



AFRICAN UNION FOR HOUSING FINANCE **33RD ANNUAL CONFERENCE & AGM**

Engaging the Housing Value Chain for Growth

SAVE THE DATE 17th-19th OCT 2017 KAMPALA SERENA HOTEL, UGANDA

Across Africa, the residential investment opportunity is increasingly driving conversations about economic growth. The opportunity is clear: with the fastest rate of urbanisation globally, and a growing middle class, Africa's demand for affordable housing is increasing at a rapid rate. Governments and the private sector each have an excellent opportunity to gear this interest in support of their growth and investment targets, while also meeting the housing needs of their growing urban populations. In the context of an economic downturn on the African continent, housing creates an important and strategic opportunity to change the narrative and drive growth from within.

Housing is all about the value chain. The process of delivering and managing a home – from land assembly through to infrastructure provision, house construction, the sales and transfer process, and then ongoing maintenance and improvements – is highly interdependent drawing on multiple sectors in the economy and departments in government. Any weaknesses along the chain affect the performance of the entire chain: it is as strong as its weakest link. Stakeholders across the continent in the public and private sector are yearning to intervene meaningfully and sustainably in the housing space to harness the growth potential however; this will only be realized if key sector players come together and address these challenges in a concerted manner.

This year's African Union for Housing Finance Conference under the theme, "**Engaging the Housing Value Chain for Growth**," brings together key players in Africa's housing and housing finance industry to chart a way for the betterment of housing across the continent. Focusing on the key links in the chain, the conference will bring together financiers, developers, professionals and policy makers to deliberate on the challenges and explore opportunities. Case studies from across the continent will be presented, with specific focus on the issues these raise for Uganda.

Five sessions are planned, to include both international and local speakers:

- Opening ceremony: engaging value chain for growth
- Financing land and infrastructure for residential property
- Building affordable housing to scale
- Promoting sustainable investment into affordable housing
- Closing: Public and Private Sector building the value chain together

Co-hosted by the AUHF and Housing Finance Bank Uganda, the conference will conclude with a Kampala Declaration, to be signed by the members of the African Union for Housing Finance, setting out key issues for attention to engage the housing value chain for growth across the African continent.

The conference will be held from the 17th to 19th October 2017 in Uganda at the Kampala Serena Hotel. The Chief Guest and key note speaker will be his Excellency the President of Uganda, Yoweri Kaguta Museveni.

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