

AFRICA INFRASTRUCTURE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

2022

Empowering the next generation of African public procurement experts

ABOUT THE INITIATIVE

Infrastructure development and financing are indispensable components of growth. As the first true infrastructure public-private partnership program dedicated to the training of senior civil servants in Africa, the AIFP has been designed to accelerate the closing of the infrastructure investment gap in Africa through capacity building.

DESIGNED FOR PPP PROFICIENCY

A program in English shaping the specific needs of public infrastructure procurement, delivery, and management:

• Dispensing a mix of practical and theoretical training delivered by PPP professionals and experts

• Enabling a direct experience of private sector approaches and processes through professional immersions

• Leading to the establishment of **a strong alumni network** of infrastructure practitioners



CORE ELEMENTS OF THE PROGRAM

• The program runs for **two months** straight in Paris, France • **Preparation of 2 weeks and exam-taking for the APMG**

• An **academic training** of 3 weeks to understand the role of private sector investment in infrastructure

• Case studies and workshops delivered by public and private partners

• **On-site visits** and side events with key people

• Attending infra events like the Paris Infraweek

• Preparation of 2 weeks and exam-taking for the APMG Public-Private Partnerships Certification Program, led by the World Bank:

- foundation level
- preparation level

• At least **3 weeks of professional immersion in one of our partner organizations** that can be in an investment or development bank, a civil engineering or law firm specialized in infrastructure



A PAN-AFRICANIST VISION



The fellows come from the whole African continent. Their nationalities are diverse and varied to create synergies between countries and regions. Consequently, the 2021 cohort was composed of 23 fellows coming from 18 African countries with English, French and Portuguese speakers.



OUR COMMITMENT TO A SUSTAINABLE INVESTMENT COMMUNITY

We are dedicated to empowering public sector practitioners to make their countries leaders in sustainableinfrastructures. All of our partners are committed to the ecological transition and measure social impactsfollowing the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) framework.



A PROGRAM AIMING AT BUILDING AFRICA'S NEXT GENERATION OF EXPERT PRACTITIONERS

The AIFP is tailored for infrastructure public sector practitioners, with at least 3 years of experience in their countries' PPP infrastructure development.

This 2nd edition of the Africa Infrastructure Fellowship Program allowed us to reiterate our interest in building capacity for the leaders and the future leaders of the public procurement for PPPs and infrastructure projects

- Thierry Déau, Chairman of the AIFP

SELECTION CRITERIA AND NOMINATION/ APPLICATION PROCESSES FOR FELLOWS:

• Minimum of 3 years of practical infrastructure or PPP work experience

Candidates must obtain the endorsement of their organizations

• Reasonable command of English (next 2022 session to be delivered in English)

· Diversity of participants (gender, institutions...)

• This program is reserved for individuals that plan on working long term in the public sector

• This program is free for the fellows. Transport, food, and accommodation expenses are covered.

• A moral commitment to serve the public sector for a minimum of two years after the training

We created personal and professional links which inspired us in creating an alumni network to be able to work together on questions of infrastructure when we will be back in our respective country

- Modou Beye, fellow



APPLICATION DETAILS - 2022:

- Next session of two months is to be held in October-November 2022
- Recruitment period is open until the 30th of April 2022

- Submit your application in the «Fellowship» section on the website : https://africainfrafellowship.org/en/fellowship

A SUCCESSFUL 2021'S COHORT



This second cohort of fellows graduated in November 2021 after two months of intensive program:

• 23 fellows from 18 countries

• More than **30 interactive lectures and case studies**, **a dozen workshops, 13 different immersions entities**, more than a dozen of events

• A parity (12 women and 11 men)

It's a very good learning experience it provides a lot of perspectives. It's been a lot of hard work but it was worth it

- Jocelyn Awuah, fellow

I believe infrastructure development is key to economic growth and sustainable development in Africa

- Teopolina Namandje, fellow

PARTNERS

A program designed by the Ecole des Ponts ParisTech

The École des Ponts ParisTech, created in 1747 under the name École Royale des Ponts et Chaussées, is a higher education establishment that trains engineers to a high level of scientific, technical, and general competency. Apart from civil engineering and spatial planning, historically the source of its prestige, the School develops high-quality programs and research associated with the energy transition.



