



# 8th PENSION FUNDS AND ALTERNATIVE INVESTMENTS AFRICA CONFERENCE

# 08-09 APRIL 2025 MAURITIUS



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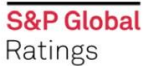
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8 APRIL 2025 – 1 <sup>ST</sup> DAY OF THE CONFERENCE THEME: INVESTING FOR TOMORROW TO ACHIEVE MAXIMUM IMPACT AND SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC GROWTH.	
08:00 – 08:45	Registration
08:45 – 09:00	All Participants to be Seated for the Opening Ceremony
09:00 – 10:00	<b>WELCOME &amp; OPENING REMARKS</b>
	<p><b>Master of Ceremonies:</b> Estelle Desvaux de Marigny</p> <p>Opening Remarks from the Organisers: <b>Mahad Ahmed</b>, Chief Executive Officer, <b>AMETrade</b></p> <p><b>General Welcome from the Sponsors</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mohammed Abdul-Razaq</b>, Senior Vice President and Head of Capital Mobilisation &amp; Partnership, AFC (v)</li> <li>• <b>Armando Manuel</b>, Chairman of the Board of Directors, FSDEA (Fundo Soberano), Angola</li> </ul> <p><b>Ministerial Speech:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dr the Hon. Mrs Jyoti JEETUN</b>, Minister of Financial Services and Economic Planning, Mauritius</li> </ul>
10:00 – 10:30	<b>COFFEE BREAK AND NETWORKING</b>
10:30 – 12:00	<b>SESSION 1 – HIGH-LEVEL CONVERSATIONS WITH INDUSTRY LEADERS STRATEGIES FOR INSTITUTIONAL INVESTORS TO PLAY A GREATER ROLE FOR FUND GROWTH AND ADDED VALUE</b>
	<p>Leading regional pension funds will showcase their investment strategies for fund growth and together with key Industry stakeholders, will share their insights into how Pension funds can further enhance contributions in the face of changing demographics, consider the current trends and projected innovations for the industry, plus discuss what has changed over the last year to redirect investments and share ways to escalate Africa’s pensions industry.</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b></p> <p><b>Panellists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Armando Manuel</b>, Chairman of the Board of Directors, FSDEA (Fundo Soberano), Angola</li> <li>• <b>Omolola Oloworaran</b>, Director General, PENCOR, Nigeria</li> <li>• <b>Dr Leslie Ndawana</b>, Chief Executive Officer, and Principal Executive Officer, National Fund for Municipal Workers (NFMW), South Africa</li> <li>• <b>Bilal Adam</b>, Chief Executive Officer, Stewards Investment Capital, Mauritius</li> </ul>

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	<p><b>Presentation:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Prof. Nazifi Abdullahi Darma, Commissioner for Internal Services, ECOWAS Commission and Chairman of the Board of the ECOWAS Joint Staff Pension Fund</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>12:00 – 13:30</b></p>	<p><b>NETWORKING LUNCH</b> Sponsored by:</p> 
<p><b>13:30 – 15:00</b></p>	<p><b>SESSION 2 – THE EVOLVING REGULATORY LAY OF THE LAND: CREATING AN ENABLING ENVIRONMENT FOR PENSION FUND INVESTMENT</b></p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regulatory changes and challenges being faced by pension funds currently</li> <li>• South African case study: The new 2-tier system in South Africa - challenges and benefits and is it viable for the rest of Africa to implement</li> <li>• Where is reform going? Highlights of new enabling frameworks.</li> <li>• The impact of regulatory changes on fiduciary responsibilities and for the role of trustees</li> <li>• Will new regulations affect the quality of fund managers and potentially limit growth, or will they increase opportunities?</li> <li>• Adapting policies and regulations to free up funding for private sector investment</li> <li>• Reviewing social issues driving asset accumulation and deployment into critical sectors of economic development</li> <li>• Managing cyber security concerns – how can policy and frameworks improve the protection of data and security?</li> </ul> <p>Moderator: <b>Faraz Rojid, Chief Executive Officer, Mauritius Finance.</b></p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Brian Karidza, Head of Actuarial &amp; Benefits Administration, GEPF, South Africa</b></li> <li>• <b>Vincent Shimutwikeni, Member Board of Trustees, Universities Retirement Fund, Namibia</b></li> <li>• <b>Dr Emmanuel Anesu Fundira, Board Chairman, NSSA Zimbabwe</b></li> <li>• <b>Veenay Rambarassah, Director of Investments, National Pensions Fund Mauritius</b></li> <li>• <b>Masotja Vilakati, CEO, Public Service Pensions Fund (PSPF), Eswatini</b></li> <li>• <b>Adam Usman Sulley, DDG Operations &amp; Benefits, Social Security and National Insurance Trust (SSNIT), Ghana</b></li> <li>•</li> </ul>
<p><b>15:00 – 15:30</b></p>	<p><b>NETWORKING COFFEE BREAK</b></p>

