

The Inaugural AMPI Leaders Roundtable: Key Decisions

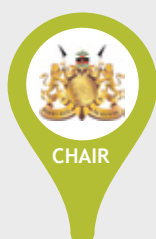
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In February 2013, African policymakers and regulators from the AFI Network met in Zanzibar, Tanzania to launch the African Mobile Phone Financial Services Policy Initiative (AMPI).

AMPI will be the primary platform for AFI's African members to support and develop policy and regulatory frameworks for mobile financial services (MFS) in Africa, and to coordinate regional peer learning efforts.

AMPI LEADERSHIP: YEAR 1

Chair and Vice-Chair elected
to a one-year tenure



Hosted by the Bank of Tanzania (BoT), Central Bank of Kenya (CBK) and AFI, the inaugural AMPI Leaders Roundtable brought together high-level representatives from 18 African regulatory institutions. Stakeholders from financial services providers, telecommunications companies and international development agencies also participated in the meeting.

AMPI leaders made a number of key decisions at the roundtable meeting, agreeing on the strategic objectives, governance structure and logistical arrangements for AMPI, and electing its first Chair and Vice-Chair.

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

- > Develop effective policy solutions to expand mobile financial services in Africa.
- > Provide a peer learning platform for AFI members in Africa to coordinate efforts and share knowledge and experiences on MFS issues.
- > Facilitate high-level discussions among AMPI leaders to identify barriers to the uptake of MFS in Africa and to harmonize regulations related to MFS.

STRUCTURE AND GOVERNANCE

AMPI is part of the AFI Network and any of AFI's African member institutions can join AMPI at any time.

AMPI has a light governance structure led by a Chair, Vice-Chair and the founders. The Chair serves for a one-year term and is replaced by the Vice-Chair at the end of the term. A new Vice-Chair is then elected.

LOGISTICAL ARRANGEMENTS

The activities of AMPI will be performed and coordinated through two mechanisms:

AMPI Leaders Roundtable: the roundtable is made up of leaders from AFI's African member institutions and will provide vision, strategic guidance, and high-level leadership, including directing a stakeholder consultation process. AMPI leaders will convene every year at an annual meeting hosted by the Chair.

AMPI Help Desk: the Help Desk is responsible for all logistical arrangements and technical coordination of AMPI

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activities. It is comprised of AFI member institutions from six regions of Africa:

West African Economic and Monetary Union (WAEMU)

- > Banque Centrale des Etats de l'Afrique de l'Ouest (BCEAO)

West African Monetary Zone (WAMZ)

- > Central Bank of Nigeria

Central Africa

- > Banque Centrale du Congo

Southern Africa

- > Bank of Zambia

Eastern Africa

- > Banque de la République du Burundi

Northern Africa

- > To be nominated

Each Help Desk member institution has nominated a contact person and the AFI Management Unit coordinates the activities of the Help Desk. Member institutions must ensure that the contact person is given sufficient time to devote to Help Desk activities.

Help Desk services to members include:

- > Providing in-country advisory support to African AFI members
- > Coordination with other AFI working groups
- > Collaboration with stakeholders
- > Serving as a technical contact point for African AFI members on MFS policy and regulatory issues
- > Facilitating public-private sector dialogue on MFS-related issues

AMPI FOUNDING INSTITUTIONS

Western Africa

- > Banque Centrale des Etats de l'Afrique de l'Ouest (BCEAO)
- > Banque Centrale de la République de Guinée
- > Central Bank of Nigeria
- > Ministère de l'Economie et des Finances du Sénégal
- > Bank of Sierra Leone

Eastern Africa

- > Banque de la République du Burundi
- > Ministère des Finances et de la Planification du Développement Economique du Burundi
- > Central Bank of Kenya
- > Central Bank of Sudan
- > Bank of Tanzania
- > Bank of Uganda

Central Africa

- > Banque Centrale du Congo

Southern Africa

- > Banque Centrale de Madagascar
- > Coordination Nationale de la Microfinance (CNMF), Ministère des Finances de Madagascar
- > Reserve Bank of Malawi
- > Banco de Moçambique
- > Bank of Zambia
- > Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe

AMPI Help Desk

Virtual Help Desk
facilitated by the
AFI Management
Unit



6 Regional Contact Points



- > Technical contact point for African AFI members on MFS policy and regulatory issues
- > Coordination with other AFI working groups
- > Collaborate with stakeholders

