

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

Agenda

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:	Raymond Sambou, Dep. CEO & COO, GHIB
9:20AM - 9:35AM	Opening Address: Unlocking Potential: Finance Can Drive Growth for Africa. The Case of GHIB and The Gambia
Speaker:	Dean Adansi, CEO, GHIB
9:40AM - 9:55AM	Intra African Trade to Boost Regional Collaboration
Speaker:	Gershon Agbledzorwus, Head of Financial Markets, Bank of Ghana
10:00AM - 10:15AM	Host's Address: Trade Finance as a Growth Multiplier for African Economies: The Case of The Gambia
Speaker:	Governor Buah Saidy, Central Bank of The Gambia
10:20AM - 10:35AM	Special Remarks: Trade Finance as a Catalyst for Africa's Global Financial Integration
Speaker:	Lord Paul Boateng
10:40AM - 10:55AM	Keynote Address: Pan-African Trade Finance: The Way Forward
Speaker:	Honourable Seedy Keita, Minister of Finance and Economic Affairs, The Gambia
11:00AM - 11:15AM	Coffee Break
11:20AM - 11:35AM	Presentation: Trade Finance in Africa: Current Landscape and Emerging Trends
Presenter:	Julius Karuga, Chief Trade Finance Officer, AfDB
11:40AM - 12:25PM	Panel Discussion: Trade Finance as a Key Driver for Growth: Frontline Insights
Moderator:	Richard Agbenu, CCO, GHIB
Speakers:	Marcus Wade, CEO, Axendo Group Njilan Senghore, CEO, Trust Bank Gambia Stephen Ahwayki Abban, CEO, Access Bank Gambia Gbenga O. Ajibola, CEO, First Bank Gambia
12:30PM - 1:30PM	Lunch
1:35PM - 2:20PM	Panel Discussion: Can Trade Finance be a Key Driver of AfCTA
Moderator:	Dr. Abdoulie Sireh Jallow, 1st Deputy Governor, Central Bank of The Gambia
Speakers:	Dr. Walton Ekundayo Glipin, MD/CEO, Rokel Commercial Bank Dode Seidu, CEO, African Trade Academy Tresor Bongombe, CEO, Megabank John Sumailah, Chairman of the Board of Directors, Rokel Commercial Bank
2:25PM - 2:40PM	Presentation: Is Islamic Finance the Answer to the Trade Finance Gap?
Presenter:	Dalanda Jallow, Head of Credit Risk and Administration, Central Bank of The Gambia
2:45PM - 3:30PM	In- Conversation: Islamic Finance as a Growth Model for Africa
Speakers:	Dalanda Jallow, Head of Credit Risk and Administration, Central Bank of The Gambia Dr. Paul Mendy, 2nd Dep. Governor, Central Bank of The Gambia

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3:35PM - 3:50PM

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3:55PM - 4:40PM

In- Conversation: How Risky is African Trade Banking - Perception vs. Reality?

Moderator:

Linda Wayoe, Dep. Head of Payment Services, GHIB

Speaker:

Farihan Alhassan, MD, GCB Bank
Subuola Abraham, Head of Compliance & MLRO, GHIB
Sundeep Bhandari, Independent Non-Executive Director, GHIB
Nashlin Stephen, COO, DMT Collateral Management Africa

4:45PM - 5:00PM

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