AfDB - CIVIL SOCIETY COMMITTEE

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General Report
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Executive Summary

The African Development Bank (the Bank) - Civil Society Committee gathered for its third statutory meeting on 5 and 6 November 2019 at the Bank’s headquarters in Abidjan.

This meeting was an opportunity for the advisory group to take stock of the actions of the Committee conducted so far but also to present a number of initiatives undertaken by the Bank.

Vanessa Moungar, Director of the Gender, Women and Civil Society Department welcomed the participants representing various Bank departments and those from civil society organizations, asking that the talks serve as a platform for “concrete contributions to improve the AfDB-Civil Society good partnership”.

The meeting’s first session, “Ongoing dynamics within the Committee”, moderated by Zéneb Touré, Manager, Civil Society and Community Engagement Division of the Bank, saw Committee members provide updates on their work in terms of civil society engagement in their respective regions: what activities are being led in the countries and how they are interacting with communities. They also discussed challenges met in their work, such as engaging with Bank country offices. “Our populations, that we are representing through this Committee in the Bank are waiting for us, they want to see us do things that are important for their lives,” Committee Vice-President Augustine Njamnshi said via video statement.

In that sense, a special window was opened around discussions on the contribution of civil society organizations to the implementation of the Bank’s Affirmative Finance Action for Women in Africa (AFAWA) initiative. The Bank’s Gender, Women and Civil Society administers AFAWA, a pan-African initiative aiming to bridge the $42 billion financing gap facing women in Africa. Discussing about this initiative, participants agreed that the involvement of civil society was crucial in the implementation. All committee members expressed enthusiasm and willingness to take part in the AFAWA initiative, saying they’re committed to actively engage in this transformational process.

Other Bank departments involved in the two-day sessions included the Office of Integrity and Anti-Corruption (PIAC) and the Governance and Public Financial Management Coordination Office (ECGF). They presented their work and activities in terms of civil society engagement; the results presentation of the capitalization study of the Civil Society Forum’s 10 years of experience; and the preparation of the evaluation of civil society engagement within the Bank carried out by the Bank’s Independent Development Evaluation (BDEV).

Jennifer Blanke, Bank Vice-President for Agriculture, Human and Social Development summed up the overall meeting sentiment, saying: “The Bank’s engagement with civil society is moving forward! Our partnership is on the right track! Hand in hand, we will continue marching to make sure community engagement and the voice of citizens is at the heart of the continent’s transformational agenda”.

Vanessa Moungar, Director of the Gender, Women and Civil Society Department, delivered preliminary remarks by welcoming committee members and highlighting the Bank’s continued commitment and engagement with Civil Society and other stakeholders to build trust and direct channel of communication with African people it intends to serve. She stressed that the talks serve as a platform for “concrete contributions to improve the AfDB-Civil Society good partnership”.

The Vice Chair of the Committee, Mr Augustine Njamnshi sent a video declaration, where he stated that “Our populations, that we are representing through this Committee in the Bank are waiting for us, they want to see us do things that are important for their lives”; before Fatma Ben Rejeb on the behalf of the Civil Society Organisations (CSO) representatives mentioned the satisfaction of the CSOs regarding the high level commitment of the Bank’s regarding this partnership. She highlighted the wish of operationalizing this engagement at the country levels and asked the Chait of the Committee to advocate for an effective presence of the Bank’s President at the next AfDB-Civil Society Forum scheduled in May 2020.

The Chair of the Bank-Civil Society Committee, Vice President, Agriculture, Human and Social Development at the Bank, Ms Jennifer Blanke gave the opening speech and expressed that, "The overall objective of this statutory meeting of the committee is to strengthen the involvement of civil society organizations in the implementation of the Bank’s five key priorities at the country level and in the Bank’s operations and projects".

From left to right: Bank-Civil Society Committee Member Fatma Ben Rejeb representing the Vice-Chair Augustine Njamnshi; Jennifer Blanke, Vice President, Agriculture, Human and Social Development and Chair of the Bank-Civil Society Committee and Vanessa Moungar, Director of the Gender, Women and Civil Society Department
She also voiced the satisfaction from the Bank’s side on this partnership: “The Bank’s engagement with civil society is moving forward! Our partnership is on the right track! Hand in hand, we will continue marching to make sure community engagement and the voice of citizens is at the heart of the continent’s transformational agenda”.

