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RESILIENT INFRASTRUCTURE, HUMAN CAPITAL & GREEN ASSET : ESSENTIAL LEVERS FOR STRONG, INCLUSIVE & SUSTAINABLE GROWTH

Venue : Bangui, Central African Republic

Date : July 30 – August 2, 2025

DRAFT WORK PROGRAM

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Wednesday, July 30, 2025	08:30AM – 05:30PM	Arrival and Registration at Ledger Hotel
	10:00AM – 11:00AM	Hotel Two Seasons Press Conference by the Chairperson of the African Caucus – H.E. Hervé NDOBA, Minister of Finance and Budget; IMF Governor for the Central African Republic.
	11:30AM – 01:30PM	Hotel Two Seasons Signature of various private investments agreements and initiatives Cocktail
	02:30PM – 06:00PM	Hotel Two Seasons <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcoming Remarks (5mn) by the African Caucus Co-Chairperson, H.E. Richard FILAKOTA, Minister of Economy, Planning and International Cooperation; WBG Governor for the Central African Republic Promotional video (2mn) on The Central African Republic Private Sector Keynote Address (10mn) by Mr. Ethiopis TAFARA, Regional Vice President, CAFVP / The International Finance Corporation (IFC), The World Bank Group Session 1 : Special Economic Zones and Structuring Industries to unleash the potential of the private sector and accelerate growth in a post-crisis context (75mn) DISCUSSION Case study Session 2 : Integrate the informal sector and V/SMEs into the formal economy and scale them up to consolidate resilience (75mn) DISCUSSION Wrap up Remarks (10mn) by the Chairperson of the African Caucus – H.E. Hervé NDOBA, Minister of Finance and Budget; IMF Governor for the Central African Republic
	06:30PM – 08:00PM	Hotel Ledger (Swimming Pool area) Welcome Cocktail Reception <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome Video (2mn) of the African Caucus CAR 2025 Welcoming Remarks (5mn) by the Chairperson of the African Caucus – H.E. Hervé NDOBA, Minister of Finance and Budget; IMF Governor for the Central African Republic Opening of the Cocktail Traditional and modern show (15mn) Networking
	08:30PM – 10:00PM	Hotel Ledger (Room Gbako 2) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Private Chair's Diner with WBG/IMF Executive Directors

Thursday July 31, 2025	08:00AM – 09:00AM	Hotel Ledger Continued Registration / Seating of Guests
	09:00AM – 10:30AM	Hotel Ledger Opening Ceremony: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Anthem (05mn) Video on Central African Republic (05mn) Welcome remarks by Chairperson of the African Caucus – H.E. Hervé NDOBA, Minister of Finance and Budget; IMF Governor for the Central African Republic (15mn) Message from the new generation by Ms Kate Kallot – Founder and Chief Executive Officer of Amini AI (07mn) Keynote Address by Mr. Tony ELUMELU, Founder & Chairman / Heirs Holdings & United Bank for Africa (20mn) Performance by Idylle Mamba – “Sango & Vous” (5mn) Opening Speech – H.E. Professor Faustin Archange TOUADERA, President of the Central African Republic (25mn)
	10:30AM – 11:00AM	Hotel Ledger (Esplanade Photo African Caucus 2025) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Group Photo Governors with the President of the Central African Republic Group Photo with the President of the Central African Republic (Governors, VPs, Eds and Special Guests)
	11:00AM – 01:00 PM	Hotel Ledger Session 1: Innovative Financing Solutions to Closing Africa’s Infrastructure Gap DISCUSSION
	01:00PM – 03:00PM	Hotel Ledger - Lunch For VIPs – Room Gbako 2 For Delegates – Restaurant “La Colline”
	03:00 PM – 05:00 PM	Hotel Ledger Session 2: Enhancing Fiscal Capacity and Public Investment Efficiency for Resilient Infrastructure Building in Africa DISCUSSION

Friday August 1, 2025	09:00AM – 11:00AM	Hotel Ledger Session 3: Leveraging digital tools: A.I, Fintech and Climate finance DISCUSSION
	11:00AM – 12:30PM	Hotel Ledger Session 4: The Caucus Meeting (Restricted to Governors, ED offices <u>ONLY</u>) Review of the draft 2025 African Caucus Memorandum by the Governors, with the facilitation of all EDs representing African countries on the IMF and the WBG Boards.
	12:30PM – 01:30PM	Hotel Ledger For VIPs – Room Gbako 2 For Delegates – Restaurant “La Colline Networking lunch
	01:30PM – 03:00PM	Hotel Ledger Discussion of the draft Bangui Declaration by the Governors, with the facilitation of all EDs representing African countries on the IMF and the WBG Boards.
	03:00PM – 04:00PM	Hotel Ledger Session 5: The Caucus Meeting (Restricted to Governors, ED offices <u>ONLY</u>) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finalization and Adoption of the Bangui Declaration – Governors
	04:00PM – 05:00PM	Hotel Ledger Closing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proclamation of the Bangui Declaration by the African Caucus Co-Chairperson, H.E. Richard FILAKOTA, Minister of Economy, Planning and International Cooperation; WBG Governor for the Central African Republic Expression of Gratitude by (a Governor) Concluding Remarks and Closing Speech by the African Caucus Chairperson, H.E. Hervé NDOBA, Minister of Finance and Budget; IMF Governor for the Central African Republic
	07:00PM – 09:00PM	Hotel Ledger Official Dinner Hosted by H.E. Professor Faustin Archange TOUADERA, President of the Central African Republic <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome remarks by Chairperson of the African Caucus – H.E. Hervé NDOBA, Minister of Finance and Budget; IMF Governor for the Central African Republic (5mn) Musical Theater : (Mbayé ti é) Our Story – From Wound to Light the Breath of the Heart of Africa (45mn) Orchestra
Saturday August 2, 2025	10:00AM – 03:00PM	Rock Club Bangui Cultural and Entertainment day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Traditional Boat Race Local Products Fair Live Giant Painting Live Music Band African Hair Dressing Défilé Departure of Guests

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