



AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK GROUP  
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DE DEVELOPPEMENT

# 2023

## ANNUAL REPORT

### HIGHLIGHTS





**The Bank's interventions supported the evolving needs of our clients** through transformative operations and innovative financing solutions. In particular, guarantees for sovereign operations rose to the highest level since the Bank started offering these instruments in 2000.



## 2023 At a Glance

**B**ank Group approvals for 2023 (UA 8.03 billion) were 30 percent higher than those for 2022 (UA 6.16 billion), and close to the highest approvals in the history of the Bank Group. Approvals for Sovereign Operations in 2023 increased sharply (43 percent) to reach UA 6.76 billion as the Bank provided large volumes of sustainable finance to help several Regional Member Countries (RMCs) in their post-COVID-19 recovery. Approvals for Non-Sovereign Operations, at UA 1.27 billion, were 9 percent lower than in 2022.

Approvals increased for all High 5 priorities in 2023 except Feed Africa, which showed a decrease from the exceptionally high level in 2022, the result of a boost from the newly created African Emergency Food Production Facility.

Projects that closed in 2023 delivered substantial results: 2.4 million people had access to new electricity connections; 11 million farmers used improved inputs, including micro-irrigation, fertilizer, and climate-resilient seeds; over 440,000 enterprises (of which close to 233,000 women-owned) had access to finance; 3.5 million people gained access to better transport services; and 9 million people had new or improved access to water and sanitation.

The overall financial performance of the Bank Group improved in 2023. The African Development Bank experienced a significant increase in income, which reached UA 1,729.89 million up from UA 774.79 million in December 2022, driven by heightened loan activities and favorable returns on treasury and other investments. Although, this was largely offset by higher borrowing expenses, the Bank achieved very strong net income of UA 406.05 million significantly surpassing the UA 239.39 million in 2022. Additionally, the African Development Fund saw a substantial increase in income, totaling UA 332.82 million, up from UA 151.74 million in December 2022, marking its largest surplus (UA 115.27 million) in the past 20 years. Similarly, the Nigeria Trust Fund demonstrated improved financial performance, with income reaching UA 6.21 million, a notable increase from the UA 2.54 million recorded in December 2022.

In recognition of the Bank Group's commitment to transparency, Publish What You Fund—the Global Campaign for Aid and Development Transparency institution—ranked it as the second most transparent development finance institution, for both its Sovereign and Non-Sovereign Operations.



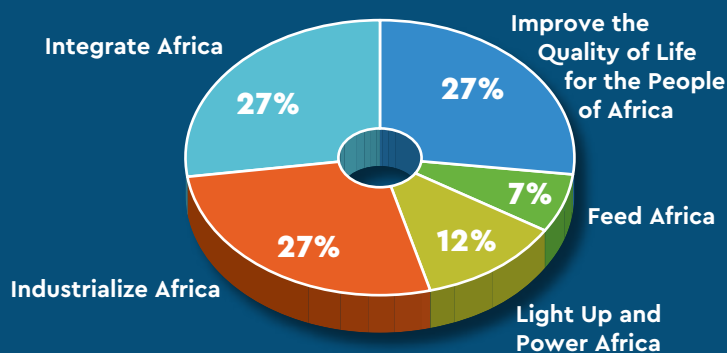
*Thanks to the dam built as part of the Food Security Support Program within its surface water component, women cultivate rice.*

# 2023

## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The ratings of the Bank's senior debt (AAA/Aaa) were reaffirmed with a stable outlook by all four leading international rating agencies.

