

VISION SUMMARY

As President of the African Development Bank, Dr. Sidi Ould Tah will usher in a bold new chapter for Africa, defined by:

- Financial Sovereignty
- Inclusive Growth
- Transformative Infrastructure

His leadership will champion the mobilization of vast capital, unify Africa’s financial systems, and unleash the full potential of youth and women through ambitious, targeted reforms.

Under Dr. Tah’s presidency, the AfDB will not only finance projects—it will architect Africa’s future.

A FINANCIAL EXPERT, PASSIONATE ABOUT DEVELOPMENT

Sidi
Ould
TAH

A visionary economist, proven reformer, and global connector, Dr. Tah brings over 40 years of high-impact leadership across government and finance.

- As President of the Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa (BADEA), he transformed the institution into a top-rated, innovation-driven development bank:
 - Tripling its capital
 - Pioneering strategic partnerships
 - Delivering resilient solutions during crises such as COVID-19 and geopolitical upheaval
- As former Minister of Economic Affairs and senior advisor to Mauritania’s leadership, he consistently bridged national priorities with global frameworks such as Agenda 2063 and the SDGs. His proven track record combines capital mobilization, crisis management, and cutting-edge innovation.

With a deep understanding of Africa’s development challenges and a relentless drive for solutions, Dr. Tah is ready to lead the African Development Bank—and Africa itself—into a bold new era of growth, resilience, and financial sovereignty.

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CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT OF AFDB 2025

" AFRICA'S MOMENT IS NOW. LET'S NOT MANAGE DEVELOPMENT - LET'S ACCELERATE IT. "

Dr. Sidi Ould Tah proposes a bold, transformative vision for the African Development Bank: deep internal reform to make the AfDB decentralized, digitally transformed, and relentlessly results-driven. By realigning its institutional culture with Africa's aspirations, the Bank will become not just a financier, but a **true catalyst** for continental transformation.

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DR. SIDI OULD TAH'S FOUR CARDINAL POINTS FOR A STRONGER, SMARTER, SOVEREIGN AFRICA

As Africa stands at a crossroads of global disruption and unparalleled opportunity, Dr. Tah offers a visionary yet practical roadmap. His leadership fuses **strategic policy** with **grounded innovation**, designed to **future-proof** Africa's economies and secure a **resilient, prosperous** continent.

The Future of AfDB: Efficiency. Agility. Ambition.



THE FOUR CARDINAL POINTS OF MY ACTION

1

Unlock Africa's Capital Power

"Every dollar must work like ten."

Africa's prosperity depends on affordable, sustainable access to capital.

Dr. Tah envisions AfDB as a powerhouse of financial innovation:

- Mobilize over **\$400 billion annually** through **blended finance**, **green bonds**, and **AAA-backed risk guarantees**.
- Capitalize African banks and **expand regional lending networks**.
- Deploy groundbreaking financial models including **hybrid capital**, **synthetic securitization**, and **local savings mobilization**.

Mission: End dependency, amplify investment, and transform Africa's abundant potential into real, lasting strength.

2

Rebuild Africa's Financial Sovereignty

"Africa must speak with one financial voice on the global stage."

Fragmented financial systems weaken Africa's collective power.

Dr. Tah advocates for a **continent-wide financial consolidation**:

- Integrate financial systems to manage risk, mobilize capital, and lower borrowing costs.
- Expand domestic revenue through **tax reform**, **pension fund investment**, and **digital remittance tools**.
- Reform global financial governance to **reclaim Africa's agency** in international decision-making.

This is **financial liberation** - achieved through structure, strategy, and sovereign intent.

3

Turn Demographics into a Dividend

"Youth and women are not a challenge - they are the engine."

Africa's rising population is a booming opportunity, not a burden.

Dr. Tah's strategy to transform demographics into economic dynamism:

- Mass formalization of the **informal economy** and **SME scaling**.
- Launch a **continent-wide Skills Revolution** with **STEM education**, **vocational training**, and an **Africa Skills Passport**.
- Empower youth and women through **finance access**, **mentorship**, and **technology enablement**.

Build talent, back it with policy - and the future will build itself.

4

Build Resilient Infrastructure, Add Real Value

"Raw exports are history. Industrial Africa is the future."

Dr. Tah envisions an Africa that **exports value-added products**, not just raw materials:

- Invest in **climate-resilient infrastructure**, **energy systems**, **digital connectivity**, and **rural-urban integration**.
- Drive a **just energy transition** that respects Africa's right to develop while advancing renewables and gas projects.
- Build **regional processing hubs** and **bankable project pipelines** to generate high-value exports.

This is not just about building infrastructure—it's about building an **engine of wealth and global competitiveness**.