

African Development Bank Equity Policy Template

Introduction

The African Development Bank (AfDB) is a multilateral development finance institution founded in 1964, which comprises three entities: The African Development Bank, the African Development Fund and the Nigeria Trust Fund. The AfDB has 80 countries member, including 54 African countries (regional member countries) and 26 non-African countries (who finance the Bank). The AfDB's mission is to promote sustainable economic growth and reduce poverty in Africa. The AfDB supports African governments and private companies investing in the regional member countries. During the next decade, the AfDB is planning to pay particular attention to fragile states, agriculture and food security, and gender.

Higher Education Policy Documents

- Higher Education Science and Technology Strategy (2008)
- Human Capital Strategy (2014)

In the past fifteen years, the AfDB has focused its education work on TVET and higher education. The bulk of its activities at the post-secondary level supports TVET projects through technical assistance and credits.

Equity Policy Documents

What broad and specific equity objectives does the strategy document identify?

- While the AfDB has chosen skills development in science and technology as its main priorities for post-secondary education, it also advocates remediation programs and measures to encourage the participation of female students in scientific and technical areas. The Bank also supports universal access to affordable ICT devices and content.

Is there a standalone equity promotion strategy for higher education?

- No

Which equity target groups are identified in the strategy document(s)?

- While it is not specific to higher education, the AfDB has made it a priority to support activities to prevent gender-based violence and facilitate the economic reintegration of youth and women in fragile states.

What specific interventions and/or instruments of equity promotion are recommended to partner countries in the official strategy document (monetary and non-monetary interventions)?

- Scholarships to promote female studies in science and technology
- Remediation programs

Equity Interventions

While the AfDB does not have a focus on equity in higher education at the time being, the list of modalities and instruments used by the Bank is as follows:

- Grants to government or institutions
- Loans: AfDB operations can be investment loans or policy-based loans using policy triggers for disbursement purposes.
- Free technical assistance

Financial Resources

What financial resources does your agency devote to equity promotion programs/projects in higher education?

- Not available

References

The Bank's Human Capital Strategy for Africa (2014-2018)

https://www.afdb.org/fileadmin/uploads/afdb/Documents/Policy-Documents/AfDB_Human_Capital_Strategy_for_Africa_2014-2018.pdf

Higher Education Science and Technology Strategy (2008)