This report presents the proceedings and outcomes of the meeting. Specifically, it presents the rationale of the meeting and the key point of discussions per sessions held during the two-day meeting.

SESSION 1: ONGOING DYNAMICS WITHIN THE COMMITTEE
Moderator: Zéneb Touré, Manager Civil Society and Community Engagement Division

During this session, discussions focused on the Update of the Secretariat’ and the CSO’ activities, including the committee’s communication and outreach role to ensure timely and effective feedbacks from beneficiaries to the Bank, as well as to share information on the Bank’s work to their constituencies, the Bank members of the Committee’ Engagement with CSO including financing mechanisms for strengthening the Bank’s engagement with Civil Society.

1.1. Update of the Secretariat’ activities

According to its Overall mandate which is to advise the Bank on forging stronger relations and partnerships with the CSO community and to help to hold the Bank accountable for the implementation of its Civil Society Engagement, the AfDB-Civil Society Committee reached main achievements in 2019. Here are summarized some of them: (a) Effective statutory meetings in 2019 (January, May and November 2019); (b) Committee Members contributions in mainstreaming CSE in the Bank’s operations and projects (Effective contribution of the Committee’s members in the reference group, Effective Participation of CS in Country and Regional strategy papers: CSP/RISP e.g. Morocco, Eswatini, Mauritius, Mali, Burkina Faso, Nigeria, Botswana…,Organization of AfDB-CS Open Days); (c) Committee Members contribution in capacity building on CSE (AfDB_Civil Society Database, Capacity Building Program reference group, Contribution of WACSI in the capacity building program); (d) Committee Members contribution in strengthening partnership, advocacy and policy dialogue on CSE (Social Mobilization and Advocacy Strategy in support to the Bank’s strategic objectives: GCI & ADF_15 Official statement and campaign, Engagement with CS Members: PAFO, WACSI, University of Marrakech, Engagement with Bank’s Members: ECGF, FIRM, PCER…, Capitalization of the AfDB-CS 10 years’ experience with CS active contribution,
Engagement of CS in Southern and Eastern Africa for climate justice; (e) Committee Members contribution in strengthening communication and public outreach on CSE (Newsletter Q1, Q2 and Q3, Institutional Film, E-meetings on WhatsApp and Skype …).

Challenges and prospects have been highlighted in this session as well:

1) Challenges
   - Renewal of the Committee: Term is ending on May 2020
   - Evaluation of the Committee by Consultants
   - Evaluation of the Bank’s Civil Society Engagement by BDEV
   - Highlighting the added value of the AfDB-CS Committee: Strengthening the engagement of Bank’s and CS Members; Enhancing Communication ….
   - New format of the AfDB-CSO Forum

2) Opportunities
   - AFAWA
     - Financing Opportunity with IFAD/FIDA on “Feed Africa” which shall include West Africa representatives
   - Reflections on Alliance Sahel & G5 Sahel addressing the nexus Security – Development, Stability, Countering violent extremism, resilience which shall involve inputs from the Committee
   - Partnership with IsDB, AU/ECOSOCC, OSIWA…

1.2. Update on CSO Members activities
In their presentations, the CSO committee members shared their ongoing initiatives whose could be taken as good examples and practices:

- **Nana Asantewa Afadzinu (West Africa):**
  - Working mainly looking at how to reach out with CSOs in the region;
  - Number of face to face meetings organized with Civil Society in the region;
  - “15 minutes in WACSI” videos: Among them, one aims at letting people know what the Bank is doing with High 5s and what the entry points are for Civil Society;
  - Important involvement in CSO Forum;
  - Online directory that is being updated regularly for civil society organizations;
  - Identification of focal points from different countries and identification of key areas on which to focus.

- **Misganaw Eticha (East Africa representative):**
  - Communication is done via mailing lists;
  - Wide sharing of documents related to the Bank’s work: Official statements in support to the African Development Fund replenishment. Dispatching the newsletter;
  - Taking part in the Bank’s social media publications (i.e Day of the African Child);
  - Continuously communicating on the High 5s to different stakeholders such as academia;
  - Various meetings held with CSO umbrella organizations;
  - Taking part in workshops and seminars, forums;
  - Overall, stakeholders show interest for strategic alignment;
  - The main challenge remains the budget constraint.
• **Felix Lombe (Southern Africa representative):**
  - Objectives: promoting accountability and inclusive decision making, value for money, rights of youth, children and women;
  - Conducting activities with the support of Njeri;
  - Country office engagement is challenging. Alternatives such as meeting the Bank informally;
  - Following up on a governance project implemented with the Bank (in the extractive industry). Requested a review on this project. Two meetings enabled to highlight CSO isolation;
  - A total of 3 roundtable meetings have been held and enabled to highlight the challenges in the region.