### Bank approvals of UA 8,027 million, by High 5

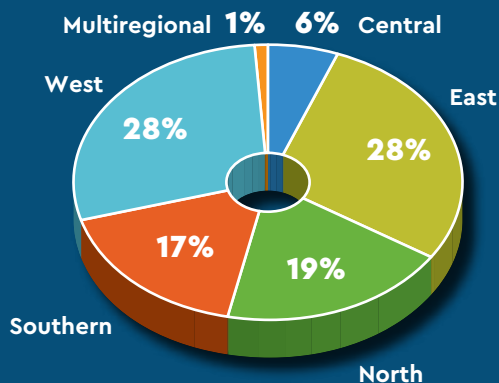


### 2023 APPROVALS BY THE NUMBERS

**UA 8.03 billion** approved  
**30 percent** increase over 2022  
**For 47 countries**  
**38** multinational operations  
**15** multiregional operations

*Multinational or multicountry refers to projects in more than one country in the same region. Multiregional refers to projects in countries in different regions.*

### Bank approvals of UA 8,027 million, by region

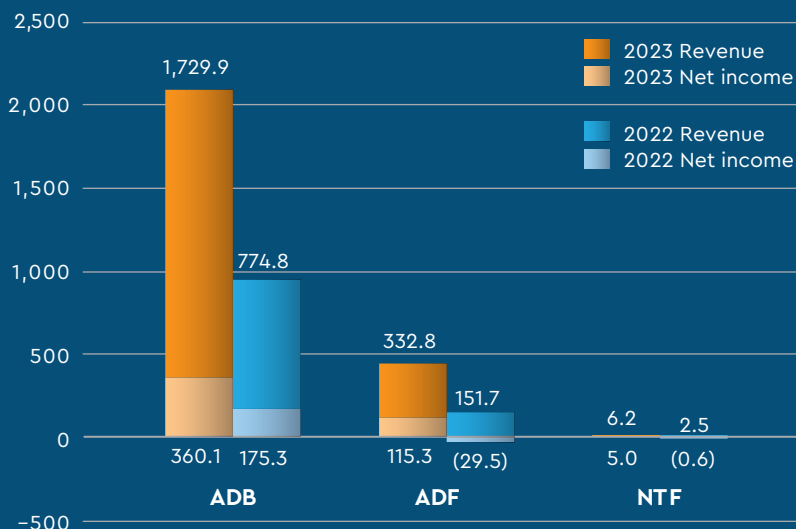


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## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

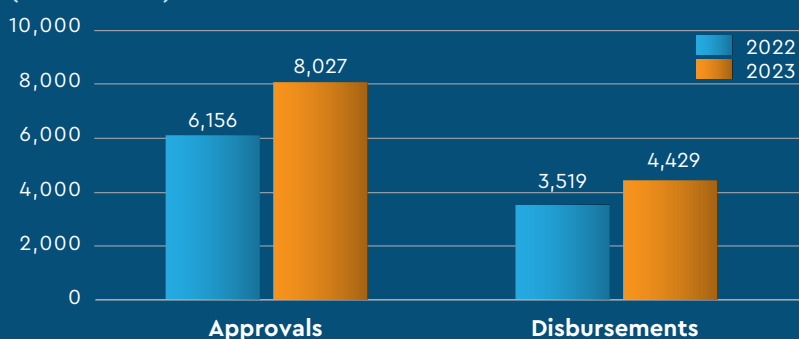
### Bank Group revenue and net income, 2022–2023

(UA millions)



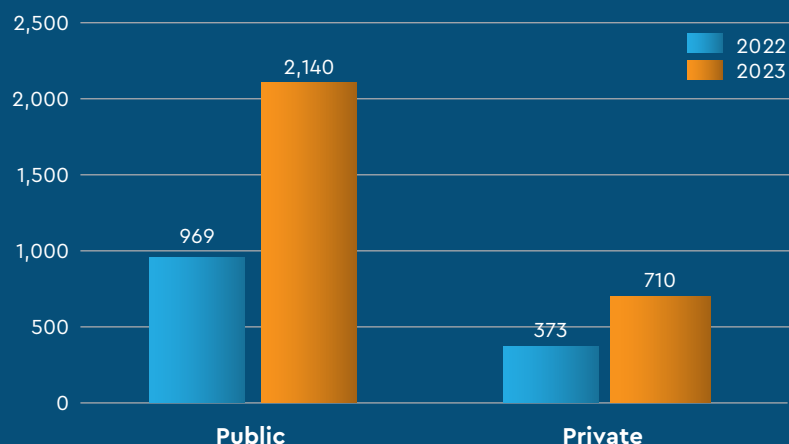
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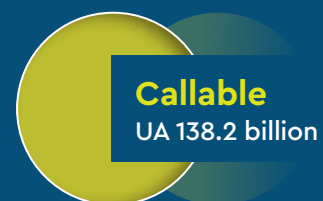


