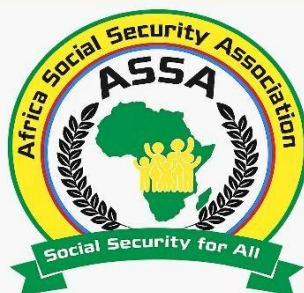


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THEME: *“Harmonizing Social Security Systems for Infrastructure and Economic Transformation in Africa”*

PROGRAMME

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BACKGROUND & CONCEPT NOTE

Africa is entering a new demographic and financial phase in its development journey — one defined by the need to transform population growth into long-term economic resilience, domestic capital formation and sustainable economic transformation.

By 2050, Africa will account for more than 40% of global working-age population growth, representing nearly 600 million additional people entering the labour force. This demographic expansion presents a historic opportunity to build the world's next major savings and consumption base. But turning this growth into a demographic dividend rather than a structural economic challenge will require social security systems capable of expanding coverage, mobilizing savings and supporting broad-based economic inclusion.

In this context, the future of Africa's social security systems has become inseparable from the continent's broader economic transformation agenda. Extending coverage to informal workers, leveraging digitization and financial technology, compliance, portability of benefits, universal health coverage and improving efficiency and governance will be critical to building inclusive, modern and financially sustainable systems adapted to Africa's labour market realities.

At the same time, Africa is entering a new phase in its financing journey — one increasingly defined by the need to finance its own future. As external capital flows become more constrained and traditional development financing models evolve, the continent is turning toward its own institutional balance sheets, savings systems and domestic capital pools to anchor infrastructure development, industrialization and financial resilience.

Today, Africa's pension funds, insurance institutions, sovereign funds and broader financial sector collectively represent more than US\$4 trillion in domestic capital pools, including more than US\$1 trillion held by pension and insurance institutions alone. Yet much of this capital remains concentrated in short-term instruments and government securities that often fail to deliver positive real returns in high-inflation environments, while limiting the availability of long-term financing for productive investment and infrastructure development to meet long term and matured future obligations.

Unlocking the full developmental potential of these capital pools will therefore require a new generation of financial intermediation mechanisms, guarantees and investment platforms capable of connecting African savings to Africa's long-term development priorities. Achieving this at scale will require stronger cooperation, collaboration, coordination and harmonization across governments, regulators, social security institutions, development finance institutions and the private sector, particularly at a regional and cross-border level.

It is within this context that the **Africa Social Security Association (ASSA)** is convening its 1st African Continent Social Security Summit of the year 2026 on October 29th -30th under the theme:

“Harmonizing Social Security Systems for Infrastructure and Economic Transformation in Africa”

Held annually for many years, the ASSA Conference has established itself as a leading continental platform for dialogue among African social security institutions. In light of the continent's evolving financing priorities and the growing alignment between social protection, investment and economic transformation agendas, the 2026 edition will be hosted for the first time in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia and in partnership with the African Union (AU), United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), African Development Bank (AfDB), AUDA-NEPAD, Africa Finance Corporation (AFC), Trade and Development Bank (TDB), National Bank of Ethiopia, Public Servants Social Security Agency (PSSSA) of Ethiopia and CRDB Bank PLC of Tanzania.

The first day of the Summit will focus on Africa's evolving financing architecture and the role of social security institutions in mobilizing long-term capital for infrastructure, industrialization and economic transformation. The second day will adopt a more technical focus dedicated to the future of social security systems by sharing experience between themselves, including strategies to expand coverage to the informal sector, strengthen sustainability, improve governance and embrace digitization through data accuracy and technological innovation, universal health coverage and portability of benefits for migrant workers aimed to build more inclusive and modern social protection systems across Africa.

