

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 Asiamah, 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