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THEME: *"Harmonizing Social Security Systems for Infrastructure and Economic Transformation in Africa"*

TENTATIVE PROGRAMME

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BACKGROUND & CONCEPT NOTE

Africa is entering a new demographic and financial phase in its development journey — one defined by the need to transform population growth into long-term economic resilience, domestic capital formation and sustainable economic transformation.

By 2050, Africa will account for more than 40% of global working-age population growth, representing nearly 600 million additional people entering the labour force. This demographic expansion presents a historic opportunity to build the world's next major savings and consumption base. But turning this growth into a demographic dividend rather than a structural economic challenge will require social security systems capable of expanding coverage, mobilizing savings and supporting broad-based economic inclusion.

In this context, the future of Africa's social security systems has become inseparable from the continent's broader economic transformation agenda. Extending coverage to informal workers, leveraging digitization and financial technology, compliance, portability of benefits, universal health coverage and improving efficiency and governance will be critical to building inclusive, modern and financially sustainable systems adapted to Africa's labour market realities.

At the same time, Africa is entering a new phase in its financing journey — one increasingly defined by the need to finance its own future. As external capital flows become more constrained and traditional development financing models evolve, the continent is turning toward its own institutional balance sheets, savings systems and domestic capital pools to anchor infrastructure development, industrialization and financial resilience.

Today, Africa's pension funds, insurance institutions, sovereign funds and broader financial sector collectively represent more than US$4 trillion in domestic capital pools, including more than US$1 trillion held by pension and insurance institutions alone. Yet much of this capital remains concentrated in short-term instruments and government securities that often fail to deliver positive real returns in high-inflation environments, while limiting the availability of long-term financing for productive investment and infrastructure development to meet long term and matured future obligations.

Unlocking the full developmental potential of these capital pools will therefore require a new generation of financial intermediation mechanisms, guarantees and investment platforms capable of connecting African savings to Africa's long-term development priorities. Achieving this at scale will require stronger cooperation, collaboration, coordination and harmonization across governments, regulators, social security institutions, development finance institutions and the private sector, particularly at a regional and cross-border level.

It is within this context that the **Africa Social Security Association** (ASSA) is convening its 1st African Continent Social Security Summit of the year 2026 on October 29th -30th under the theme:

"Harmonizing Social Security Systems for Infrastructure and Economic Transformation in Africa"

Held annually for many years, the ASSA Conference has established itself as a leading continental platform for dialogue among African social security institutions. In light of the continent's evolving financing priorities and the growing alignment between social protection, investment and economic transformation agendas, the 2026 edition will be hosted for the first time in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia and in partnership with the African Union (AU), United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), African Development Bank (AfDB), AUDA-NEPAD, Africa Finance Corporation (AFC), Trade and Development Bank (TDB), National Bank of Ethiopia, Public Servants Social Security Agency (PSSSA) of Ethiopia and CRDB Bank PLC of Tanzania.

The first day of the Summit will focus on Africa's evolving financing architecture and the role of social security institutions in mobilizing long-term capital for infrastructure, industrialization and economic transformation. The second day will adopt a more technical focus dedicated to the future of social security systems by sharing experience between themselves, including strategies to expand coverage to the informal sector, strengthen sustainability, improve governance and embrace digitization through data accuracy and technological innovation, universal health coverage and portability of benefits for migrant workers aimed to build more inclusive and modern social protection systems across Africa.