### Co-financing mobilization by the Bank, 2022–2023

(UA millions)

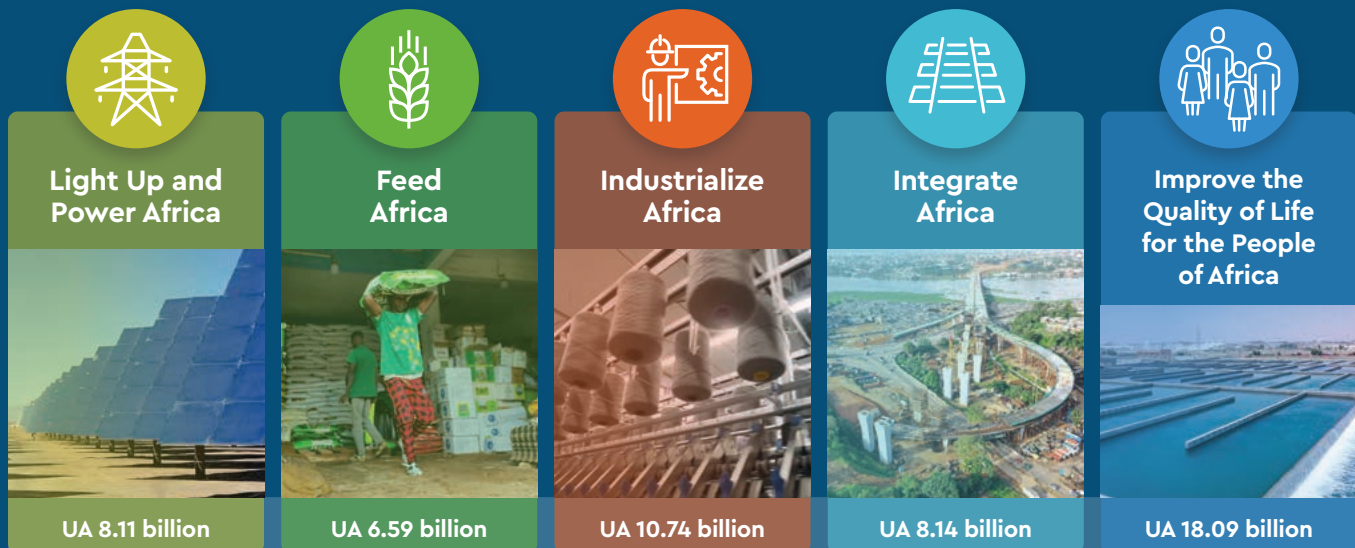


### Capital as of 31 December 2023



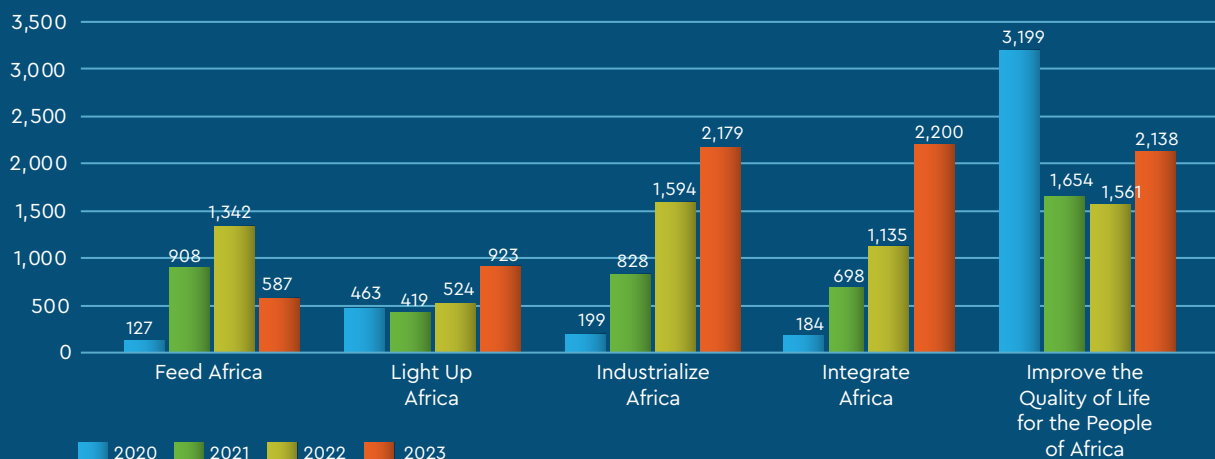
## HIGHLIGHTS of Bank Group operations approved in 2023

