

African Economic Conference to be held in Cabo Verde in December 2021

The 2021 edition of the African Economic Conference (AEC) will be jointly organized by the African Development Bank (AfDB), the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Cabo Verde from 2 to 4 December 2021.

The theme of this year's conference is "**Financing Africa's post-COVID-19 development**". Considering the multidimensional impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on Africa's development, this theme will bring together various stakeholders, including policymakers, the private sector, and researchers, to examine ways and means to expand Africa's development finance sources sustainably. The shock of COVID-19 presents Africa with a game-changing opportunity to put its financing strategies on a more sustainable footing. The AEC 2021 will be an occasion to stimulate this reflection. Diverse perspectives will be represented at the conference, which will be attended by researchers, policymakers, the private sector, financial institutions and banks, development practitioners, young people, and women from Africa and from around the world.

For the past 4 months, Pro PALOP-TL SAI Communities of Practices gathered more than 200 senior national staffs and practitioners from the PALOP-TL state and non-state PFM actors that have been and still are deeply involved in a series of high-level dialogues and discussion forums focused in the same topics of the AEC 2021. The paths identified in those very rich and authoritative discussions to address the challenges of policy-making in the post-COVID19 VUCA world (Volatile-Uncertain-Complex-Ambiguous) by PFM decision-makers and influencers in the PALOP-TL countries (Angola, Cabo Verde, Guinea Bissau, Mozambique, São Tomé e Príncipe, and Timor-Leste) are certainly an excellent baseline and of particular interest for pertinent policy-oriented papers that are linked to the overall theme of the conference.

We would like to invite our community members and practitioners to submit papers.

Submission Guidelines:

Interested authors should submit their papers by 5 August 2021 here: rba.aec@undp.org

And for more information: [Call for papers: African Economic Conference 2021 \(bit.ly/AEC2021_papers\)](https://bit.ly/AEC2021_papers)