DAY 1	1ST AFRICAN SOCIAL SECURITY SUMMIT 29th October 2026 *United Nations Conference Centre, Addis Ababa-Ethiopia*	
TIME	**ACTIVITY**	**RESPONSIBLE**
08:00 – 08:30	Arrival of Participants & Registration	*Host Country & ASSA Secretariat*
08:30 – 08:50	Arrival of the Chief Guest	*Host Country & ASSA Chairman*
08:50 – 09:00	Remarks and Introduction by ASSA	*Meshach Bandawe, Secretary General*
09:00 – 09:10	Welcome Statement by National Bank of Ethiopia	*Dr Eyob Tekalign, The Governor*
09:10 – 09:20	Official Remarks and Statement by ASSA Chairman	*Nassor Shaaban Ameir, ASSA Chairman & Managing Director, Zanzibar Social Security Fund (ZSSF)*
09:20 - 10:00	**Panel: Development of ASSA Pensions Infrastructure Fund for Africa and the Role of Social security Funds within the New African Financial Architecture (NAFA) under AfDB** *Presentation of the ASSA Infrastructure Fund, a new investment vehicle jointly managed by Africa Finance Corporation (AFC) and Trade and Development Bank (TDB), with the support of the African Development Bank Group (AfDB) and African Union (AU) to mobilize African institutional capital toward infrastructure and productive investments across the continent.* ***Moderators; Dr Irene Isaka**, DG NHIF Tanzania and **Anthony Mwithiga** - Senior Advisor - Asset Management and Resource Mobilization TDB Group*	*Presenters: Experts from ASSA Technical Team, AfDB, TDB and AFC* *Panelist:* *HE Lerato Dorothy Mataboge - Commissioner Infrastructure and Energy-AUC.* *Dr Sidi Ould Tah- President of AfDB Group* *Mr Claver Gatete- Executive Secretary-ECA* *Ms Nardos Bekele-Thomas- CEO AUDA-NEPAD* *Mr Admassu Tadesse- President & GMD TDB* *Mr H Samaila Zubairu-President &CEO AFC* *Mr Allain Ebobisse-CEO Africa 50* *Mr Patrick Dlamini, CEO PIC South Africa* *Abdul- Majid Nsekela, MD CRDB Bank PLC* *Dr. Hosea Kili-GMD &CEO, CPF Kenya* *Mr Patrick Ayota, MD NSSF Uganda*
10:00 – 10:10	Remarks by the Host Country	*Hon Muferihat Kamil Ahmed, Minister of Labour and Skills, Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia*
10:10 – 10:25	Keynote Address	*Chief Guest – H.E. Abiy Ahmed Ali, The Prime Minister of Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia (TBC)*
10:25 – 10:40	**Inauguration of the 1st African Social Security Summit; Introduction of ASSA Pensions Infrastructure Fund for Africa & Launching of ASSA-African Pensions Mortality Tables (***Brief Remarks by Muhanna Foundation - ASSA***)**	*Chief Guest – H.E. Abiy Ahmed Ali, The Prime Minister of Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia (TBC)*
10:40 – 10:50	Presentation of Awards & Change of Guard	*Chief Guest & ASSA Chairman*
10:50 – 11:00	Group Photo and Departure of Chief Guest	*All*
11:00 – 12:00	**Plenary Discussion: Mobilizing Institutional Capital for Africa's Infrastructure Transformation; Advancing Domestic Resources Mobilization for Bankable Infrastructure and Cross Boarder Projects.** ***Moderator**: **Sonia Essobmadje, CF & DRN- UNECA*** *As Africa increasingly turns toward domestic and regional capital to finance its development priorities, what role can pension funds and social security institutions play within the continent's evolving financial architecture? This plenary discussion will explore the current operating environment facing social security institutions across Africa, including their evolving operational and investment strategies, and examine the policy, regulatory and financial intermediation mechanisms required to mobilize capital at scale across African markets.*	***Case study & Experience of CNPS, Cote D'Ivoire: Mr. Denis C Kouass, DG CNPS*** *MG Gamal Mahmoud, Chairman NOSI Egypt* *Musa Mabesa- CEO, GEPF, South Africa;* *Masha J Mshomba, DG NSSF Tanzania* *David Koross, CEO & MT NSSF Kenya* *Dr Jonnah Aiyabey, CEO PSSF Kenya* *Muyangwa Muyangwa, DG NAPSA Zambia* *Saloum Malang, DG SSHFC Gambia* *Nisreen Abdul Majid CEO SPF, Seychelles* *Dhaba Oria, CEO PSSSA Ethiopia* *Donald Onuoha, President, PenOp & MD of Fidelity Pension Managers Nigeria* *Fortunatus Magambo, DG PSSSF Tanzania*
12:00 – 13:00	**LUNCH BREAK**	

