

Reimagining International Trade Finance for Africa's Economic Future

African Trade Leaders Dialogue

9th - 13th February, 2026 | Banjul, The Gambia

Day 1 | 9th February, 2026

8:00AM - 8:50AM	Arrival of Guests
9:00AM - 9:15AM	Welcome Address: Trade Finance is the Key to Unlocking Africa's Economic Future
Speaker:	Mr. Raymond Sambou, Dep. CEO & COO, GHIB
9:20AM - 9:35AM	Opening Address: Unlocking Potential: How Trade Finance Can Drive Growth for Africa. The Case of GHIB and The Gambia
Speaker:	Mr. Dean Adansi, CEO, GHIB
9:40AM - 9:55AM	Intra African Trade to boost Regional Collaboration
Speaker:	Dr. Johnson Asiama, Governor of The Bank of Ghana
10:00AM - 10:15AM	Operationalizing AfCTA for Banks: What Regulatory Alignment is Needed to Enable Cross-Border Trade Finance within Africa
Speaker:	Governor Buah Saidy, Central Bank of The Gambia
10:20AM - 10:35AM	Keynote Address: Pan-African Trade Finance: The Way Forward
Speaker:	Honourable Seedy Keita, Minister of Finance and Economic Affairs, The Gambia
10:40AM - 10:55AM	Coffee Break
11:00AM - 11:15AM	Presentation: Trade Finance in Africa: Current Landscape and Emerging Trends
Presenter:	Mr. Lamin M. Drammeh, Head of Trade Finance, AfDB
11:20AM - 12:00PM	Panel Discussion: Trade Finance as a Key Driver for Growth: Frontline Insights
Moderator:	Mr. Richard Agbenu, CCO, GHIB
Speakers:	Mr. John Nyaaba, CEO, Ecobank Gambia Mr. Tresor Bongombe, CEO, Megabank Gambia Ms. Njilan Senghore, CEO, Trust Bank Gambia Mr. Stephen Ahwayki Abban, CEO, Access Bank Gambia
12:05PM - 12:45PM	Panel Discussion: Reimagining Trade Finance for AfCTA
Moderator:	Dep. Governor 1st/2nd, Central Bank of The Gambia
Speakers:	H. E. Wamkele Mene, Secretary - General, AfCTA Secretariat Mr. Dode Seidu, CEO, Africa Trade Academy Mr. Paul Minlah, CEO, DMT Collateral Management Africa Mr. John Osei - Wusu, MD, Juwel Energy
12:50PM - 1:50PM	Lunch
1:55PM - 2:10PM	Presentation: Islamic Finance in Africa as a Growth Model for Africa
Presenter:	Mr. Abdihamid Aweis Abu, GM, Trade Finance, IITFC
2:15PM - 2:45PM	Panel Discussion: Islamic Finance as a Growth Model for Africa
Moderator:	Bank of Ghana (TBA)
Speakers:	Mrs. Isatou Jawara, CEO, AGIB Bank Mr. Abdihamid Aweis Abu, GM, Trade Finance, IITFC Dr. Zamir Iqbal, Vice President, CFO, Islamic Development Bank Mr. Gbenga O. Ajibola, CEO, First Bank Gambia Dr. Abdoulie Sireh Jallow, 1st Deputy Governor, Central Bank of The Gambia Mrs. Kafilat Araoye, CEO, Lotus Bank
2:50PM - 3:30PM	Reality or Myth: Technology in African Trade Finance
Moderator:	Mr. Baafuor Abankwa, Divisional Head, CIB, GHIB
Speakers:	Miishe Addy, CEO, Jetstream Africa

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3:35PM - 3:45PM

Coffee Break

3:50PM - 4:30PM

Panel Discussion: Are African Banks Reimagining Trade Finance for African Growth?

Moderator:

Mrs. Hueggert Annan, HCCA, GHIB

Speakers:

Mr. Alfred K. Amoah, MD, Bloom Bank Gambia

Mr. Eric Obeng Saah, MD, Vista Bank Gambia

Mr. Kabiru Mustapha, CEO, Zenith Bank Gambia

4:35PM - 5:00PM

Wrap Up by Mr. Raymond Sambou, Dep. CEO & COO, GHIB