• **Ahmed Chehbouni (North Africa representative):**
  - Taking part in various workshops such as a workshop on the mechanisms to handle complaints;
  - Took part in the Agadir Forum on African Youth. Highlighted the need to support financially all these young people who bear their own costs to attend such Forums;
  - Organization of the Youth Summer University.

• **Fatma Ben Rejeb (PAFO):**
  - AfDB’s intervention in PAFO events such as the General Assembly has a great impact on the delegates. These events are an occasion to advocate for AfDB causes such as ADF 15;
  - New project FO for ACP (financed by EU) was launched. Project that strengthens the capacity of farmers’ organizations to reinforce value chains;
  - Wants to establish something more concrete between PAFO and the Bank.

• **Helene Gnionsahe (West Africa Civil Society representative):**
  - Important work on malnutrition. Coordinating activities focusing on maternal breastfeeding, early childhood development and work on regulations and laws in preparation;
  - Communicating on Bank activities;
  - Implementation of nurseries « Le petit potager » to enable women to feed their children;
  - Setting up of Savings groups. Setting up of support committees.

Zéneb added to this, the need for civil society engagement in the preparation of elections in Côte d’Ivoire in 2020, in a peacebuilding process.

**From the Civil Society Members of the Committee perspective**, the main point raised was the difficulty for CSOs to engage with country offices. The response was for the Division to introduce Civil Society Committee focal points to the respective country offices. The possibility for the Division to intervene during the Country Manager retreat so as to make a presentation on how to engage with Civil Society and encourage them to do so, by providing them with the necessary tools. Building on the
lessons learned from other countries who are successful in engaging with Civil Society was also raised.

Internal sensitization needs to be done on how to engage overall in policy dialogue: What does it mean exactly?

The ultimate goal would be to make civil society engagement mandatory for each employee, this would be communicated during the Induction program.

1.3. Bank members of the Committee’ Engagement with CSO

DAI: DAI policy was approved and adopted in 2012. The institution introduced a new disclosure policy changing radically the boundary for openness by moving from a limited list of disclosable documents to the transformative concept that all information in the Bank’s possession must be accessible to the public, unless a document type is placed under a defined list of exceptions. Recently, DAI realized that the Bank’s website was not very user friendly. Secretary General’s office in collaboration with PCER made efforts to make this website friendly and enable the public to easily access to information. DAI’s most recent endeavor involves tagging project documents with unique identifier that groups all information concerning one project under one single code. **Tagging project documents with a unique identifier will enable CSOs and other information seekers to quickly access the information they need on a project.**

BDEV Presentation: Evaluation is more than crucial, as there can be complaints linked to a project. It is the case of Burkina Faso and the complaints from CSOs on the “Moro Naba canal”. The complaints were communicated to AHGC2. A meeting is therefore planned in December, on the level of involvement of local communities in projects. Such mediation process can avoid repetitive issues. Regarding the evaluation of the design of a project, one must highlight that when designing a programme, we should look at indicators to be able to measure, at the end of the project, how the Bank effectively engages with civil society. This is a tool to be set up. AfDB-CSO Committee members highlighted the fact that their participation is not requested in evaluations. There is indeed a BDEV communication and dissemination plan from which CSOs can benefit by having access to all the information/reports/evaluations, but members would like to take part in the evaluation. **BDEV Team is handling an independent evaluation of the Bank’s overall engagement with Civil Society and is collecting data in this purpose, including consultations with CSOs at corporate and country level.**

FIRM Presentation: FIRM mobilizes resources and forges partnerships with a number of partners among which private sector. There are 3 main financing instruments: AfDB window, African development fund, Nigerian trust fund. Most fiduciary funds are based on themes. Accessing to such funds can be done via calls for proposal. I.E: Youth Entrepreneurship Innovation Fund. The process is the following:
screening of proposals then technical review committee. These thematic funds are being handled by operational departments.

