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Dear colleagues and friends,

Greetings from the ALSF!

I am delighted to share highlights of some of our projects, activities, events, and news from the team.

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Warm regards,

Olivier
Director and CEO

ANNUAL MEETINGS 2026

In this interview, the Director of the African Legal Support Facility (ALSF) shares insights into the institution's mission, its strategic priorities, and its commitment to strengthening the legal and institutional capacity of African countries.

Through its advisory services, capacity-building programmes, and knowledge-sharing initiatives, the ALSF continues to support African governments in negotiating complex commercial transactions and promoting sustainable development across the continent.

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RECENT HIGHLIGHTS



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Signature of Two Landmark Debt Relief
Agreements**

On 13 July 2026, the Federal Government of Somalia and the Kingdom of Spain signed two landmark agreements in Madrid: a Debt Reduction Bilateral Agreement and a Debt Swap Programme Agreement. With this signature, Spain becomes the last Paris Club creditor with whom Somalia has concluded a bilateral debt relief agreement, following the country's attainment of the HIPC Completion Point in December 2023...[read more](#)

**ALSF Supports Mauritania in Reaching Another
Landmark Milestone in Its Energy Transition**

Building on agreements signed in August 2025 for Mauritania's inaugural renewable energy partnership, a \$300 million, 220 MW facility combining solar, wind, and battery storage, ALSF continued advising the government on a larger subsequent transaction. On 30 June 2026, Mauritania finalized a partnership agreement with ACWA Power for the N'Diogo 230 MW gas-fired power plant, the nation's first major independent power project...[read more](#)



ALSF Assists Zimbabwe with Contract Negotiations for the Cabora Bassa Gas Project

Harare, Zimbabwe, 27 May 2026. The Government of the Republic of Zimbabwe entered into a Petroleum Production Sharing Agreement with Invictus Energy Limited, marking a major milestone in advancing the Cabora Bassa gas project. The African Legal Support Facility, in partnership with an advisory consortium led by Simmons & Simmons LLP, provided comprehensive legal, technical, and commercial support throughout the negotiation process...[read more](#)



Senegal Strengthens Its Capacity in Negotiating and Managing Mining Contracts with ALSF Support

Dakar, Senegal, 30 March 2026. Approximately thirty Senegalese government officials participated in a training workshop on the negotiation and management of mining contracts, organized by the African Legal Support Facility (ALSF) from 30 March to 3 April 2026, in collaboration with the law firms GENI & KEBE and DLA Piper France LLP, and technical advisory firm GEOMIN...[read more](#)



ALSF Strengthens South Sudan's Oil and Gas Sector Through Capacity Building Workshop in Nairobi

Nairobi, Kenya, 8 May 2026. The African Legal Support Facility (ALSF) successfully delivered a three-day capacity building workshop for officials from the Republic of South Sudan,



ALSF and BADEA Strengthen Partnership to Support Sovereign Finance Capacity in Seychelles

The African Legal Support Facility (ALSF) and the Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa (BADEA) have reinforced their strategic partnership through a joint initiative to strengthen sovereign finance capacity and

aimed at strengthening legal and institutional capacity in the oil and gas sector...[read more](#)

institutional frameworks in the Seychelles, with BADEA providing a grant of USD 375,000 for technical assistance...[read more](#)

FROM THE TEAM



Alassane BA

Mr. BA is a graduate of the University of Dakar in Economics, holds a Postgraduate Diploma. her Diploma in Banking Management (Paris I Sorbonne) and is certified in M&A (Columbia Business School)...[read more](#)



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Millington Bergeson-Lockwood

Millington Bergeson-Lockwood is the Senior Capacity Building Officer - Advanced Learning at the African Legal Support Facility, where he administers the flagship ALSF Academy... [read more](#)

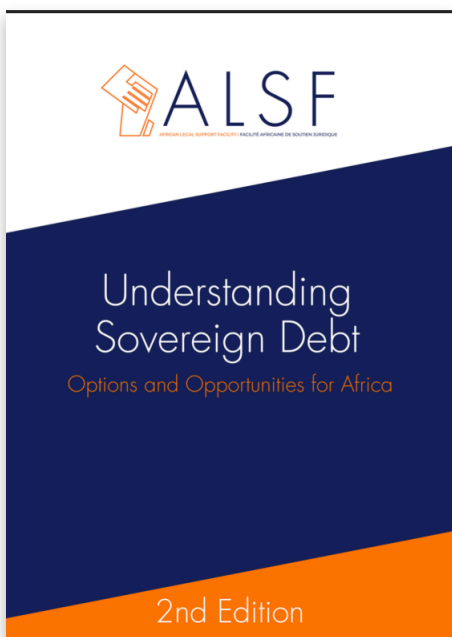
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