

Moving Digital Financial Inclusion Forward

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 is 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 aims to catalyze a robust ecosystem around MFS and, more broadly, digital financial inclusion in Africa.



AMPI brings together high-level representatives from African regulatory institutions that are members of AFI. Stakeholders from financial institutions, payment services providers, telecommunications companies and international development agencies also participate in the AMPI meetings. By promoting sound and effective national financial inclusion policies and establishing a platform for private and public engagement, AMPI aims to catalyze a robust ecosystem around MFS and, more broadly, digital financial inclusion in Africa.

AMPI leaders are committed to implementing a number of key decisions about the initiative's strategic objectives and direction:

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

- > Develop effective policy solutions to expand digital and mobile financial services in Africa.
- > Provide support for peer learning and capacity building for AFI members in Africa to coordinate efforts and share knowledge and experiences on digital and MFS issues.
- > Facilitate public-private dialogue and engagement to jointly identify and address barriers to digital financial inclusion.

GOVERNANCE

- > AMPI is part of the AFI Network and any of AFI's African member institutions can join AMPI at any time.
- > AMPI operates under a light governance structure consisting of the Chair, Vice-Chair and Help Desk.
- > 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.

AMPI LEADERSHIP: 2014-2015



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



Banco de
Moçambique

ACTIVITIES AND IMPLEMENTATION

The activities of AMPI are coordinated through two main mechanisms:

AMPI Leaders Roundtable: This annual roundtable meeting is hosted by the Chair and attended by leaders from AFI's African member institutions who provide vision, strategic guidance and high-level leadership.

AMPI Help Desk: The Help Desk is responsible for all logistical arrangements and overall technical coordination of AMPI activities. The Help Desk 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.

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 regional technical contact point for African AFI members on digital financial services and other MFS policy and regulatory issues
- > Facilitating public-private sector dialogue on digital financial services and other MFS 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

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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
- > Collaboration with stakeholders

