



ACBF

UBORA ACADEMY

OFFICIAL LAUNCH OF THE UBORA ACADEMY

11 October 2024 | In-person & Hybrid | Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire
(as part of the ACBF 2024 Board of Governors Meetings)

CONCEPT NOTE



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1. INTRODUCTION

As part of the implementation of its Strategic Plan 2023-2027, the African Capacity Building Foundation (ACBF) has embarked on *the implementation of one of its key service offerings known as the Ubora Academy*, in line with the New Business Model of the Foundation. Launching on 11th October 2024, in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire as an integral part of the 33rd Annual Meeting of the ACBF Board of Governors, the Academy's vision is to equip Africa's professionals in the public and private sector, as well as in civil society, with skills and competencies to address complex challenges and drive meaningful change.

The Ubora Academy, supported by the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland under the African Finnish Partnership for Taxation Capacity in Africa (AFP-TCA) program, will be where African professionals go to develop their skills, access best-in-class technology-enabled learning, build connections across countries and regions, share, and seek expertise from peers to solve day-to-day professional challenges. By enhancing human capital through high-quality courses, ACBF aims to bolster capacity development efforts in Africa and empower institutions to effectively address the socio-economic challenges of Africa.

The flagship program of the Ubora Academy's is the '**Leadership Excellence in Africa's Public Sector**' (LEAPS) Program which focuses on the key areas around leadership and governance for effective public service delivery. By providing specialized courses, the Ubora Academy aims to contribute to giving rise to a new generation of effective leaders who conduct change for economic development and governance in African countries. Furthermore, the focus on these areas is reinforced by ACBF's ongoing projects in leadership and governance in Public Financial Management and Taxation Policy underscoring its commitment to delivering comprehensive support and expertise in these critical domains.



2. OBJECTIVES OF THE UBORA ACADEMY LAUNCH

The main objective of the launch event is to officially unveil the new Ubora Academy and mobilize key stakeholders to support its implementation and realization of its capacity building mission for Africa.

The specific objectives are to:

- Formally introduce the new Ubora Academy initiative to key stakeholders, including government representatives, public and private sector professionals, development partners, and training institutions.
- Facilitate discussions, ideas exchanges, and alignment around the objectives and implementation strategy of the Ubora Academy.
- Encourage ownership and participation in implementing the Ubora Academy's capacity building programs across Africa.
- Establish and strengthen partnerships between the Ubora Academy, government institutions such as existing training institutions, and other relevant organizations.

3. AGENDA

TIME <i>(to be confirmed)</i>	SESSIONS
10.00 – 10.05	Presentation of the ACB Academy (05 mins) – Mr. Mamadou Biteye , Executive Secretary, ACBF
10.05 – 10.10	Video presentation and demonstration of the Academy (05 mins)
10.10 – 10.13	Testimonial Speech (03 mins) – H.E. Prof. Mohammed Belhocine , Commissioner for Education Sciences, Technology and Innovation, African Union Commission
10.13 – 10.23	Keynote Address (10 mins) – H.E. N'Guessan Koffi ; Minister of Technical Education, Vocational Training and Apprenticeship, Côte d'Ivoire
10.23 – 10.30	Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony (7 mins) – H.E. Mr. Robert Beugré Mambé ; Prime Minister, Republic of Côte d'Ivoire – Hon. Adama Coulibaly ; Minister of Finance and Budget, Côte d'Ivoire – H.E. N'Guessan Koffi ; Minister of Technical Education, Vocational Training and Apprenticeship, Côte d'Ivoire – H.E. Prof. Mohammed Belhocine , Commissioner for Education Sciences, Technology and Innovation, African Union Commission – Dr. Kirsi Aaltola , Director of Development Services, HAUS Finnish Institute of Public Management – H.E. Mr. Erastus Mwencha , Chair of the Executive Board, ACBF – Mr. Mamadou Biteye , Executive Secretary, ACBF