It is possible to make a strong business case for civil society to have access to the setting up of a fiduciary funds by approaching donors (especially Northern countries who are very much interested in communities). When approaching the donors, very specific areas must be proposed. Areas cannot be too broad. Donors have their priorities, there is a necessity to be clear about this. At terms it can take quite long to negotiate something between the Bank and other partners. Other than donors, FIRM also reaches out to other institutions.

The Bank’s strategy for economic governance in Africa, ECGF

The objectives of this session were the following: (1) Provide an overview of the context of the African Development Banks Governance work, (2) Present the Bank’s proposed governance strategy including the key pillars and sub-pillars, (3) Get Committee Members views on governance in general and on the proposed approach by the Bank in particular, (4) Identify complementarities and opportunities for collaboration.

Among the three (3) pillars presented, Pillar 3 addressing participatory governance and accountability appears as the one of high interest for strengthening the Bank’s engagement with Civil Society.
The overarching objective of this pillar is to establish systems to monitor and hold governments accountable for the delivery of public service and end the abuse of public institutions for corrupt practices. It seeks to ensure that economic policies and programs are inclusive in design and gender responsive, taking cognizance of demographic groups that are often marginalized, including women, children, people with disabilities and the elderly, as well as youth with respect to job creation. Illicit Financial Flows result from a lack of transparent and accountable governance. This pillar reinforces the other pillars.

a. **Anti-corruption and Curbing Illicit Financial Flows**: The Bank will continue supporting RMCs to address issues such as bribery, embezzlement and corruption.

b. **Accountability and Demand-side Governance**: This sub-pillar seeks to support citizens and nonstate actors participation in decision making, as well as their ability to hold governments and the private sector accountable, to ensure that governments provide public goods and services to standard. The pillar will support the formal independent integrity and oversight institutions, such as parliament, supreme audit institutions and anti-corruption agencies, as well as support and empower non-state actors. This work will reinforce the Banks framework for enhanced engagement with civil society. Particular focus will be given to ensuring gender equality and supporting women’s participation in decision making processes. The support will entail strengthening non-state actors’ outreach, ICT and monitoring systems to enable them maximize influence over governments to deliver services that promote inclusive and sustainable growth.

c. **Transparency and Openness of Government**: This sub-pillar is critical for demand-sideGovernance to be effective and will reinforce efforts to combat corruption,, specifically
ensuring that there is transparent decision-making and budgeting processes that will enable citizens and other stakeholders to scrutinize the actions of government and hold them accountable; as well as full disclosure of information relating to public sector institutions.

The strong recommendation of taking further this collaboration with ECGF to explore financing mechanism within the Governance Multi Donor Trust Fund was highlighted.

SESSION 2: CONTRIBUTION OF CIVIL SOCIETY IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF AFAWA
Moderator: Ezana WOLDEGEORGISE, Investment Officer, AFAWA

"Being a Bank initiative, AFAWA was acknowledged as a programme that has potential to create a network of national and regional women investment institutions to leading to the set up of a truly continental network and movement. The $251 million package provided by G7 leaders gives an incredible momentum to AFAWA.

- It will make a real difference transforming people’s lives in Africa because we all know that when a woman benefits from something, it is her entire family/community who benefits from it too.
- President Adesina was right when he said “African women are the backbone of the continent”.
- A woman who has a business means a woman who can send her children to school. This will have a real impact on communities, on people, on citizens.
- This is why we believe that the Committee’s involvement in the implementation of AFAWA is crucial. This directly concerns civil society.

Recommendations:

Participants recommended that it was critical to strengthen national dialogue and to ensure that the right policies and laws that support women’s economic empowerment are in place and are being implemented. From this discussion, the necessity for the African
Development Bank to have a Task Force that would work closely with the AFAWA Team to promote engagement with Civil Society Organizations through the Division was emphasized. This task force would later be replicated in each country in which the initiative will be launched so as to facilitate implementation and monitoring. Meeting participants expressed their willingness to constitute the core team that would support these discussions on further engagement of civil society in AFAWA.

The need to build capacities of committee members on the process as well as sharing information on how they can support in the process in terms of advocacy, outreach and lobbying at operations and country level. When it comes to Technical assistance, Civil Society has a comparative advantage in advocacy, lobbying and accountability which are their flagship issue to ensure that priorities of women entrepreneurs are heard and taken into account. AHGC2 could help with a mapping exercise.

