

Second AMPI Leaders' Roundtable

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We, African policymakers and regulators, members of the African Mobile Phone Financial Services Policy Initiative (AMPI), met in Naivasha, Kenya on 5-6 February 2014. We assessed the status of mobile financial services (MFS) on the continent and discussed ways of promoting a shared vision to promote digital financial inclusion in Africa through mobile financial services (MFS).

During our meeting, the second Leaders' Roundtable after the launch of AMPI in Zanzibar in February 2013, we examined, together with high-level representatives from financial services providers, telecommunications companies, and international development agencies, the opportunities and challenges faced by different actors in expanding MFS in Africa.

We exchanged views on the potential of innovative MFS partnerships models that could effectively contribute to improving access to quality financial services for the unbanked African populace. We also reflected on the role of policymakers and regulators in creating an enabling environment for the expansion of digital financial services while ensuring the stability and the integrity of the financial system.

Following our discussions, we agreed on a joint vision for the AMPI, a platform which provides a unique opportunity for public-private dialogue and the development of concerted approaches for the expansion of MFS in Africa. The vision seeks to utilize AMPI as a platform to drive digital financial inclusion in Africa. This will be done through collaborative partnerships between government policy makers, regulators, private sector and development partners. We appreciated the development partners' readiness

to support the AMPI initiative for the promotion of digital financial services in Africa. We encouraged them to align their support with national and regional priorities.

We believe that the outcomes of our discussions constitute useful inputs for the strategic medium-term plan for AMPI to be submitted to us in the first weeks of the second quarter. As for 2014, we have approved the main roadmap.

During our deliberations, we:

- Welcomed Mr. Tiemoko Meyliet Koné, Governor of Banque Centrale des Etats de l’Afrique de l’Ouest (BCEAO), as the Chair of AMPI.
- Elected Mr. Ernesto Gouveia Gove, Governor of the Central Bank of Mozambique, as the new Vice-Chair of AMPI;
- Welcomed one new AFI member institutions, the Bank of Mauritius, which has joined us as AMPI members during this meeting;
- Committed to encourage the participating AFI members in Africa to join the AMPI and to approach the institutions which are not members of AFI to join the network.

We expressed our profound gratitude to Professor Njuguna Ndung’u, Governor of the Central Bank of Kenya, the outgoing AMPI Chairperson, for his remarkable leadership during his term and the excellent hospitality and arrangements for our meeting in Naivasha, Kenya.

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