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« 2020: The best is yet to come for the Facility! »

The Facility began this year 2020 dynamically with an important event: our First High Level Meeting also

commemorating Ten Years of operation. The Regional Member Countries were unanimous in appreciating the success of the meeting which included sessions of the ALSF Academy.

It was important to have this meeting because it is always important to reflect on where you have come from, what you have done and how you can do it better.

The main purpose of the meeting was for the countries that benefit from the ALSF support to hear their expectations as to what we can do better to deliver on the agenda and the mandate that we have. So the meeting agreed on what we can do better. Going forward, the stakeholders were very clear on the need for the Facility to continue operating in the same areas they have been supporting.

This year, the ALSF will continue to be effective, creative and innovative to make sure we gave the best support to the countries where we operate to reinforce the strength and facilitate the development of Africa.

Stephen KARANGIZI

**Director and Chief Executive Officer**



**To celebrate the 10th year anniversary of the African Legal Support Facility, the ALSF academy provides the regional members with capacity building.**

The African Legal Support Facility (ALSF) is celebrating the success of the recent 2020 High-Level Meeting of its participating states and organizations that took place on February 26 and 27 2020 in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire. One of the highlights of the two-day conference was the



**African Legal Support Facility launches new handbook on sovereign debt**

**Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, 2 March, 2020** – The African Legal Support Facility (ALSF) has launched a handbook on sovereign debt aimed at improving users' understanding of the

capacity building workshop that transpired as part of the event. The workshop, geared towards the government officials and African lawyers in attendance, was based on the ...

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subject and offering development and implementation strategies and tips to avoid over-indebtedness.

The Handbook on Sovereign Debt, produced by the ALSF in collaboration with 11 prominent debt professionals, was officially launched February 27 in ...

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## Echoes from the field

### Paal Bjornestad: «There is certainly a great need also for ALSF assistance after 2022»

*Interview by Eve Ehoua*


**Abidjan (Côte d'Ivoire), 27 February 2020:** Norway is one of the major ALSF donors. Since 2010, year of the creation of the ALSF to 2018, Norway has supported the Facility for an amount of US\$ 6,05 millions. Interview of Mr. Paal Bjornestad, Executive Director representing Denmark, Finland, India, Norway and Sweden at the AfDB.

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## 10 years of ALSF - Interview of Charles Boamah

During the first ALSF High Level Members Forum, Mr Charles BOAMAH, ex Senior Vice President of the African Development Bank, officially opened the two-day ALSF Academy workshop in Abidjan. In his speech, he also announced the end of his mandate as Chairman of the ALSF Governing Council after 7 years.

### INTERVIEW OF CHARLES BOAMAH ABOUT THE FACILITY



Will ALSF remain a key-partner in Africa in the next ten or twenty years ahead ?

L'ALSF sera-t-elle toujours un partenaire clé en Afrique dans les 10 ou 20 prochaines années ?



### **ALSF Management Board reviews its activities ahead of 2020 Annual Meeting**

**Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, 01 April 2020** -The Management Board of the African Legal Support Facility (ALSF) met via videoconference to review the progress and effectiveness of its projects in 2019. The Board considered key issues on sustainability and implementation of projects and events, which will further be discussed on the margins of the 2020 Annual Meetings of the African Development Bank Group in May 2020. In his opening remarks, the ALSF Director Stephen Karangizi welcomed and ...

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### **Navigating Through Threats Facing African Economies**

**On 11 March 2020**, the World Health Organization (WHO) declared COVID-19 a pandemic. African countries responded by implementing policies geared towards protecting the health of their population and economies. While policies varied across countries, they broadly involved measures stop travel, curtailing economic activity to limit movement of people, and health measures to reduce the disease burden of COVID-19. As of 15 June 2020, the Africa's Center for Disease Control count shows that the continent now ...

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## **ACADÉMIE VIRTUELLE ALSF**

In this newsletter, let us learn more about **oil and gas sector**.

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### **The ALSF assists the Federal Republic of Somalia in the Sovereign Debt Sector**

With the assistance of the African Legal Support Facility (ALSF), Paris Club creditors agreed to cancel USD 1.4 Billion of Somali debt, leading the Federal Republic of Somalia to the enhanced Highly Indebted Poor Countries (HIPC) Initiative Decision Point. The Government of the Federal Republic of Somalia has undertaken various political, social and economic reforms over the past eight years in order to achieve debt sustainability. These reforms have contributed to Somalia's successful completion of three International ...



### **The ALSF supports the Government of Central African Republic (CAR) in the mining and petroleum sector**

**Kigali, Rwanda, 4 December 2019:** The African Legal Support Facility hosted a capacity-building workshop for the Government of Central African Republic on the Extractives Industry. The workshop, which welcomed twenty-nine (29) civil servants from across the Central African government, was organized and delivered by Mr. Bruno Gay, Ms. Nadia Chebbi, and Mr. Ruchdi Maalouf of the French law firm, DeGaulle Fleurance & Associé, in association with Mr. Nicolas Tiangaye of Cabinet Tiangaye. The Workshop falls within the context of support provided ...

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### The ALSF Supports the Republic of The Gambia in the Sovereign Debt Sector

With the support of the African Legal Support Facility (ALSF), a US\$47.1 million extended credit facility (ECF) arrangement for The Gambia was approved by the IMF Executive Board

In 2016, successful democratic presidential elections in the Republic of The Gambia resulted in a political transition to a new government led by His Excellency, Adama Barrow. As part of the new government's commitment to pursuing policies to ensure sustainable and inclusive growth, it has sought ways for the ...

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## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### September 2020

Management Board Meeting  
Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire

### November 2020

Management Board Meeting  
Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire

### December 8th 2020

Donors Meeting  
Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire



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