



Economic Analysis and Foresight Unit

Africa Policy Bridge Tank Programme - Update to TAG Members on activities and workplan

20th November 2023

Programme

AUDA-NEPAD Policy Bridge Tank Technical Advisory Group(TAG) Meeting

10:00 -10:10	Welcome & Introductions <ul style="list-style-type: none">Opening remarks - AUDA-NEPADRoundtable Introductions
10:10-10:30	Review of previous meeting minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none">Update of APBT over the past 6 monthsASTII phase four update and advancement of the UK/Brazil Trilateral Cooperation funding
10:30-10:50	Update from TAG Members <ul style="list-style-type: none">Elizabeth Sidiropoulos, SAIIA (T20, Joint event on the impact of the AfCFTA)Jakkie Cilliers, ISS (Activities aligned to the MOU, Capacity building workshop, 8-part Erudite Series)Mavis Owusu-Gyamfi, ACET (Platform on Amplifying African Voices, World Bank Update)
Health Break (10:50-11:00)	

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11:00 – 12:30	<p>APBT strategic focus 2024 Approach to involving policy-makers (an extension to the existing TAG members and their policy stakeholders)</p> <p>Support by the TAG Infographic Policy Briefs, Africa Development Report (2024). Inputs into other AUDA-NEPAD publications & reports, Seminars, Webinars, Policy Dialogues (i.e. Erudite Series), AUDA-NEPAD mechanisms for commissioning research</p> <p>Policy processes for APBT to engage in</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ T20 (Supporting AUC in G20)▪ AU (-EU) processes▪ SSC & TrC, BRICS & Africa▪ UN fora & processes, ie: UN Futures Summit <p>2024 research agenda focus</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Evidence demands from Industrialization, Market Trade, Entrepreneurship, Creative Industries (AUDA-NEPAD Team: George/Kossi/Mustafa/Nasser/Sarah)▪ Leveraging on current supply
11:00 – 12:30	<p>2024 APBT Inception Conference Update (Jakkie/Pamla)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Foresight training for RECs, AUDA-NEPAD & think tanks▪ Overview of conference objectives, programme & plenary▪ Methodology breakout session (to be facilitated by TAG members)▪ Forum to exchange between TAG and senior policy-makers▪ Logistics, participants & financing▪ Advertising & registrations
12:30-12: 50	<p>APBT technical and financial resource mobilization strategy 2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Expansion of TAG (Introduction to Central Africa and Francophone)▪ Approach to key International Development Partners, in a joint manner▪ Internal resource-mobilization (AUDA-NEPAD, MS, think tanks)
12:50-13:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Action items and next steps▪ Scheduling of next TAG meetings in March 2024▪ Closing remarks AUDA-NEPAD

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- interlinked African-driven science, research, and policy space.
- views on key global issues that impact sustainable development on the continent
- shaping policy through evidence-based research, for economic transformation
- promote the uptake of African knowledge, bridge the gap between knowledge producers and knowledge users
- frontier research and homegrown solutions produced on African challenges by Africans.





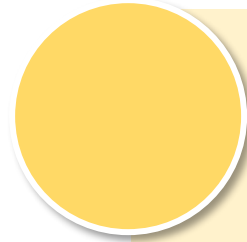
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Africa Policy Bridge Tank (APBT) Programme aims to fully support the Division

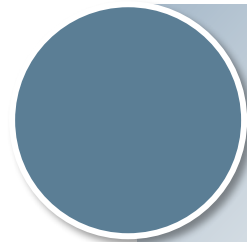
APBT Design in alignment with AUDA-NEPAD and AU Policy Processes



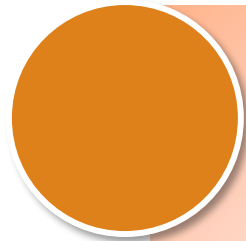
(APBT) programme focuses on substantive areas of technical, policy and expert support to key African developmental policy objectives



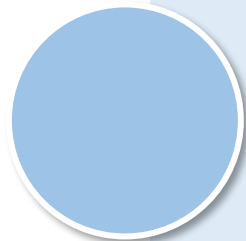
Provides support to AUDA-NEPAD programmes and projects to provide research-based content to accelerate knowledge generation and dissemination for programme facilitation and implementation



The bridge tank programme is a unique yet significant player in the regional and continental developmental agenda as there is no other initiative that has a similar mandate in the continent.



Addresses policy needs of different countries, and plays an important role in the implementation of the Think Tank agenda



Optimal goal to actively integrate the knowledge content generated by think tanks into national and regional development plans and processes for meaningful contribution to Africa's socio-economic transformation.

WHY?