DAY 1	1 ST AFRICAN SOCIAL SECURITY SUMMIT	
	29th October 2026 United Nations Conference Centre, Addis Ababa-Ethiopia	
TIME	ACTIVITY	RESPONSIBLE
08:00 – 08:30	Arrival of Participants, Registration & Refreshments	Host Country & ASSA Secretariat
08:30 – 08:30	Arrival of the Chief Guest	Host Country & ASSA Chairman
08:30 – 08:35	Remarks and Introduction by ASSA	Mr. Meshach Bandaawe, Secretary General, ASSA
08:35 – 08:40	Special Remarks on behalf of the Francophone Countries	Mrs. Fatma Kamalidine, CRS Comoros
08:40-08:50	Special Remarks by TDB Group	Mr. Admassu Tadesse- Group President & MD TDB Group
08:50-09:10	Special Remarks by AUDA-NEPAD and Signing of MoU between ASSA and AUDA-NEPAD	Ms. Nardos Bekele-Thomas- CEO, AUDA-NEPAD
09:10 - 09:20	Special Remarks by the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA)	Ms. Hanan Morsy – Deputy Executive Secretary -ECA
09:20 - 10:00	Panel: Development of ASSA – Infrastructure Fund within the New African Financial Architecture (NAFA) under AfDB anchored by African Social Security Funds and African Multilateral Development Banks. <i>Presentation of the ASSA Infrastructure Fund, a new investment vehicle jointly managed by Africa Finance Corporation (AFC) and Trade and Development Bank (TDB), with the support of the African Development Bank Group (AfDB) and African Union (AU) to mobilize African institutional capital toward infrastructure and productive investments across the continent.</i> <i>Presenters: Experts from ASSA Technical Team, AfDB, TDB and AFC</i> Mr. Anthony Mwithiga - Senior Advisor - Asset Management and Resource Mobilization TDB Group	Special Virtual Remarks: Dr Sidi Ould Tah- President of AfDB Group Mr. H Samaila Zubairu-President & CEO AFC Panel: Mr. Elie Aloko, Vice President of Business Development, Africa Finance Corporation (AFC) Mr. Olais Tira, Representing CRDB Bank PLC Mr. Ousmane Fall, Director of Non-Sovereign Operations and Private Sector Support Department, AfDB
10:00 – 10:10	Official Remarks and Statement by ASSA Chairman	Mr. Nassor Shaaban Ameir, ASSA Chairman & Managing Director, Zanzibar Social Security Fund (ZSSF)
10:10 – 10:25	Keynote Address	H.E Dr. Eyob Tekalign (PhD), The Governor of National Bank of Ethiopia
10:25 – 10:35	Brief profile of Africa Social Security Association (ASSA); Structure and organization framework.	Ms. Sylvia Kitawa, Finance and Administration Executive of Africa Social Security Association (ASSA)
10:35 – 10:45	Inauguration of the 1st African Social Security Summit.	
10:45 – 10:50	Launching of ASSA-African Pensions Mortality Tables	Remarks by Mr. Ibrahim Muhanna: MD & Chairman, Muhanna Foundation
10:50 – 11:00	Presentation of Awards & Change of Chairmanship	Chief Guest & ASSA Chairman
11:00 – 12:00	Group Photo and Departure of Chief Guest Plenary Discussion: Mobilizing Institutional Capital for Africa's Infrastructure Transformation; Advancing Domestic Resources Mobilization for Bankable Infrastructure and Cross-Border Projects. Moderator: Sonia Essobmadje, Finance & DRM- ECA <i>As Africa increasingly turns toward domestic and regional capital to finance its development priorities, what role can pension funds and social security institutions play within the continent's evolving financial architecture? This plenary discussion will explore the current operating environment facing social security institutions across Africa, including their evolving operational and investment strategies, and examine the policy, regulatory and financial intermediation mechanisms required to mobilize capital at scale across African markets.</i>	Case study & Experience of Africa Regions Mr. Francis Nyirenda, DG PSPF, Zambia Mr. Cheikh Amadu Bamba Kote, DG CNSS Guinea Bissau Mr. Patrick Ayota, MD NSSF, Uganda Mr. Charles Mudiay Kazadi, DG CNSS, DRC Mr. Michael Habte, CEO, Nile Bridge

