

## **Grasping the heralded Opportunity: The 1<sup>st</sup> Joint AADFI-ADFIAP CEO Forum Conference 2012 on the promotion of value chain finance in Africa, Asia-Pacific and Caribbean –**

Global competition for the attraction of the locations of industrial value chain is noticeably emerging as the defining focal point particularly as nations and regional economies are increasingly carving out their discrete and collective strategic positioning – in the light of the competitive dynamism of the structural transformation and *re-ordering* of the global economy - in the competition for the locations of global value chain (GVC) industrial enterprises. Resource-based industrialization requires not only enabling policy environment but also both competitive industrialist entrepreneur sector and adaptive *development finance institutions (DFIs)* sector. This is no exception to the minerals-rich African economic region's established collective public policy undertaking and pursuit to advance the continent's multi-tier minerals value-adding and job-creating industrialization compact growth linkages economics. increasingly South Africa, and Africa, is becoming the preferred hosting destination of some of progressive and inaugural international conferences on key economic development dialogues including, in particular, the recent hosting of the *Association of African Development Institutions (AADFI)* and *Association of Development Finance Institutions in Asia and Pacific (ADFIAP)* 's **1<sup>st</sup> Joint CEO Forum Conference 13-16<sup>th</sup> November 2012**, Indaba Hotel, Johannesburg – South Africa, through the partnership of the Industrial Development Corporation (IDC), Development Bank of Southern Africa and African Development Bank (DBSA) and African Development Bank (AFDB). More interestingly, the 1<sup>st</sup> Joint CEO Forum Conference 2012 was held under the theme '**Promoting South-South Cooperation among DFIs Through Value Chain Financing in Africa, Asia-Pacific and the Caribbean**'. The role of DFIs and their collaborative partnerships to make concerted development finance effort to promote to diversify the value chain financing across the resource-based sectors including, in particular, the optimization of minerals value chain industrial linkages is identified as one of the key determinant factors in the promotion of stimulatory development of the desired endogenous intra-Africa minerals value-adding industrialization compact growth linkages. It is more notably and importantly the strategic hosting partnership of the African economic region 's leading DFIs – IDC, DBSA and AFDB – on one hand and the member participation of the AADFI, on the other, which is considered as encapsulating the desirable collaborative development finance tie-up to reinforce the emergence of geographical spread of fixed productive and resource-based value chain industries and competitive export manufacturing industries – including, in particular, tertiary metal fabrication (beneficiation) manufacturing enterprises.

The adaptive role of the DFI economic service delivery, through innovative and diversified service product offering, is fundamentally significant particularly with regard to keeping up with the dynamic development finance service needs of the stimulatory development of industrialist entrepreneur sectors across industries – more so in the global competition for both the use of comparative advantages – in terms of *in-situ* mineral resource holdings – for either endogenous intra-Africa and/or attraction of global (minerals) value chain (GVA) industrial linkages.

The generally acceptable requirement for minerals flows analysis and accounting (MFA) instrument to track and profile the progressive value-adding, or lack of it, of extracted minerals from a country of origin is considered to make a huge difference in both *global minerals value-adding (GMVA)* industrialization comparative analysis and world export-led growth ranking. The topic of the recent 1<sup>st</sup> Joint CEO Forum Conference on, namely, **'Enhancing Exports' Competitiveness Through Promotion of Value Chain Finance'** is undoubtedly essential to, in particular, the transformation of the minerals-rich Africa 's historically originated mining industry development model based on long-term off-take contractual obligations to supply extracted mineral commodities to offshore minerals beneficiation industries.

Competing for localized (intra-Africa) minerals value chain beneficiation industrial formations requires, in particular, self-reliant value chain finance services offering and this makes the formative collaboration of the AADFI and ADFIAP more and generally laudable - i.e. if Africa is to experience the formative and rapid emergence of the desired competitive industrialist entrepreneur sector across the post-minerals extraction value chain beneficiation industrial linkage sectors – including competitive export beneficiation manufacturing enterprises. MPBIASA salutes the progressive envisioning of both AADFI and ADFIAP, by extension IDC, DBSA and AFDB, for conceiving the idea, conceptual development and construct in shaping and coming up with this vitally important collaborative developmental initiative. Development is about imaginative thinking and the capacity to self-reliant origination and initiation of policy implementation and service delivery programme models – through which to catalyze and drive socio-economic transformation, growth and development. MPBIASA believes that the recent inaugural/1<sup>st</sup> Joint AADFI and ADFIAP CEO Forum Conference 2012 will add impetus to the African economic regions 's aspiration and interests for the stimulatory development of the continent 's industrial society in general and industrialist entrepreneur sector in particular to compete for the uptake of projects market opportunities and thereby be instrumental in driving both the long-standing desire for endogenous intra-Africa minerals and metal value-adding industrialization compact growth linkages economics and the formative emergence of the minerals-rich Africa to arise as the world economy 's minerals value chain industrialization growth pole.

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