AUDA-NEPAD Policy Bridge Tank

Bridge this gap by creating a link between the suppliers of knowledge to the policy and decision makers

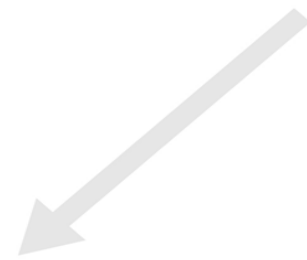
- In-depth analysis and research
- Actionable intelligence and insights
- Expertise and partnerships



Agenda 2063 Knowledge for Development Hub

Harness, document, curate, package and disseminate APBT knowledge capital

- Research Publications
- Policy Briefs
- Knowledge Digests
- Policy Dialogues
- Communities of Practice
- Knowledge repositories and platforms
- Pool of experts



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- Think Tanks, Academia, Research Community
- 55 Member States
- 8 RECs
- AUDA-NEPAD
- AU System (e.g. Executive Council, PRC, PAP, etc.)
- Development Partners
- Private Sector
- Civil Society

Supply Side

- Think Tanks, Academia, Research Community
- 55 Member States
- 8 RECs
- AUDA-NEPAD
- AU System (e.g. Executive Council, PRC, PAP, etc.)
- Development Partners
- Private Sector
- Civil Society

Africa Policy Bridge Tank (APBT)

1 Institutional Enhancement

- The APBT aims to leverage a wide network of African think tanks, research institution, African diaspora and national and regional policy agencies, who are holders of repositories of knowledge and raw decision-making data that influence the context around which the think tanks operate.

2 Content Relevance

- Strengthen content relevance to harness world-class research and problem-solving policy analysis and foresight capacity on Agenda 2063 implementation and leverage technical and policy expertise to support the long-term implementation of key developmental policy agendas, including Agenda 2063 and the AfCTA.

3 Policy Engagement

- Policy engagement with African Member States, Officials, Multilateral Stakeholders and International platforms and to respond to the research, knowledge, strategic, policy and technical needs to enhance capacity to develop and implement relevant solutions to current and emerging challenges and policy initiatives.

Provide advisory services to MS and RECs

Support Regional Integration to Implement Agenda 2063

Continental Technical Interface with Partners and Stakeholders

Undertake full range of Resources Mobilization

Economic Analysis and Foresight, aligned with the Policy Bridge Tank



1. Institutional Enhancement

- Hosting the “Effective Institutions Platform” PLUS Africa Portal
- Artificial Intelligence Webinar (June 2023), 8-part Africa Futures Series
- Community of Think Tanks, peers, mentors and advisors
- Creating a pipeline of African scholars, researchers, entrepreneurs, and policymakers



2. Content Relevance

- Papers and research studies
- Data for Development (work undertaken with ASTII) TriLat
- Training on Foresight (team, Recs and ATT’s)
- Commission of papers specific to Divisional needs
- AU-EU Innovation Agenda
- 3 book launches, TICAD side-events and TICAD 30-Year Review (JICA)



3. Policy Engagement

- T20 co-chair for G20
- Inception Think Tank Conference: Foresight Africa – January 2024
- Joint Hosting of Africa Singapore Business Forum (2024)
- Identifying emerging sectors of investments



- ## 4. Partners / Resource Mobilisation
- GIZ; JICA ORI; OECD; Nanyang Technological University (NTU-SBF) Centre for African Studies; African School of Economics-Princeton University; ACET; ISS; SAIIA; Africa Research and Impact Network (ARIN); AERC; AFRO-SINO; STIPRO; UK Foreign Dev Office; ABC Brazil; OnThinkTank (OTT); GDN (USA) UNOSAA; ACBF; APC-Colombia

2023 Achievements...

1. Contributions to:

- 2021-2023 Africa Dynamic Development Report
- 2022-2023 Africa Innovation Outlook Report
- AfDB Book: Key Actions to Achieve Inclusive Growth and Sustainable Development in Africa
- The TICAD 30 Year review

2. Policy Papers on:

- Advocating for a G21
- Strengthening Africa's Development through the G20
- Africa's agency in a polycrisis world order
- G20: A New Era for Africa
- The Impact of Trade of Children and young population

3. Policy dialogues, research, and training on:

- Africa Futures and Foresight Analysis
- Amplifying Africa's Voices on Global Financial Structures
- Reflections on the implementation of the African Continental Free Trade Area: Challenges and the way forward



February 2024

A 30 Year Review with JICA on “the study for the review of TICAD process and priorities

January 2024

Joint paper with UNICEF on “Why trade matters for children and young people in Africa – Making the case”

December 2023

Paper on "Complex Designers: Regional Economic Communities and Rethinking Africa's Climate Policy and Diplomacy," – the paper contributed to the Amplifying Africa's voices platform coordinated by the African Center for Economic Transformation (ACET) and the UK Financial Development Lab

June 2023

T20 Policy Brief, submitted to the G20 on "Strengthening Africa's Development through the G20"

May 2023

Joint study with the African Development Bank and African Union Commission on “Inclusive Growth and Sustainable Development in Africa”

February 2023

Published Policy Brief on Advocating for a G21 to be submitted to Heads of States for endorsement of a G21, during the 5th Mid-Year Coordination Meeting

