

About UNDP AFIM

The African Facility for Inclusive Markets (AFIM) is a regional project of the UN Development Program working to accelerate progress towards the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) by supporting the development of inclusive, pro-poor markets across Africa. This project is led by the Regional Bureau for Africa and implemented from the UNDP Regional Service Centre in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. AFIM'S particular focus is on the promotion of Inclusive Market Development in Africa through development and expansion of regional value chains in job creating sectors such as agribusiness, tourism, renewable energy, retailing and mining.

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About NEPAD Agency

Designated as the technical body of African Union, the core mandate of the NEPAD Agency is to facilitate and coordinate the implementation of regional and continental priority programmes and projects and to promote partnerships, resource mobilization and research and knowledge management in providing support to the NEPAD Agency, the core implementers for the NEPAD programme are AU Member states, regional institutions, particularly RECs, and multi-lateral and bilateral development agencies. The NEPAD Agency also mobilizes expert knowledge and resources to support the develop- →



African Women and Youth Finance Digital Directory

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The United Nations Development Program's African Facility for Inclusive Markets, in collaboration with the NEPAD Agency's Africa Platform for Development Effectiveness (www.africa-platform.org) (also known as "APDev") have developed a unique "living digital directory" - The African

Women and Youth Finance Directory - to provide and disseminate information on funding sources and technical assistance programmes that provide support to women and youth run enterprises and organizations in Africa.



Key Directory Content

- Finance Resources for Women and Youth
- Inclusive Business Networks
- Development Partner Programmes for Youth and Women
- Calendar for Economic Events for Women and Youth
- Overview of Women in Africa and Access to Finance – Trends and Developments
- Overview of Youth in Africa and Access to Finance – Trends and Developments

ment and design of investment programmes for wealth creation and socio-economic growth, and is committed to becoming a learning and results-oriented institution. The strategic direction of NEPAD Agency is based on the following thematic areas: Agriculture and food security, climate change and natural resource management, regional integration and infrastructure, human development, economic and corporate governance and cross cutting issues of gender and capacity development.

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About APDev

Managed by the Capacity Development Directorate in the office of the CEO of the Nepad Planning and Coordination Agency, the African Platform on Development Effectiveness or (APDev) is an online portal with offline capacity development activities that brings consultation, coordination and common voice to Africa's development perspectives, strategies and policies that focus on capacity development, aid effectiveness and south-south cooperation. Development effectiveness is the ability to achieve results that positively impact on people's lives and society in a sustainable way.

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Building Women and Youth Development Digital Community of Practice

In addition to being a "wiki inspired" directory where site visitors can suggest additional resources to be added to the Directory, the aim of the founding partners UNDP AFIM and the NEPAD Agency is to leverage the existing architecture of APDev portal and develop a community of practice for economic development practitioners, impact investors and other financier, and women and youth enterprise promoters to engage, have e-discussions, post information on new funding and technical

assistance initiatives and to facilitate match-making between those looking for support and those offering support. Site visitors interested in the Community of Practice will receive e-updates related to new content on the site, upcoming events and e-discussions.

- Bulletin Boards
- E-Discussions
- Twitter Tweets
- Knowledge Resources
- E-Match Making
- E-Notices re Upcoming Events



9th African Congress for Women Entrepreneurs and 11th Pan Afro Arab Congress for Business and Professional Women

UNDP AFIM and APDev are also proud to launch the African Women and Youth Finance Digital Directory in partnership with AFRAWE at the 9th African Congress for Women Entrepreneurs and the 11th Pan Afro Arab Congress for Business and Professional Women.

en and look forward to the Directory becoming an indispensable resource, networking platform and capacity development tool for the attendees of the 2014 meeting and for those in their respective networks.

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