HIGH 5 priorities—UA 51.67 billion approved 2016–2023



Approvals in 2023 increased over 2022 for all High 5 priorities except Feed Africa, which decreased by 56 percent. Light Up and Power Africa was up 76 percent, Industrialize Africa 37 percent, Integrate Africa 94 percent, and Improve the Quality of Life for the People of Africa 37 percent.

Bank Group approvals by High 5 priority, 2020–23 (UA millions)





## HIGHLIGHTS on the HIGH 5s

Results of some of the High 5 projects completed in 2023



### Light Up and Power Africa

- 2.4 million people with new electricity connections
- 39,821 km of new or improved power distribution lines
- 1,393 km of new or improved power transmission lines
- 322 MW of new total power capacity installed



### Feed Africa

- 33,820 agri-businesses supported
- 971 km of feeder roads built or rehabilitated
- 52,625 ha of land with improved water management
- 11 million farmers using improved inputs, including micro-irrigation, fertilizer, and climate-resilient seeds



### Industrialize Africa

- 352 km of roads constructed, rehabilitated, or maintained
- 443,510 enterprises supported with access to finance, 232,955 of them women-owned



### Integrate Africa

- 1,303 km of cross-border transmission lines constructed or rehabilitated
- 163 km of cross-border roads constructed or rehabilitated
- 3.5 million people gained access to better transport services



### Improve the Quality of Life for the People of Africa

- 9 million people with new or improved access to water and sanitation
- 2.8 million people with access to better health services, 1.3 million of them women
- 1 million people trained through Bank operations, 461,671 of them women

## HIGHLIGHTS of CROSS-CUTTING AREAS



### Governance and Accountability

- 20 governance operations approved for a total of **UA 1.33 billion**



### Gender Equality

- **100%** of Sovereign Operations were categorized using the Gender Marker System, of which:
- **58%** contributed directly to women's access to social services and/or skills enhancement



### Fragility and Building Resilience

- **41 projects** supported by Transition Support Facility
- **UA 282.1 million** total



### Climate Change

- Climate finance amounted to **UA 4.3 billion** (USD 5.8 billion) and **55%** of total approvals
  - Mitigation 47%
  - Adaptation 53%



## Light Up and Power Africa

The Bank is well positioned to foster climate-resilient development in RMCs through its Light Up and Power Africa priority. To accelerate its impact, the Bank has entered new partnerships. An example is the Alliance for Green Infrastructure in Africa, an African execution-led solution that seeks to generate, finance, and execute projects with the private sector, to accelerate the continent's transition to Net Zero through a cohesive and inclusive approach to climate finance.

### THE NUMBERS

**UA 923.2 million** approved

**76 percent** higher than 2022

**In 12 countries**

**4** multinational projects  
and **6** multiregional projects

### Results of some projects completed in 2023

- ▶ **2.4 million** people with new **ELECTRICITY CONNECTIONS**
- ▶ **39,821 km** of new or improved **POWER DISTRIBUTION LINES**
- ▶ **1,393 km** of new or improved **POWER TRANSMISSION LINES**
- ▶ **322 MW** of new **TOTAL POWER CAPACITY** installed



## Feed Africa

Approvals for the Feed Africa High 5 priority, at UA 586.6 million (7 percent of the total), substantially declined (by 56 percent) from the 2022 approvals of UA 1.34 billion, which were exceptionally high due to the UA 1.21 billion in approvals through the newly created African Emergency Food Production Facility.

