



## INTRODUCTION

### ASEA

The African Securities Exchanges Association (ASEA) is the Premier Association of Securities Exchanges in Africa that have come together with the aim of developing stock exchanges and providing a platform for networking.

The Association’s mission is to engage African capital markets ecosystems in order to foster capital mobilisation, promote sustainability and enhance financial inclusion for the benefit of Africa’s economic growth development.

### JSE

The Johannesburg Stock Exchange (JSE) has a well-established history of operating as a marketplace for trading financial products. It is a pioneering, globally connected exchange group that enables inclusive economic growth through trusted, world-class, socially responsible products, and services for the investor of the future. It offers secure and efficient primary and secondary capital markets across a diverse range of securities, spanning equities, derivatives, and debt markets. It prides itself on being the market of choice for local and international investors looking to gain exposure to leading capital markets on the African continent.

The JSE is currently ranked in the Top 20 largest stock exchanges in the world by market capitalisation, and is the largest stock exchange in Africa, having been in operation for over 136 years. As a leading global exchange, the JSE co-creates, unlocks value and makes real connections happen. [www.jse.co.za](http://www.jse.co.za)

## ECA

The Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) was established by the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) of the United Nations (UN) in 1958 as one of the UN's five regional commissions. ECA's mandate is to promote the economic and social development of its member States, foster intra-regional integration, and promote international cooperation for Africa's development. ECA's mission is to deliver ideas and actions for an empowered and transformed Africa, informed by the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063. The mission is guided by ECA's strategic directions which include contributing to the development and deepening of African capital markets and designing frameworks and mechanisms to promote the development of financial innovations as sustainable methods for mobilizing additional resources for development financing needs and increasing financial resilience.

For more information visit <https://www.uneca.org/>

## 2024 ANNUAL BUILDING AFRICAN FINANCIAL MARKETS (BAFM) SEMINAR

The JSE, in partnership with the African Securities Exchanges Association (ASEA), will be hosting the 12th Annual Building African Financial Markets (BAFM), scheduled to take place at the Sandton Convention Centre, Sandton, Johannesburg on 19 and 20 June 2024. The seminar theme "***Navigating new horizons: Evolving African financial markets***" aims to effectively capacitate and mobilise Africa's financial and capital markets, who include African stock exchanges and their policymakers, regulators, market players and various other stakeholders within the financial and capital markets sectors, into the greater hemisphere of advanced digitalisation and sustainability.

The BAFM seminar is a capacity building programme initiated by ASEA, with the objective to foster dialogue and collaboration aimed at promoting growth, resilience, efficiency, and inclusivity within African financial markets and to enhance the capacity of African stock exchanges to compete on a global scale. BAFM is a physical designed to draw in an audience of approximately 120 to 180 delegates.

## PROPOSED TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

BAFM will, in line with ASEA's Strategic Objectives, place special focus on topical issues such as;

- Introduction to the newly established African Commodities Exchanges Association
- Establishing carbon markets on the African continent
- Sustainability Disclosure Guidance - Encapsulating African exchanges, leading to integrated sustainability reporting
- ESG - Embracing Leadership and Value Creation in Africa
- Digitalisation transforming Africa's capital markets - Piloting Africa's emerging markets in a digital age - trends shaping financial markets' evolution
  - Regulatory support for digitalisation - implementing policies to foster market growth in African capital markets
- Exchange Insights: Unveiling Next-Gen Analytics
- Leading the Data Revolution: Exchanges at the Forefront of Modernisation
- Efforts by Africa's Capital Markets to develop SME markets
- Roundtable discussion – A case study on SME development – Acceleration and global expansion, and capital readiness

### **PROPOSED SPEAKERS**

The following will form the speaker panel for the Seminar;

- African Stock Exchanges' CEOs
- Representatives of stock broking firms
- Capital Markets regulators,
- Financial and Capital Markets' industry leaders