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15:30 – 17:00	<p><b>SESSION 3 – ALTERNATIVE INVESTMENT PATHWAYS TO ECONOMIC GROWTH: DEPLOYING INSTITUTIONAL IMPACT CAPITAL INTO CRITICAL SECTORS OF ECONOMY</b></p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How Alternative investment can impact economic growth for investment in health, infrastructure, education etc. – Learning from global examples</li> <li>• Pension Funds as Catalysts for Sustainable Infrastructure Development – African examples</li> <li>• Increasing Limited partner (LPs) participation for local economies and protecting business during fluctuating financial cycles</li> <li>• Exploring the challenges, limitations, and future opportunities in the Alternative investment space</li> <li>• Pooling regional funds for climate resilient cross border infrastructure.</li> <li>• Accessing Infrastructure investment opportunities by increasing allocations to alternative investments and managing associated risks</li> <li>• Broadening pension fund involvement to meet current affordable housing challenges – re-suring /on-suring</li> <li>• Directing more capital into REITS for portfolio diversity and improve risk/return profile.</li> <li>• Channelling long-term capital for infrastructure development: approaches to achieving portfolio diversity, impact and high returns.</li> </ul> <p>Moderator: <b>Samira Mensah, Managing Director Research &amp; Analytics Africa, S&amp;P Global</b></p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Armando Manuel Chairman of the Board of Directors, FSDEA (Fundo Soberano), Angola</b></li> <li>• <b>Shaun Quin, President, FAVO Capital, USA</b></li> <li>• <b>Kundayi Munzara, Director, Portfolio Manager, Sesfikile Capital, South Africa</b></li> <li>• <b>Amos Ndung’u, General Manager, Investment, Kenya Power Pension Fund</b></li> <li>• <b>Shaz Langha, Vice President, Newmarket Capital, USA</b></li> <li>• <b>Simba Chinyemba, Chief Investment Officer, Mutapa Investment Fund, Zimbabwe</b></li> </ul>
17:00	<p><b>CLOSING REMARKS-END OF DAY 1</b></p>
17:15 – 19:30	<p><b>COCKTAIL FUNCTION AT THE INTERCONTINENTAL RESORT</b> Sponsored by:</p> <div style="text-align: center;">   </div>

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THEME: INVESTING FOR TOMORROW TO ACHIEVE MAXIMUM IMPACT AND SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC GROWTH.


08:45 – 09:45	<b>PENSION FUNDS INVESTMENTS IN PRIVATE ASSETS IN AFRICA AND GLOBALLY: CURRENT SITUATION AND PROPOSITIONS FOR THE FUTURE.</b>
	<p>Moderator: <b>Marc Lasserre, Managing Partner, S.O. Capital Advice</b></p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• David Van D Fliert, German Private Assets Manager, NORD Holding*</li> <li>• Alan Zongo, Director of Treasury and Investments, Africa Re, Nigeria*</li> <li>• Former Executive Director, FRR, France *</li> </ul>
09:45 – 10:45	<b>SESSION 4 – ETHICAL GOVERNANCE AND INVESTING RESPONSIBLY: LEVERAGING AND TRACKING ESG FOR OPTIMAL IMPACT</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Long term leadership strategies for improving ethical governance, impact investing and ESG reporting.</li> <li>• Role and impact of good trustees taking trustee influence into consideration.</li> <li>• The role of pension funds and asset managers in the era of responsible investing and ESG thinking - Incorporating ESG mandates</li> <li>• The S in ESG - Bringing the “social” to the forefront for investments.</li> <li>• What does impact investing mean for Africa? Does it meet the needs of the continent?</li> <li>• Emphasizing and solidifying strategy ambitions and performance expectations</li> <li>• Case studies of positive impact of SRI and ESG values in investments</li> <li>• The myths and legends on impact investing</li> </ul> <p>Moderator:</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Diana Muriuki Marina, CEO, Institute of Certified Investment and Financial Analysts, Kenya</b></li> <li>• <b>Tendai Matika, Head of Africa, Responsible Investment Ecosystems, UNPRI</b></li> <li>• <b>Dr Jubril Adejo, Co-Founder, Managing Director, SMEFund, Nigeria</b></li> <li>• <b>Samira Mensah, Managing Director Research &amp; Analytics Africa, S&amp;P Global</b></li> </ul>
10:45 – 11:15	<b>COFFEE BREAK AND NETWORKING</b>

