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"Supporting RMCs to reopen their economies safely and meeting their capacity needs for sustainability"

The period since our last newsletter in February 2021 has seen significant activity in our African member countries ("Regional Member Countries" or RMCs")

as the RMCs make fervent efforts to obtain sufficient COVID-19 vaccines for their citizens while still experiencing increasing COVID-19 cases and its devastating effects on their economies. Despite this, RMCs are making bold plans for recovery - including new debt issuances, measures to attract investment, and resumption of development projects. These plans not only signify hope for economic recovery but also show the eagerness of the RMCs to do so quickly.

However, with globalization and the interdependence of the world's economies, no one country or continent is completely safe from the COVID-19 pandemic and can prosper unless all countries beat the pandemic. Thus, any efforts to support poorer countries or countries with inadequate legal capacity to access vaccines is a contribution to global recovery and sustainability. This is why we are collaborating with GAVI the Global Vaccine Alliance to facilitate rapid, fair, and equitable access to safe and effective vaccines to low and lower-middle income countries in Africa. The ALSF is ensuring that its qualifying RMCs have the appropriate legal, regulatory and institutional capacity to access safe vaccines effectively through GAVI's COVAX Advance Market Commitment and COVAX Facility. Our involvement in this project will enable the RMCs to reopen their economies safely, fully, and quickly to aid their respective economic recovery plans and the resurgence of international investment and trade.

The areas in which RMCs are seeking our support over this period include debt management, creditor litigation, negotiations and renegotiations of various commercial agreements, and capacity building. In particular, many countries are requesting and utilizing the experience, capacity, and resources provided by the ALSF to review and renegotiate debt service commitments, acquire new and sustainable debt for important projects, obtain debt cancellations, and manage sovereign debt portfolios generally. As investments pick up, we are also supporting countries to develop or enhance suitable tools to facilitate investments such as transparent and fair tender processes, as well as providing and developing capacity to address issues concerning the environment, extractives and natural resources, energy, infrastructure and PPPs, and investor state disputes.

From 2020 to date we have organized more than 32 knowledge and capacity building events (webinars) with various partners, including the African Natural Resources Centre of the African Development Bank, Nordic Africa Institute, ERSUMA, our partner law firms, various academic institutions, and experts, involving more than 4468 participants. Apart from enhancing the knowledge and capacity of participants, these knowledge events have also provided useful reflections to guide future support to RMCs by the ALSF and its partners - including anticipating climate change threats and integrating relevant solutions into our support to RMCs.

We continue to anticipate the needs of our RMCs and remain a dependable partner for providing technical legal support to enable RMCs to reopen their economies safely, meet their immediate capacity needs, lower project risks and costs, and facilitate investments, while also ensuring capacity for economic, social, human, and environmental sustainability.

We look forward your participation in our future knowledge events.

Stephen KARANGIZI
Director and Chief Executive Officer



The African Legal Support Facility receives 6 Million euros from Germany/KfW

Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, 28 May 2021

The African Legal Support Facility (ALSF) and the Federal Republic of Germany signed a financing agreement for six million euros (€ 6 million) to support the work of the ALSF over a two-year period. With this funding, the ALSF can continue to provide technical legal assistance to African countries to strengthen their legal expertise and negotiating capacity in undertaking complex commercial ...

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African Legal Support Facility holds Annual Meetings

Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, 27 May 2021

On the 25th and 26th May 2021, the African Legal Support Facility ("ALSF" or the "Facility") held the Annual Meetings of its Management Board and Governing Council respectively by videoconference to review the Facility's activities in 2020 and to consider various policies and proposals concerning the continuation of the Facility and the effectiveness of its operations.

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ALSF Management Board reviews its activities ahead of 2021 Annual Meeting

Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, 12 April 2021 - The Management Board of the African Legal Support Facility (ALSF) held its 33rd meeting virtually, from 07 - 08 April 2021, to review the progress of the ALSF's activities and projects. The Board considered and provided guidance on administrative, institutional and operational matters to enhance the effectiveness of the ALSF and its support to its Regional Member Countries (RMCs).

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Are Public-Private Partnerships a Panacea for Africa's Digital Infrastructure Deficit

Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, 5 April 2021 -

On Wednesday 24 March 2021, The African Legal Support Facility (ALSF) held the second webinar in its series of PPP webinars for Anglophone Africa. The objective of the webinar was to explore the use of Public Private Partnerships (PPPs) as a means of addressing the digital infrastructure gaps across the continent. Pre- Pandemic Africa's need for a digital transformation had been clearly ...

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ALSF Governing Council appoints interim Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson

Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, 12 March 2021 - On Thursday, 11 March 2021, the Governing Council ("Council" or "GC") of the African Legal Support Facility ("ALSF" or the "Facility") met via videoconference to appoint an interim chairperson and vice-chairpersons. In his opening remarks, the Director of the Facility, Mr. Stephen Karangizi, thanked all the Members of the Council and other ...

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ALSF and ANRC webinar on minerals and Africa's development emphasise linkages and climate sensitive solutions to realise the Africa mining vision

The African Legal Support Facility (ALSF) and the African Natural Resources Centre of the African Development Bank (ANRC) partnered with the Nordic African Institute (NAI) to organise a webinar on Minerals and Africa's Development on 26 February 2021. The webinar was the third in the series of knowledge events initiated in October 2020 to discuss the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on Africa's ...

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People First Public Private Partnerships (PfPPPs) and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN-SDGs): an African perspective

Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, 15th February 2021 Since the outset of Covid-19, Public Private Partnerships (PPP) practitioners around the world have been engaged in discussions on the impact of the pandemic on PPP projects.

According to a survey carried at the beginning of the pandemic[1], some of the biggest Covid-19 related challenges for PPPs included: ...

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