At the Dakar 2 Africa Food Summit, the Bank announced an investment of USD 10 billion over five years to increase Africa's ability to end hunger on the continent and become the leading provider of food for the rest of the world.

### THE NUMBERS

**UA 586.6 million** approved

**56 percent** lower than 2022

**In 12 countries**

**4** multinational projects  
and **2** multiregional projects

### Results of some projects completed in 2023

- ▶ **33,820 AGRI-BUSINESSES** supported
- ▶ **971 km** of **FEEDER ROADS** built or rehabilitated
- ▶ **52,625 ha** of land with **IMPROVED WATER MANAGEMENT**
- ▶ **11 million** farmers using improved inputs, including micro-irrigation, fertilizer, and **CLIMATE-RESILIENT SEEDS**



## Industrialize Africa

In the inaugural edition of its *Africa Industrialization Index 2022*, the Bank analyzed different components of industrialization for 52 of the 54 RMCs. One of the direct determinants of a thriving industrial sector is how well an economy directs its endowments (capital and labor) towards industrial development. In 2023, the Bank increased its support to RMCs to enable them access financing to fuel their industrialization; about 70 percent of total Bank approvals for Industrialize Africa High 5 priority were in finance.

### THE NUMBERS

**UA 2.18 billion** approved

**37 percent** higher than 2022

**In 18 countries**

**5** multinational projects  
and **3** multiregional projects

### Results of some projects completed in 2023

- ▶ **352 km** of **ROADS** constructed, rehabilitated, or maintained
- ▶ **443,510** enterprises supported with access to finance, **232,955** of them **WOMEN OWNED**





## Integrate Africa

In 2023, fragility, regional conflicts, geopolitical tensions, economic shocks, climate change, and the after-effects of the pandemic posed challenges to regional integration efforts. Despite these challenges, approvals for this High 5 priority totaled UA 2.2 billion (27 percent of total approvals), almost twice (94 percent increase) the UA 1.13 billion approved in 2022 and by far the largest approval ever experienced for this High 5 priority (2016–2022 approvals ranged from UA 184 million to UA 1.54 billion).

### THE NUMBERS

**UA 2.2 billion** approved

**94 percent** higher than 2022

**In 6 countries**

**19** multinational projects and **2** multiregional projects

### Results of some projects completed in 2023

- ▶ **1,303 km** of cross-border **TRANSMISSION LINES** constructed or rehabilitated
- ▶ **163 km** of **CROSS-BORDER ROADS** constructed or rehabilitated
- ▶ **3.5 million** people gained access to better **TRANSPORT SERVICES**



## Improve the Quality of Life for the People of Africa

Approvals for this High 5 priority totaled UA 2.14 billion (27 percent of all approvals), reflecting a 37 percent increase over the UA 1.56 billion approved in 2022 (25 percent of all approvals). Approvals for budget support (economic governance) stood at UA 885.8 million, representing 41 percent of the total for this High 5. Approvals for water and sanitation, at UA 494.8 million, accounted for 23 percent, human and social development (UA 203 million) 10 percent; other social development (11 percent), national infrastructure (7 percent), and urban development (6 percent).

### THE NUMBERS

**UA 2.14 billion** approved

**37 percent** higher than 2022

**In 40 countries**

**6** multinational projects and **2** multiregional projects

### Results of some projects completed in 2023

- ▶ **9 million** people with new or improved access to **WATER AND SANITATION**
- ▶ **2.8 million** people with access to better **HEALTH SERVICES**, **1.3 million** of them women
- ▶ **1 million PEOPLE TRAINED** through Bank operations, **461,671** of them women

**"I dream of supplanting the leading players in food supplements in Côte d'Ivoire,"** says 32-year-old Gninnagnon Koné,

holding a bag of Chérubins baby formula.