SESSION III: ONGOING PROCESSES FOR CSE MAINSTREAMING IN THE BANK
Moderator: Alan Bacarese, Director, Integrity and Anti-Corruption (PIAC)

PIAC Engaged with over 100 CSOs during the various missions conducted. Believe that there are many ways to increase the way they work. The aim is to be as opened and transparent as possible, stated Alan the Moderator and Director of PIAC.

The issue of funding needs to be addressed. Civil Society is not well endowed. People are willing to attend meetings, ect. But do not have the means. At least transport should be taken in charge. Otherwise civil society actors are not given the opportunity to take part in these meetings.

Responding to this point, some highlighted that is was the results that were motivating CSOs more than the funding. Inviting CSOs to workshops/forums/conference, etc, is supporting capacity building. Resources do not define civil society participation. In Namibia, CSOs said they would bring grassroots people to the meeting.

Regarding the guidelines to mainstream CSE in CSP, attention needs to be paid to the words “Development and Advocacy” and the stigmatization of civil society they can lead to.
Whistleblowers policies are very important. The role of civil society in PIAC’s work must be enhanced.
As a proposal for the CSE tool, it was suggested to provide cooperation opportunities for CSOs in service provision while providing capacity building, as it is done with a number of our public clients – Governments. Country Manager do have mechanisms and can find funds to support civil society activities. Contribution of Committee in CSP is possible.

It was suggested that all the Committee Members liaise with AHGC2 and vice-versa, so as to enhance communication on activities. It was also suggested that through regional monthly catch up meetings, communications updates are provided to regional focal points from the Division, who then transfer to AHGC2. The importance of following all the Committee Members’ and their organizations’ accounts was raised. It will then be easier to access to information for International Days, etc.

At last, how to communicate with grassroots/rural populations was the main highlight. Through what channels (i.e. radio), how (i.e. local languages). This point is to be worked on and included in the Communication Strategy. This is also to be linked with the Capacity Building Strategy.

SESSION 4: CAPITALIZATION OF THE CIVIL SOCIETY FORUM 10 YEARS’ OF EXPERIENCE Moderator: Fatma Ben Rejeb, Chief Executive Officer, Pan-African Farmers Organization (PAFO)

The objectives of this experience capitalization were to draw up the historical profile of the civil society forum, map the actors in the Forum's implementation chain, identify the strengths and weaknesses of the Forum and draw conclusions and lessons for better inclusion of civil society in AfDB operations.

To achieve this capitalization, the staff of the Civil Society and Community Engagement Division and the associated external experts have adopted an inclusive approach and a methodology based on stakeholder involvement: experienced CSOs, members of the AfDB- Civil society, staff of the Division in charge of the implementation of the activities of the Forum, technical departments of the Bank carrying priority themes and services in charge of the administration and governance of the Bank.

This capitalization was based on a documentary review focusing on the context and processes of the annual forum, a survey of CSO perceptions on the Forum, interviews
with AfDB experts in charge of the organization of the annual ADB Forum, CSOs and the results of workshops and production.

This booklet report presents the main achievements of this capitalization and is organized in four parts.

- It tells the story of the cooperation between the Bank and CSOs.
- It then presents the AfDB-Civil Society cooperation process, focusing on the organization of the forum, the clarification of the roles and responsibilities of the stakeholders and the views and analyzes of the stakeholders involved in the Forum.
- Then, the brochure draws the lessons of cooperation by highlighting the appropriate lessons, best practices and main challenges of this journey. It looks forward to AfDB-Civil Society collaboration and outlines ways to develop a strategic partnership focused on greater inclusion of CSOs in Bank policies and practices, their involvement in public policy monitoring and capacity building.
- In the recommendations, the brochure suggests improvements in strengthening the role of the AfDB-CSO Committee and strategic steering of the Annual Forum, taking into account its resolutions in the AfDB's agenda/strategy, their integration into the General Assembly and AfDB policies as well as their budget registration. It makes suggestions for the development of an interactive digital platform, the development of a youth and women's agenda and a better strategic steering of the Forum.

With the 2020-2021 roadmap, guidelines for an innovation of the Bank-CSO Forum will be put forward and initiatives to strengthen the AfDB's strategy for the inclusion of African civil society shall be proposed.

The full capitalization report is attached to this report.
Composed of 11 civil society representatives and 11 members of the AfDB, the mandate of the AfDB-CSO Committee is thus defined: "To build strong partnerships with the African civil society community by strengthening communication and awareness raising on the Bank in their respective regions ". The committee was set up in April 2018 around eight functions to be filled and a general mission with important responsibilities.

