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### **Empowering Africa's Green Transition: Financing Bankable Projects to Accelerate Industrialisation and Sustainability**

**March 2025, Windhoek, Namibia** – The African Development Bank (AfDB) and the World Bank have jointly announced a groundbreaking initiative that promises to reshape Africa's energy landscape and accelerate green industrialisation. With the AfDB committing US\$18.2 billion and the World Bank pledging up to \$40 billion in financing, this ambitious endeavour is poised to unlock new pathways for growth, investment, and green energy innovation.

These substantial commitments are expected to catalyse further investments from private sector stakeholders, including sovereign wealth funds, private equity firms, and venture capitalists. The goal is to establish a solid financial foundation that enables Africa to harness its renewable energy potential while simultaneously fostering economic growth through sustainable industrialisation.

Central to the objectives of the Global African Hydrogen Summit (9 – 11 September 2025, Windhoek, Namibia) is a vision to develop regional synergies among African nations by fostering partnerships and collaboration across borders, to boost economic growth, accelerate infrastructure development, and create robust supply and value chains. This regional integration is essential for overcoming challenges related to energy access, infrastructure gaps, and market inefficiencies.

The dynamic sequel edition of the Summit will continue to drive partnerships for and critical investments and financing into bankable green energy projects across Africa. At the heart of the Summit, mobilising ambition into action, are the Project Investment Roundtables, which will offer a platform for project developers and global financiers to connect and engage in high-level, deal-making discussions. These Roundtables will address key challenges related to bankability, risk perception, and regulatory compliance, while presenting a curated pipeline of high-potential projects ready for investment.

As an active participant at the inaugural Project Investment Roundtables in 2024, Benedict Libanda, CEO, Environmental Investment Fund of Namibia (EIF) commented that "One of the strengths is that the Project Investment Roundtables bring partnerships, and networks, crucial for the development of the Hydrogen sector."

The 2025 Project Investment Roundtables 'Call for Projects' runs until 31 March 2025 and is inviting green energy and industrial project developers from across the continent to submit their projects to assess the feasibility from origination through to bankability to transaction.

Projects can be submitted via the online portal at <https://www.gah2s.com/>.

For project developers, the Roundtables offer access to investors, tailored feedback on business models, and opportunities for collaboration with technical experts, consultancies, and government representatives. For investors, the Roundtables present a unique opportunity to gain access to a diverse array of vetted projects and to engage with African governments and industry leaders shaping the continent's green energy future.

Project profiles span sectors including Hydrogen (inc. Electrolysis, Ammonia, Synth Fuels, Methanol), Renewables (inc. Wind, Solar, Hydro, Geothermal and Biomass), Power, Infrastructure, Transportation (inc. Road, Rail, Marine, Aviation), Mining, Agriculture, Heavy Industry, Hard To Abate (inc. Oil, Gas, Cement, Steel, Iron, Petrochemical), and Mobility.

Investor profiles span Developments Banks, Hedge Funds, Multilaterals Lenders, Pension Funds, Exim Banks, Corporate Finance and Central Banks.

The Global African Hydrogen Summit exemplifies how critical investments in green energy infrastructure can unlock Africa's economic potential, creating a more sustainable, connected, and prosperous future for millions.

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## **About The Global African Hydrogen Summit (GAH2S) 2025**

### **Convening The Global Hydrogen Industry In Namibia**

In its sequel edition, the pioneering three-day Global African Hydrogen Summit will once again convene heads of state, government agencies, industry business leaders, project developers, investors, thought leaders, technologists and end users from across Africa and around the globe to drive partnerships for and critical investments and financing into bankable green energy projects of strategic and national importance across Africa, spanning the hydrogen, renewables, agriculture, mining, power, infrastructure, transportation, mobility and hard to abate sectors.

As a pioneering and innovative investment platform, the Global African Hydrogen Summit will provide a variety of engagement opportunities including CPD accredited educative masterclasses, high level leadership dialogues, a world class strategic conference, project investment roundtables, and an international exhibition and innovation zone. Participation from across the global energy value chain will include and contribute to:

- **1 High-Level Ministerial Meeting**
- **2 Leadership Roundtables**
- **3 Heads of State**
- **7 Country Pavilions**
- **7 Global African Hydrogen Awards**
- **20 Deal & MoU Signings**
- **25 African & Global Ministers**
- **50 Bankable African Green Energy Projects**
- **45 Partners**
- **60 Countries Represented**
- **150 International Exhibitors**
- **100 Youth Participants**
- **125 Expert Industry Speakers**
- **700 Conference Delegates**
- **1,500 Attendees**

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