13:00 – 13:45 13:00 – 13:15 13:15 – 14:00	**De-Risking Africa: The Role of Financial Intermediation** **Presentation of Moroccan Case Study:** • CDG Group, Morocco **Panel: Unlocking African Institutional Capital: Guarantees, Intermediation and Investment Platforms** How can Africa better connect its growing institutional savings to investable opportunities across infrastructure and productive sectors? This panel will bring together intermediation institutions, guarantee providers and development finance institutions to discuss the role of credit enhancement, risk mitigation and regional cooperation in transforming African savings into scalable long-term investment capital. ***Moderator: Elie Aloko, Investment Director, AFC Capital Partners.***	*Khalid Safir, Director General, CDG-Morocco* *Didier Acoutey, Senior Advisor to the President, Private Sector & NAFA, AfDB Cote D Ivoire* *Ms Boitumelo Mosako, CEO DBSA, South Africa* *Serge Ekue- President & CEO of BOAD Togo* *Jeremy Awori, Group CEO, Ecobank Africa* *Sergio Pimenta, CEO Africa 50 Infrastructure Acceleration Fund* *Manuel Moses, CEO ATID of Kenya* *Chinua Azubike, MD & CEO of IfraCredit, Nigeria* *Maryse Lokossou, Director General, CDCB and President, Forum of the Caisses de Dépôts of Benin* *Edward Yier Yier GM SSPF South Sudan* *Anselmo Monteiro, CEO, INSS of Angola* *Yacouba Nacambo, CEO CNSS Burkina-Faso* *Ben T. Nangombe, Ag CEO, SSC Namibia*
14:00 – 14:45	**Panel: Harmonizing Regulatory Frameworks to Enable Africa's Infrastructure Transformation and Achieve the AU Social Agenda 2063** *What policy, regulatory and institutional reforms are needed to unlock cross-border investment and accelerate infrastructure development across the continent? This panel will examine how greater regional coordination, policy harmonization and cooperation can support the African Union's 5% Agenda to increase institutional investment in infrastructure, while strengthening financial integration and advancing the objectives of the AU Social Agenda 2063.* ***Moderator: Milka Mungunda, Former CEO SSC, Namibia***	*Rohit Raunawaz, CEO Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA)* *Dr Emmanuel Tutuba, Governor, Bank Of Tanzania* *Omolola Oloworaran, Director General, PENCOM, Nigeria* *Agnes Sentala, Director (C&S) Reserve Bank Malawi* *Christopher Boadi-Mensah, CEO NPRA, Ghana* *Jean B Ntukamazina SG African Insurance Organization (AIO)* *Unathi Kamlana, Commissioner, financial Sector Conduct Authority, FSCA South Africa* *Verily Molatedi, Acting CEO, NBFIRA, Botswana* *Cécile Gernique Djukam Bouba, Executive Secretary- CIPRES, Togo* *Charles Machira, CEO RBA, Kenya* *Governor, Central Bank Cameroon* *Governor, Central Bank Cote D'Ivoire* *Governor, Central Bank Burkina Faso*
14:45 – 15:00	**HEALTH BREAK**	

15:00 – 15:45	**Panel: The role of Regional Economic Communities in harmonizing Social Security Investment frameworks and advancing cross border Infrastructure under AfCFTA** *The session will explore on how REC's bridge national borders to reduce trade barriers, boost intra-African trade and overcome the small economic sizes of isolated states. The actionable areas REC's tackle across the continent are;* ***Transport & Logistics****: The push for seamless, region-wide infrastructure eg the trans- African Highways, Regional Railways to lower distribution costs and boost firm productivity.* ***Energy Pooling****: How REC's integrate isolated energy markets to create regional power pools, critical for industrial development.* ***Digital Connectivity****: The development of broadband terrestrial networks to transform digital trade and regional e-societies. Therefore, to create comprehensive discussion the panelist will focus on key analytical angles as follows;* ***Policy Harmonization****- how bodies align varying national standards, customs and legal frameworks to attract private investment and public-private partnerships (PPP's)****Resource Mobilization****- Analyzing the execution of continent -wide frameworks like the program for infrastructure development in Africa (PIDA) and how individual REC's utilize master plans to forecast regional needs.* • Project Infrastructure Development Agency (PIDA)- AUC ***Eng George Auko*** • Southern Africa Development Community (SADC) ***Representative*** • Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) ***Representative*** • Arab Maghreb Union (AMU) ***Representative*** • Economic Community for Central African States (ECCAS) ***Representative*** • East African Community (EAC) Representative • Community of Sahel-Saharan States (CEN-SAD) • Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) • African Union Development Agency (AUDA-NEPAD ***Representative*** • African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA)	***Moderator: Tshepidi Moremong, Chief Operating Officer, Africa 50***
15:45 – 16:30	**Panel: Ministerial Platform to reshape ASSA into Continental Strategic Direction to facilitate Implementation of Policies for Social Protection and Infrastructure Economic Growth in Africa** *Endorsement of Africa Social Security Association (ASSA) as the continental Strategic Focal Point and Implementation Platform for advancing, coordinating and facilitating the implementation of agreed policies, frameworks and initiatives relating to social protection, social security development and the mobilization of long-term institutional capital for infrastructure and economic transformation in Africa*	***Moderator: Ibrahim Muhanna, Chairman - Muhanna Foundation*** *Invited Ministers and Policy Makers from African Countries*
16:30 – 17:00	**Q&A Session & Way Forward**	
17:00 – 17:30	**Departure to Hotels**	*All*
18:30 – 22:00	**WELCOME DINNER BY THE HOST**	