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<p><b>11:15 – 11:45</b></p>	<p><b>SESSION 5 – FIRESIDE CHAT WITH ALTERNATIVE INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LEADERS</b></p>
	<p>This fireside chat will feature prominent alternative investment management players who will share their growth strategies, recent opportunities and share their leading practices.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How have investments performed recently and what is the outlook for the next year?</li> <li>• How do you navigate market volatility and what are your strategies for financial resilience?</li> <li>• How do you differentiate yourselves through client services and other business aspects?</li> </ul> <p><b>Moderator:</b></p> <p><b>Panellists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mike Adsetts, Global Chief Investment Officer, Momentum Investments, South Africa</b></li> <li>•</li> </ul>
<p><b>11:45 – 12:45</b></p>	<p><b>SESSION 6 – UNLOCKING GROWTH: THE ROLE OF PRIVATE EQUITY &amp; VENTURE CAPITAL IN AFRICAN PENSION FUNDS AND ALTERNATIVE INVESTMENTS</b></p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The evolving role of Private Equity &amp; Venture Capital in Pension Fund Portfolios</li> <li>• Risk vs. Reward: Understanding the long-term potential of Alternative Investments</li> <li>• Regulatory Landscape: Challenges and Opportunities for Pension Funds investing in PE/VC</li> <li>• Direct Investments vs. Fund of Funds: What works best for Institutional Investors?</li> <li>• The Impact of ESG and Sustainability in Private Equity &amp; Venture Capital</li> <li>• Sector Spotlight: Emerging industries attracting PE/VC Investments in Africa</li> <li>• Liquidity Considerations: Managing exit strategies for Pension Fund Allocations</li> <li>• Bridging the Gap: How Pension Funds can collaborate with PE/VC firms to drive economic growth</li> </ul> <p><b>Panellists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ria Papier, Client Director, Old Mutual Private Equity</b></li> <li>• <b>Rivhatshinyi Mandavha, Senior Investment Manager, Norfund, South Africa</b></li> <li>• <b>Aziz Mebarek, Co-Founder and Co-Managing Partner, Africinvest</b></li> <li>• Godwin Kibet Simba, lead expert, FINNET Trust and Council Member, Association of Pension Trustees and Administrators, Kenya (t)</li> </ul>
<p><b>12:45 – 13:45</b></p>	<p><b>SESSION 7 – DEEP DIVE INTO THE GROWTH OF PRIVATE CREDIT OPPORTUNITIES IN AFRICA</b></p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Short-term private credit as a way to drive investment into Africa whilst generating highly comprehensive and stable yields for investors.</li> <li>• How is the private credit market evolving in Africa?</li> <li>• Incorporating private credit investment for attractive risk-adjusted returns</li> <li>• Effective approaches for Africa focused private credit strategies</li> <li>• Insights into the offshore private credit market and where Africa fits in</li> </ul> <p><b>Panellists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Selim Basak, Partner, Head of Origination at Gemcorp Capital</b></li> <li>•</li> </ul>

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13:45 – 14:45	<b>NETWORKING LUNCH</b>
14:45 – 15:45	<b>SESSION 8 – DEBT MARKET OPPORTUNITIES FOR INSTITUTIONAL FUNDS: SEEKING LIQUIDITY AND SUPERIOR INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What makes the Debt market a preferred investment option?</li> <li>• Accessing debt market opportunities for increased liquidity management</li> <li>• Raising finance for large capital projects through bonds</li> <li>• Setting a fixed rate of returns for Government bonds</li> <li>• Sovereign debt/public debt - the role of PFs and Alternative investment and the intersection between the two as a public debtor.</li> </ul> <p><b>Moderator:</b></p> <p><b>Panellists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Vimbina Rahaingonjatovo, CEO, CNaPS, Madagascar</b></li> <li>•</li> </ul>
15:45 – 16:15	<b>COFFEE BREAK AND NETWORKING</b>
16:15 – 17:00	<b>SESSION 9 - CLOSING PANEL DISCUSSION – THE FUTURE OF INSTITUTIONAL INVESTING</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The future of investment landscapes – considering AI fintech and skills development</li> <li>• What does asset management look like over the next 5 – 10 years?</li> <li>• Takeouts from the event that can be implemented swiftly to manage risk and unleash the potential of institutional investors.</li> <li>• Increasing the appeal of investing in Africa</li> <li>• Breaking down the barriers to increase responsible investment strategies and diversifying portfolios.</li> <li>• How will funds adapt to the changing needs of the continent and its people?</li> </ul>
17:00	<b>CLOSING KEYNOTE SPEAKER REMARKS</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dr Rama Krishna Sithanen G.C.S.K., Governor, Bank of Mauritius</b></li> </ul>

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