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"Reconnecting with our Regional Member Countries"

Greetings from the ALSF!

Our first newsletter of 2022 comes at a time where a number of lockdown restrictions prevalent since March 2020 are being relaxed considerably. In combination, and despite persisting international trade and investments challenges occasioned by the pandemic, global foreign direct investment (FDI) inflows appear to be rising. According to UNCTAD's [World Investment Report 2021](#), global FDI increased by 77% from USD 929 billion in 2020 to USD 1.65 trillion in 2021. FDI inflows to Africa specifically, grew in 2021 by 147% to about USD 97 billion after decreasing by 16% in 2020.

This trajectory inevitably implies more greenfield and revived infrastructure projects on the continent that require appropriate financing and transactions. Corresponding to easing lockdown restrictions, [African countries are also making strides in vaccinating their populations](#) to facilitate economic recovery plans. The announcement by the [African Development Bank \(ADB\) to invest USD 3 billion in Africa's vaccines manufacturing capacity](#) will ensure the availability of and accessibility to relevant healthcare infrastructure and enhance the continent's resilience against future crises. [Similar initiatives available for climate finance](#) also help to prepare the continent against any future climate crises and enhance Africa's contribution to and participation in the global low carbon economy and value chain.

These initiatives bode well for African countries and us at the ALSF, as they provide opportunities for return to a full blown cooperation with our regional member countries, including in-country meetings to develop the appropriate frameworks and negotiate the complex transactions associated with financing critical projects. Our key focus remains on sectors of relevance for our member countries: health infrastructure, green mining value chains, climate mitigation and adaptation, and renewable energy projects. We are also seeing momentum in the sovereign debt sector and are providing support on debt management strategies necessary for sustainable financing. Not surprisingly, between January and March 2022, the ALSF received more requests (16) from our regional member countries than for any similar period since its establishment in 2008!

We are energised by the optimism and efforts of African governments in reviving their economies despite the challenges. And we value the confidence reposed in the ALSF as a trusted development partner of our regional member countries. Therefore, to meet the needs of our regional member countries, we have reorganised and strengthened our operational pillars and key operational sectors - sovereign debt, extractive and natural resources, energy, infrastructure PPPs, and investment treaties and dispute resolution - and we are reconnecting with our regional member countries in various African cities to follow up on their requests and to conduct more effective consultations and due diligence to develop and implement projects.

Along with our partners, more than ever we are determined to continue promoting fair and balanced commercial transactions between African countries and investors, good governance, environmental and social sustainability, all while ensuring knowledge transfer and capacity building of African lawyers and government officials.

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Olivier POGNON



The African Legal Support Facility completes a succesful mission to Kampala, Uganda

Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, 28 March: From the 28 February to 05 March 2022, Ms. Shaina Salman, Legal Counsel and Mr. Mohamed Stevens, Legal Counsel represented the African Legal Support Facility ("ALSF" or "Facility") on mission to Kampala, Uganda. The ALSF mission to Kampala, Uganda, had two main objectives: meeting key government officials to follow up...

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TDB group and ALSF organize inaugural training for public sector lawyers

Nairobi, April 26 March 2022 - The Eastern and Southern African Trade and Development Bank Group (TDB Group) and the African Legal Support Facility (ALSF) organized an inaugural training for public sector lawyers, following the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding in 2021 to deliver capacity building to public sector lawyers in TDB Member State...

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African Legal Support Facility support to the federal government of Somalia

The African Legal Support Facility (ALSF) concluded a week-long capacity building workshop for officials from the Federal Government of Somalia (FGS) in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania as part of the ALSF support to the FGS regarding the implementation of the recently ...



The African Legal Support Facility supports the Government of the Republic of Mozambique

Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, 28 February 2022: On the 23rd of February, the Facility completed the first of two training sessions for civil servants and government officials in Mozambique on PPPs. The event took place from 21 to 23 February 2022 and was conducted in the Portuguese language...

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MB Meeting /
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24 May 2022
GC Meeting /
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6 June 2022
Donor's meeting
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September 2022
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25 November 2022
MB Meeting

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