Designed as a consultative/advisory body close to the banking institution, it serves as a bridge between the Bank and the wider civil society community and commits to regular consultation with constituents in their respective regions and sectors of intervention.

Several statutory meetings were organized to ensure a continuous and direct dialogue between the members of the committee and the AfDB. As the statutory mandate is two years and expires in May 2020, it is suitable to reflect on the scope of the mandate and to propose consensual conditions for its renewal.

A self-assessment was made during Committee’s meeting as the main objective was to identify the foremost difficulties in reorienting the work of the Committee and specify its mandate.

The discussions were opened in the form of strategic questions and the major trends were refined by a survey of the members and other stakeholders. According to Maria Mulindi, “The relevance of the Committee's mission is not called into question. The mandate defined in 2018 remains relevant”. It is an advisory committee to the AfDB whose mission is to "build and strengthen the relationship between the African Civil Society community and the Institution by strengthening communication and awareness-raising about the activities of the community and the Bank in their respective regions ".

The crucial challenge is to move from a partnership with the central level of the Institution to a collaboration with the representations of the Bank at the national level through the formulation and / or the review of the country strategy papers and the organization of Open Days to facilitate and give local content to the partnership.

Internally, the Committee needs to review the dimensions of its functions by focusing on what has worked well and making its operation more effective and efficient. The participants appreciated the process and formulated interesting avenues that will be recorded in a report from the team of consultants assigned to the task.
Throughout the meeting, committee members engaged in strategic and operational discussions with their counterparts representing different Departments of the Bank, on their respective contribution to mainstreaming Civil Society Engagement in the Bank’s policies, operations and projects. During the different sessions committee members explored further their role in advocating and voicing the priorities of African citizens in the Bank’s work, specifically in the country strategy papers and the Bank’s strategies. This led to an assessment of the Committee’s mandate some consultants shall finalize.

Committee Members validated the capitalization report of the AfDB-Civil Society Forum ten years of experience and made significant contributions to ongoing strategic processes within the Bank:

- The Bank’s Economic Governance Strategy for Africa
- The Bank’s Anti-Corruption and Integrity process
- The Bank’s Disclosure and Access to Information mechanisms
- The Bank’s Civil Society Engagement Independent Evaluation Process
- The Bank’s prospective financing mechanisms for strengthening its engagement with Civil Society.

In summary, the Committee Members agreed on the following as key points

- The importance of formulating a concept note/business case for a financing mechanism to implement the mainstreaming of the Civil Society in the Bank’s strategic priorities. This process shall include the launching of a donor trust fund for the Bank’s Civil Society Engagement, explore internal/external funding opportunities and partnerships with PIAC (Africa Integrity Fund), ECGF (Governance Multi Donor Trust Fund), AHGC (Gender Trust Fund & AFAWA);
- The institutionalization of a country Civil Society Profile/marker system to contribute in confirming Civil Society as a key stakeholder in the Bank’s policies, operations and projects;
- The setting up of a working group to reflect further on entry points for Civil Society Organizations in the implementation of AFAWA (access to finance, technical capacity, added-value...);
- Involvement of the Committee Members in the finalization of the guidelines for mainstreaming Civil Society Engagement in the Bank’s policies, Operations and Projects;
- Revamping the design of the AfDB-Civil Society Forum. The next Forum scheduled in May 2020 should reflect the knowledge gatherer from the capitalization report, take advantage of the best practises shared, the lessons learned, include
innovations via e-platforms and involve the Committee Members in the Organizational Task Force;
- In the perspective of the end of term of the current committee, Consultants shall propose a modus operandi for its renewal and governing rules taking into account the self-assessment exercise, lesson learned, good practises from other MDBs;
- Sharing update on the ongoing partnerships initiatives i.e with the Islamic Development Bank NGO empowerment program;
- Liaising CSO members with Regional and Country Offices;
- The renewal of the Bank-Civil Society Committee in May 2020.

CONCLUSION

The third Statutory Meeting was a major success with a positive joint dynamic where CSO representatives felt they are members of the Bank, contributing to its High 5s achievements. The participation of several important departments of the Bank brought consistency as well. The presence of Maria Mulindi, Director Special Programmes – Engagement with CSO & CBOs, was an opportunity to raise strategic questions and open windows of opportunities for a reinforced Bank’s engagement with Civil Society. Maria Mulindi said: “If we can get the tools for CSE rapidly, we will get results rapidly”. This echoes the statement of VP Blanke at the opening: “The Bank’s engagement with civil society is moving forward! Our partnership is on the right track! Hand in hand, we will continue marching to make sure community engagement and the voice of citizens is at the heart of the continent’s transformational agenda”.