Koné realized that agricultural producers worked hard but their products were undervalued. He decided to process these products to add value and allow farmers to live a better life from the fruits of their labor.

*Mr. Koné in his factory*

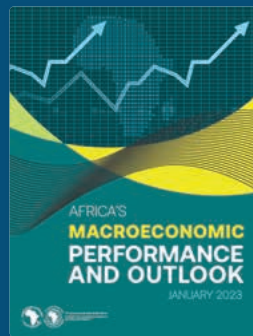
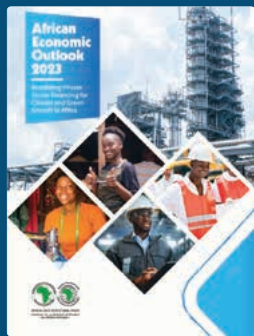
*Picture courtesy of the Enable Youth Côte d'Ivoire Project*



## CAPACITY TO DELIVER

In 2023, the Bank Group reached 95 percent completion of the implementation of the Integrated Quality Assurance Plan aimed at enhancing the quality of its operations to increase its development impact. The *Annual Development Effectiveness Review of 2023* reported that the Bank Group has continued to achieve significant results in its High 5 priority areas.

The Bank also launched a new flagship report—*Africa's Macroeconomic Performance and Outlook*—to complement the *African Economic Outlook*. In 2023, the Bank organized the African Economic Conference in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, jointly with the UN Economic Commission for Africa and the United Nations Development Programme on the theme, "Imperatives for Sustainable Industrial Development in Africa."

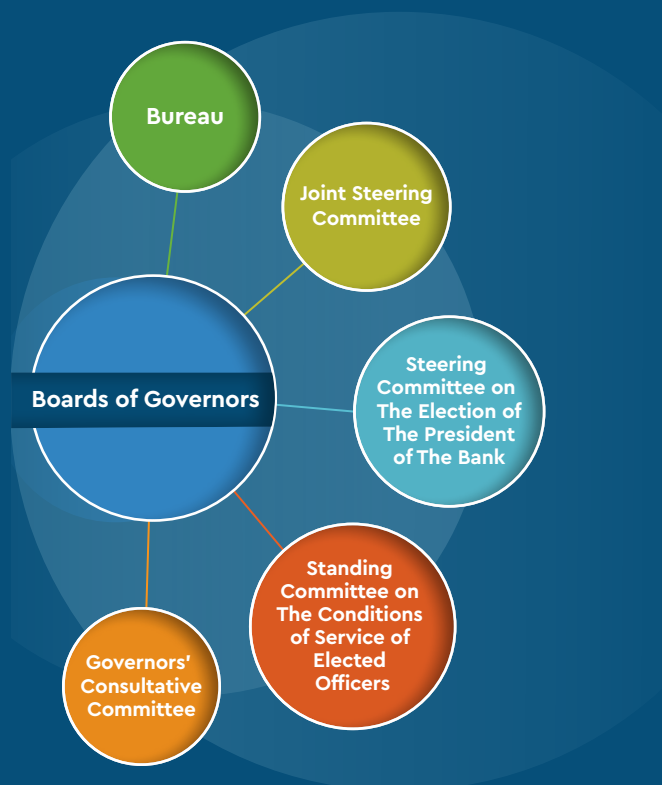


Throughout 2023, the Bank Group worked towards finalizing its new Ten-Year Strategy (TYS 2.0), which will maintain the High 5s as the key priority areas for the next decade, since they are central to achieving the African Union Agenda 2063, the Sustainable Development Goals, and the Climate Change Agenda. It will take on board the G20 Leaders' call for an international development finance system that is fit for purpose, with Multi-lateral Development Banks (MDBs) at the center of solutions to global challenges.

## BOARD OVERSIGHT

The Boards of Directors provided strategic direction to address the continent's development challenges, including the Bank's implementation of the reform commitments undertaken as part of the 7th General Capital Increase (GCI-VII) and the African Development Fund's 15th Replenishment (ADF-15).