13:00 – 13:15	Presentation by AUDA-NEPAD: Mr. Tichakunda Simbini- Principal Programme Officer for Energy	<i>Hon Ferdinand Sosthene Likouka, Directeur de Cabinet du Ministre, Ministre de la Securite Sociale of Republique du Congo</i>
13:15 – 14:00	Panel: Harmonizing Regulatory Frameworks to Support Africa’s Infrastructure Transformation to Achieve AU Social Agenda 2063 <i>What policy, regulatory and institutional reforms are needed to unlock cross-border investment and accelerate infrastructure development across the continent? This panel will examine how greater regional coordination, policy harmonization and cooperation can support the African Union’s 5% Agenda to increase institutional investment in infrastructure, while strengthening financial integration and advancing the objectives of the AU Social Agenda 2063.</i> Moderator: Mr. Mathew Rukaari, Manager Investment, NSSF Uganda	<i>Ms. Adamnesh Bogale, Head of Gender Equality, African Center for Economic Transformation</i> <i>Mr. Jackson Nguthu, Director of Supervision; RBA Kenya</i> <i>Mr. Kwesi Afreh Biney, DG SSNTT Ghana</i> <i>Dr Twahir M Khalfan, Financial Economist & Policy Analyst, Muhanna Foundation</i>
14:00 – 15:00	Panel: Ministerial & Policy Makers Platform to reshape ASSA into Continental Strategic Direction to Support Implementation of Policies both for Social Protection and Infrastructure Economic Growth in Africa <i>Endorsement of Africa Social Security Association (ASSA) as the continental Strategic Focal Point and Implementation Platform for advancing, coordinating and facilitating the implementation of agreed policies, frameworks and initiatives relating to social protection, social security development and the mobilization of long-term institutional capital for infrastructure and economic transformation in Africa</i> Moderator: Mrs. Milka Mungunda, Former CEO, Social Security Commission, Namibia	<i>Hon. Assucenia Nesbi Emilia Seidi Donate de Barros, Minister of Public Administration, Labor, Employment, and Social Security of Guinea-Bissau</i> <i>Hon. Ingrid Olga Ghislaine Ebouka-Babackas, Minister of Social Security, Social Welfare and National Solidarity of Republic of the Congo.</i> <i>Hon. John Banza Lunda, Ministre des infrastructures et travaux publics, Congo RDC</i> <i>Hon. Dr. Evaline Wilbard Munisi, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Labour, Employment and Relations of Tanzania</i> <i>Mr. Rasolonjanahary Oelasolofo Rantomalala, Director of Labor and Promotion of Fundamental Rights Madagascar</i> <i>Mr. Anthony Dumingo, Director of Social Security, Ministry of Labour and Social Security, Zambia</i>
15:00 – 15:30	Q &A Session & Way Forward Resolutions of Day 1	ALL ALL
15:30 – 16:00 HEALTH BREAK		
16:00 – 16:30	Departure to Hotels	
ALL		
18:30 – 22:00	WELCOME DINNER BY PSSSA AND POESSA (ETHIOPIA)	
ALL		