The Committee shall get involved in the formulation of the concept note/business case for a financing mechanism to implement the mainstreaming of the Civil Society in the Bank’s strategic priorities.

The Committee will meet for its fourth statutory session right before the Bank Civil Society forum scheduled in May 2020 which will pave the way for a renewed committee with a handover democratic workout.
ANNEX 1: Agenda of the Statutory Meeting

AfDB – CIVIL SOCIETY COMMITTEE - SECOND STATUTORY MEETING 2019
“Leveraging the Committee’s role to mainstream CSE in the Bank’s operations and projects”

Abidjan 5-6 November 2019

**DRAFT AGENDA**

**DAY 1: Tuesday, 5 November 2019**

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<td>• Ms. Jennifer Blanke, Vice-President Agriculture, Human and Social Development Complex &amp; Chair of the Committee</td>
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**SESSION 1: ONGOING DYNAMICS WITHIN THE COMMITTEE**

**Moderator: Zéneb Touré, Manager Civil Society and Community Engagement Division**

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<td>• Bank members of the Committee’ Engagement with CSO (5mn each)</td>
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<td>• Presentation on financing mechanisms for strengthening the Bank’s engagement with Civil Society, FIRM2 (10mn)</td>
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**SESSION 2: CONTRIBUTION OF CIVIL SOCIETY IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF AFAWA**

**Moderator: Vanessa Moungar, Director Gender, Women and Civil Society Department**
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| 14:30 – 16:30 | • Presentation of AFAWA: AFAWA Team  
• Entry points for Civil Society Engagement  
• Discussions, Outcomes and Way Forward |

**DAY 2: Wednesday, 6 November 2019**

**SESSION 3: ONGOING PROCESESS FOR MAINSTREAMING CSE IN THE BANK**  
**Moderator: Alan Bacarese, Director, Integrity and Anti-Corruption (PIAC)**

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| 09:00 – 11:00 | • Guidelines for mainstreaming CSE in CSP/RISP  
• Guidelines for mainstreaming CSE in Projects  
• Capacity building program on CSE  
• Communication and public outreach |

11:00 – 11:30 **Coffee Break**

**SESSION 4: CAPITALIZATION OF THE CIVIL SOCIETY FORUM 10 YEARS’ OF EXPERIENCE**  
**Moderator: Fatma Ben Rejeb, Executive Director PAFO**

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| 11:30 – 13:00 | • Presentation of the Capitalization Report, Consultants  
• Discussions |

13:00 – 14:00 **Working Lunch**: Evaluation of the Bank’s CSE, BDEV

**SESSION 5: EVALUATION OF THE AFDB-CSO COMMITTEE**  
**Moderator: Maria Mulindi, Director Special Programmes – Engagement with CSO & CBOs**

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<td>• Process and Format of the AfDB-CSO Committee’s Evaluation</td>
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**SESSION 6: NEXT STEPS AND CLOSING REMARKS**  
**Moderator: Luther Tarwin Desega Yaméogo, CSE Advocacy and Partnership Principal Officer**

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| 15:30 – 16:00 | • Next Steps  
• Closing Remarks  
  ❖ **CSO Representative**  
  ❖ **Zéneb Touré**, Manager Civil Society and Community Engagement Division  
  ❖ **Maria Mulindi**, Director Special Programmes – Engagement with CSO & CBOs |

16:00 – 17:00 **COCKTAIL**
Annex 2: Presentations and Documentation

- Capitalisation de 10 ans d'expérience
- Foru Civil Society Engagement Guidelines for CSE in AfDB-CSO Secretariat Activities 2019.pptx
- AHGC2 PPT on Capacity Building on Civil Society Engagement
- AfDB-CSO Secretariat Activities 2019.pptx
- AFAWA G7 - June 2019.pptx
- Strategy for Economic Governance
- Communications Presentation.pptx
- IDEV Presentation.pptx
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- Presentation_FIRM.pptx
- PPT - Strategy for Economic Governance

Annex 3: Photos of the Statutory Meeting

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