### Boards of Governors institutional governance structure



The Boards reviewed and cleared several documents for consideration by the Boards of Governors and provided strategic and institutional direction to ensure delivery of the High 5 priorities, with an emphasis on sustainable development, inclusive growth, and concrete impact on the lives of beneficiaries in RMCs. The Boards approved strategies, policies, loans, grants, equity investments, guarantees, the 2024–2026 work programme and budget document, and the 2024 borrowing programme of the ADB. In all, the Boards approved 159 projects, totaling UA 7,985.8 million. In addition, Senior Management approved technical assistance and other activities amounting to UA 41.0 million.

# Operations, resources, and finance, 2014–2023

(UA millions)

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	CUMULATIVE 2023 TOTAL <sup>a</sup>
<b>Bank Group approvals<sup>b</sup></b>											
Number	232	241	305	249	341	293	217	196	284	258	7,117
Amount	5,049.92	6,334.69	8,035.34	6,195.95	7,278.81	7,300.11	4,171.12	4,506.29	6,155.75	8,026.77	139,644
of which HIPC	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6,158
Disbursements	3,309.39	3,221.49	4,796.10	5,529.86	4,548.58	3,925.35	5,461.15	3,569.98	3,518.75	4,428.83	87,957
<b>ADB approvals<sup>b</sup></b>											
Number	79	99	114	87	103	91	48	66	76	92	2,286
Amount	3,201.30	4,518.23	6,335.32	4,502.18	5,125.14	5,092.45	2,492.70	2,449.14	3,718.81	5,798.25	86,843
of which HIPC	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3,158
Disbursements	1,983.89	1,678.17	3,262.52	3,715.42	2,995.98	2,507.00	3,385.82	1,728.04	2,526.91	3,108.23	53,000
<b>ADF approvals<sup>b</sup></b>											
Number	77	70	94	76	87	82	71	66	107	54	3,391
Amount	1,338.23	1,307.36	1,267.91	959.48	1,088.20	1,230.46	938.76	1,263.25	1,817.81	1,280.74	43,175
of which HIPC	—	46.96	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2,937
Disbursements	1,215.30	1,398.36	1,447.41	1,703.00	1,358.32	1,266.03	1,731.56	1,358.19	830.70	1,119.54	32,399
<b>NTF approvals</b>											
Number	2	2	3	—	3	1	—	1	—	1	106
Amount	11.49	12.50	18.46	—	13.30	4.00	—	3.60	—	2.4	493
of which HIPC	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	63
Disbursements	3.13	7.47	10.98	7.41	10.96	12.34	10.65	14.57	6.0	7.3	329
<b>PSF approvals</b>											
Number	—	—	8	10	9	2	3	3	—	3.0	38
Amount	—	—	90.78	150.70	119.45	19.61	27.24	43.67	—	72.8	524
<b>TSF approvals</b>											
Number	35	28	31	35	33	59	57	29	64	45	537
Amount	254.68	207.75	162.55	302.78	224.51	319.26	471.90	483.09	344.03	282.12	4,070
Disbursements	107.07	137.49	75.19	104.03	183.33	139.98	333.12	469.18	155.2	193.8	2,227.8
<b>Special Funds approvals<sup>c</sup></b>											
Number	39	42	55	41	106	58	38	31	37	63	759
Amount	244.22	288.85	160.32	280.81	708.21	634.33	240.51	263.55	275.10	590.46	4,538
<b>RESOURCES AND FINANCE (AT END OF YEAR)</b>											
<b>ADB</b>											
Authorized capital	66,975.05	66,975.05	66,975.05	66,975.05	66,975.05	153,191.36	153,191.36	180,638.83	180,638.83	180,638.83	
Subscribed capital	65,133.22	65,482.51	65,486.17	65,497.96	65,107.91	66,146.32	100,846.68	148,473.62	148,768.18	148,113.00	
Paid-up portion	4,864.52	4,884.41	4,897.39	4,980.43	4,956.92	4,950.44	7,053.87	9,958.90	9,974.54	9,935.00	
Callable portion	60,268.70	60,598.10	60,588.78	60,517.53	60,150.99	61,195.88	93,792.81	138,514.72	138,793.64	138,178.00	
Outstanding debt	14,375.95	16,449.27	20,644.15	23,175.69	23,989.86	25,466.87	25,090.10	25,115.71	24,254.21	24,776.41	
<b>Cumulative exchange</b>											
<b>Adjustment on</b>											
Subscriptions	(174)	(169)	(161)	(158)	(156)	(148)	(148)	(156)	(154)	(152)	
Reserves	2,815.32	2,921.25	2,746.84	2,982.05	2,806.65	2,797.24	2,857.61	3,151.19	3,670.66	4,014.34	
Gross income <sup>d</sup>	484.73	455.77	536.02	665.76	847.57	920.50	660.21	506.97	760.80	1,711.57	
Net income <sup>e</sup>	151.69	93.16	120.07	258.43	124.68	126.17	198.40	96.55	239.28	406.05	
<b>ADF</b>											
Subscriptions	24,921.04	26,122.31	27,226.94	28,601.22	29,785.35	30,924.91	32,261.33	33,560.25	34,960.95	36,465.86	
Other resources	551.96	602.96	645.96	680.96	715.96	750.96	785.96	820.96	855.96	890.96	
<b>NTF</b>											
Resources (gross)	168.28	169.88	176.79	169.05	174.63	178.28	173.72	179.46	188.16	191.55	

