

AFRICA INFRASTRUCTURE FUND

“OUR DREAM IS AN AFRICA CONTINENT THAT IS HIGHLY DEVELOPED AND FREE OF POVERTY”

In 1979, as a thirteen year old halfway through high school, I visited my Dad in his office in Banjul, when he was the CEO of the National Investment Board, to discuss with him the selection of my high school subjects and my professional career choices. Because I revered him so much and was even prouder of his achievements, I told him that I wanted to be an economist. But sensing that I was making that decision simply to follow in his footsteps, he asked me to do what I really wanted to do and what was in my heart. We then decided together that I would pursue a career in Civil Engineering so that “I could help build The Gambia”. I have never stopped dreaming that dream!



Today, The Gambia has a critically acute infrastructure deficit that requires an all hands-on deck approach to address it. Much of the African continent is in a similar state. The African Development Bank in their African Economic Outlook 2018 report estimates that around \$130-\$170 billion is required yearly to begin to address the infrastructure deficit in the continent.

After a career in Civil Engineering spanning 30 years, made up of 13 years in private consulting and 17 years at the World Bank, today I am back home where the dream began to proudly announce the coming into being of the Africa Infrastructure Fund (AIF), a private investment fund that I have founded.

The AIF offers a unique opportunity to innovate a new paradigm for development that has the potential to begin to close the continent's, particularly The Gambia's, infrastructure gap and to address widespread poverty. The AIF will operate in all infrastructure sectors, including transportation, water and sanitation, energy, agriculture, health, education, housing and information and communication technology (ICT), through a series of interconnected and aligned economic and infrastructure master plans throughout the countries and markets in which it operates to help ensure transformational and strategic positive socio-economic impacts.

For more information on who we are, what we do, how we work and working with us, including **current vacancies, youth engagement and a logo design competition**, please visit our web page at www.africainfracund.org.

For additional questions, please send them to info@africainfracund.org.

I dedicate the AIF to the memory of my father.

The AIF wishes everyone, everywhere, a peaceful, happy and successful 2020 and beyond.



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