successful 2020.



Management Board Meeting

Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, 27th November 2019: The Management Board of the African Legal Support Facility (ALSF or the Facility) met in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire to review the ALSF's 2019 performance and consider and approve the Work Plan and Budget for 2020: In 2019, the ALSF had exceeded its planned number of projects by 22%, The Board endorsed the proposal to organize a Regional Member Countries' meeting in February 2020 to discuss the future and sustainability of the Facility

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Africa Investment Forum

Johannesburg, South Africa, 19 November 2019: The African Legal Support Facility (ALSF) participated in the second edition of the Africa Investment Forum (AIF). The AIF was an opportunity for the African Legal Support Facility to connect with several partners, including Ministers and heads of government institutions, in bilateral meetings to discuss ongoing and potential projects that the ALSF could support. The ALSF team participated in boardroom meetings where project proponents and governments presented various projects for financing.

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Echoes from the field

Seychelles: the first photovoltaic project in Africa

Interview by Eve Ehoura

Mahé, Seychelles, 23rd November 2019: With the support and technical guidance of the ALSF, and in the context of the Africa Energy Forum held in Mauritius in 2018, Seychelles launched the tender of the right to develop, finance, own and operate a 4MW floating grid-connected solar PV plant in the Lagoon le Rocher, Mahé. According to Mr. Wills, Agricole, Principal Secretary of the Minister of Environment, Energy and Climate Change, by using Floating Photovoltaic (FPV), Seychelles wants to maximize their solar PV potential and therefore rely on clean, renewable energy sources rather than imported fossil fuels.

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Seychelles Floating PV: Notice of Intended Award Issued!

Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, 13 December 2019: The Seychelles Energy Commission issued the Notice of Intended Award of Seychelles' Marine Floating Solar PV project to Quadran (Seychelles) Ltd on Wednesday, 11 December 2019. Quadran is an international renewable energy company, operating in Africa, Europe, and Asia, and would establish a local company in Seychelles for operation of this project.

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Capacity building for Namibian's Ministries

Windhoek, Namibia, 26 September 2019: The Facility held a capacity building workshop on Independent Power Projects (IPPs) and Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs) on 24-26 September 2019 for the Namibian Ministry of Finance PPP Unit. The workshop is part of a broader assistance that the Facility has been providing to the Namibian government on IPPs and PPPs. Namely, the assistance consisted of the development of a broad PPP toolkit, a toolkit for the procurement of solar projects, and the capacity building workshop.

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ALSF supports the Republic of Congo in the Energy sector

Brazzaville, Republic of Congo, 27 September 2019: The African Legal Support Facility hosted a capacity-building workshop from 24-27 September 2019 in Brazzaville, Congo, for Government officials and civil servants of the Ministry of Energy and Hydraulic Resources, the Agency for the Regulation of the Electricity Sector, the National Agency for Rural Electrification, and the utility company Energie Electrique du Congo. It was the first of two trainings planned to support the Republic of Congo in the energy sector.

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Launch of Extractives Hub Phase II

Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 15 October 2019: The ALSF attended the Centre for Energy, Petroleum and Mineral Law and Policy Extractives Hub (The Extractives Hub) Phase II launch event under the theme "Investment and Governance in the Extractives Sector". The Facility highlighted the current trends of foreign direct investment trends in the extractives sector in Africa. The Extractives Hub is a multiannual project funded by the UK Department for International Development (DFID) as part of the programme on...

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The 6th edition of African Mining Legislation Atlas

Maputo, Mozambique, 4 December 2019: A seven-day regional workshop aimed at discussing issues around the sustainable development of Africa's mining sector dubbed 'The 2019 African Mining Legislation Atlas (AMLA)' kicked off on 02 December 2019 in Maputo, Mozambique. The workshop is gathering legal academics and practitioners in mining sector that serve as advisory to the Legal Research Team (LRT) to facilitate knowledge sharing and the creation of a network of specialized African experts.

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