Note: Percentages in the charts and tables of the Report may not add up to 100 due to rounding.

a The cumulative figures go back to the initial operations of the three institutions (1967 for ADB, 1974 for ADF, and 1976 for NTF).

b Approvals include loans and grants, private and public equity investments, emergency operations, HIPC debt relief, loan reallocations, guarantees, and post-conflict country facility and exclude PSF and TSF.

c These are approvals on the operations of the African Water Fund and Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Initiative, the Global Environment Facility, the Global Agriculture and Food Security Program, the Climate Investment Fund, the Congo Basin Forest Fund, the Fund for African Private Sector Assistance, the Zimbabwe Multi-Donor Trust Fund, Migration and Development Trust Fund, Sustainable Energy Fund for Africa, Africa Climate Change Fund, Migration and Development Initiative Fund, Micro Finance Capacity Building Fund, MENA Trust Fund, Nigeria Technical Cooperation Fund, and OPEC.

d Starting from 2013, dividends from equity participations were reclassified and included in gross income. Starting from 2015, gross income is net of interest on loan swaps.

e Net income is before distributions approved by the Board of Governors.

The conversion rates are those for 31 December of each year.

The conversion rates of the ADB, ADF, and NTF Unit of Account (UA) to the US Dollar for various years are as follows:

2014 1 UA = 1.44881 US dollars	2019 1 UA = 1.38283 US dollars
2015 1 UA = 1.38573 US dollars	2020 1 UA = 1.44027 US dollars
2016 1 UA = 1.34433 US dollars	2021 1 UA = 1.39959 US dollars
2017 1 UA = 1.42413 US dollars	2022 1 UA = 1.33084 US dollars
2018 1 UA = 1.39079 US dollars	2023 1 UA = 1.34167 US dollars





## AFRICA'S DEVELOPMENT CONTEXT

The full recovery of the global economy stalled in 2023 as the world continued to grapple with the combined effect of successive shocks since the COVID-19 pandemic, and Africa was not immune to the global slowdown.



## BANK GROUP OPERATIONS THROUGH A HIGH 5 LENS

In 2023, the Bank Group provided Regional Member Countries with the financing urgently needed to sustain post-pandemic recovery. As a result, approvals for Sovereign Operations for 2023 were 42 percent higher than in 2022.



## ENHANCING THE BANK GROUP'S DELIVERY CAPACITY

The Bank Group scaled up resource flows to Regional Member Countries and leveraged its unique position to play a catalytic role in mobilizing additional resources, generating knowledge products, and providing expertise in key areas.



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