DAY 2	1ST AFRICA SOCIAL SECURITY SUMMIT 30th October 2026 *United Nations Conference Centre, Addis Ababa-Ethiopia*	
TIME	**ACTIVITY**	**RESPONSIBLE**
08:30 – 09:00	**Working Breakfast (Invitees-only): ASSA Pensions Infrastructure Fund** **Presentation and Q&A Session** Invited Ministers, Regulators, CEOs, Trustees and Strategic Partners	ASSA, AFDB, AFC, TDB
09:00 – 09:30	**Recap of Day 1 Deliberations**	*Rapporteur*
09:30 – 10:45	**Panel: Expanding Social Security Coverage to the Informal Sector: Lessons & Experiences – Designing Demand- Driven Benefits and Leveraging Digital Platforms and Mobile Solutions to Formalize Contributions** *With the majority of Africa's workforce operating outside the formal economy, expanding social security coverage to informal workers has become both a social and economic imperative. This panel will explore practical experiences, policy approaches and institutional innovations aimed at extending coverage to the informal sector, including contribution collection mechanisms, digital solutions, incentives, financial inclusion strategies and partnerships capable of building more inclusive and sustainable social security systems across the continent* ***Moderator:*** *Dr Sabelo Mbokazi, Director of Social Security-AUC* **Q&A and Way Forward**	*Masha Mshomba, DG NSSF Tanzania* *Denis C. Kouassi, DG CNPS Cote d' Ivoire* *Kwesi Afreh Biney, DG SSNIT Ghana* *Abate Mitiku Wakeyo, CEO POESSA, Ethiopia* *Dr Oliver Pellegrin, DG CNSS Gabon* *Dr Charles Shavac, CEO NSSA Zimbabwe* *Maj Gen Emmanuel Miburo, DG INSS Burundi* *Fatma Kamalaiddine, DG CRC Comoro* Kone Ichaka, DG CMSS Mali
10:45 – 11:00		
11:00 – 12:00	**Panel: Digital Innovation and the Future of Social Protection: Balancing Administrative Efficiency with Digital inclusion for Service Delivery in Social Security Systems** *As Africa's social security systems confront rising demographic pressures and the need for greater inclusion and efficiency, digital transformation is becoming increasingly central to their future. This panel will explore how technology and digital innovation can help modernize social protection systems through improved identification, contribution collection, service delivery, data management and financial inclusion, while also examining the opportunities and challenges associated with digitization across African markets.* ***Moderator****: Irene Mbonge: Head Communication, CPF Kenya* **Q&A and Way Forward**	*Hosea Kili, MD CPF, Kenya* *Regis Rugemanshuro, CEO RSSB Rwanda* *Francis Nyirenda, DG PSPF Zambia* *Olivier Mekulu Mvondo, DG CNPS Cameroon* *Dr John Mduma, DG WCF Tanzania* *Patrick Ayota MD NSSF Uganda* *Allain Mekulu, CEO CNSS Mali* *Hassan Boubrik, DG CNSS Morocco* *Themba Matlou, CEO SASSA South Africa* *Mr. Evariste Ondongo, DG CNSS Congo Brazzaville* *Mudiay Kazadi, Director General CNSS – DRC*
12:00 – 12:20	**General Summit Resolutions**	*Rapporteur*
12:20 – 12:40	**Vote of Thanks**	*Patrick Siampwili, CEO Workers Compensation(WC),Zambia*
12:40 – 13:00	**Closing Remarks**	*H.E. Mahmoud Ali Youssouf, Chairperson of African Union Commission (TBC)*
13:00 – 14:00	LUNCH	
18:00 – 21:00	COCKTAIL PARTY BY THE HOST	