DAY 2	1ST AFRICA SOCIAL SECURITY SUMMIT 30 th October 2026 United Nations Conference Centre, Addis Ababa-Ethiopia	
	TIME	RESPONSIBLE
08:30 – 08:35	Recap of Day 1 Deliberations	<i>Rapporteur</i> <i>Mr. James Sumbi, Technical Advisor, CPF Group, Kenya</i>
08:35 – 08:45	Presentation by CNPS Cote d'Ivoire Training Centre – IM2S, (Institut des Métiers de Sécurité Sociale) and Signing of MoU with Africa Institute of Social Protection (AISP)	<i>Mr. Saye Judicael, Director of the IM2S</i>
08:45 – 09:45	Panel: Expanding Social Security Coverage to the Informal Sector: Lessons & Experiences – Designing Demand- Driven Benefits and Leveraging Digital Platforms and Mobile Solutions to Formalize Contributions <i>With the majority of Africa's workforce operating outside the formal economy, expanding social security coverage to informal workers has become both a social and economic imperative. This panel will explore practical experiences, policy approaches and institutional innovations aimed at extending coverage to the informal sector, including contribution collection mechanisms, digital solutions, incentives, financial inclusion strategies and partnerships capable of building more inclusive and sustainable social security systems across the continent</i> Case study & Experience of CNPS Cote d' Ivoire: Mr. Amed Bamba, Technical Advisor to DG CNPS and ASSA Coordinator in West Africa & French speaking Countries. Moderator: <i>Mr. Timothy Mukoba, Co-founder & Chief Commercial Officer, Systech Limited</i> Q&A and Way Forward	<i>Mr. Omary Mziya, Director of Operations, NSSF Tanzania</i> <i>Mr. Stain Singo, Statutory Manager, PSPTF Malawi</i> <i>Mr. Chernor Mamoud Jalloh, DG NASSIT Sierra Leone</i> <i>Mr. Tarek Lakdhar, Director International Relations, CNSS Tunisia</i>
09:45 – 10:45	Panel: Digital Innovation and the Future of Social Protection: Balancing Administrative Efficiency with Digital inclusion for Service Delivery in Social Security Systems <i>As Africa's social security systems confront rising demographic pressures and the need for greater inclusion and efficiency, digital transformation is becoming increasingly central to their future. This panel will explore how technology and digital innovation can help modernize social protection systems through improved identification, contribution collection, service delivery, data management and financial inclusion, while also examining the opportunities and challenges associated with digitization across African markets.</i> Case study & Experience of SASSA South Africa; <i>Mr. Brenton Van Vrede, Executive Manager, Policy Implementation Support SASSA, South Africa</i> Moderator: <i>Dr Sabelo Mbokazi, Head of Labour, Employment and Migration-AUC/ Ms. Irene Mbonge, Head Communications, CPF Group Kenya</i> Q&A and Way Forward	<i>Mr. Dhaba Oria, CEO PSSSA, Ethiopia</i> <i>Mr. Patrick Ayota, MD NSSF Uganda</i> <i>Mr. Bakary Sylla, DG CNSS, Publique de Guinee</i> <i>Mr. Evariste Ondongo DG CNSS, Republique du Congo</i> <i>Mr. Bergude Bancha, Director of Investment and Fund Management, POESSA Ethiopia</i> <i>Mr. Asa Msusa, Chief Operating Officer, NAPSA Zambia</i>
10:45 – 11:00	HEALTH BREAK	ALL

11:00 – 12:00	Panel: Bridging the Gap to ensure Efficiency on Employment Injury Schemes and Universal Health Coverage for Comprehensive Social protection <i>Universal Health coverage (UHC) aligned with UN sustainable Development Goals target to ensure that all people can access quality health services without suffering financial hardship. However, many Nations face chronic public funding shortfalls leading to heavy reliance on direct patient payments. On the other hand, Employment injury benefits which form the core of workers compensation face some challenges including high-risk sectors and fatality rates, informal sector exclusion, administrative and jurisdictional bottlenecks, escalating medical and claims costs and employers' non-compliance.</i> Case study & Experience of RSSB Rwanda, Mr. Bonaparte Ruhamya Byuma, Head – Strategy, Research, Innovation and Policy, RSSB Rwanda Moderator: Mr. Ibrahim Muhanna, MD Muhanna Foundation Q &A and Way Forward	Mr. Justin Tchilabalo Pilante, DG, INAM, Togo Mr. Celestine Muganga, DPI NHIF, Tanzania Mr. Mohamed Mahmoud, DG CNAM Mauritania Mr. Gilbert Mogambi Osoro, Assistant Director, SHA Kenya Mr. Maybin Nkholomba, Director of Compliance and Compensation Services (DCCS), WC, Zambia
12:00 – 12:20	General Summit Resolutions	<i>Rapporteur</i>
12:20 – 12:40	Vote of Thanks	Mr. Ben T. Nangombe, Chief Executive Officer, Social Security Commission (SSC), Namibia
12:40 – 13:00	Closing Remarks	<i>TBC</i>
13:00 – 14:00	LUNCH	
14:00 – 15:00	DEPARTURE TO THE HOTELS	
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