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#### Africa Targets Its USD 2.5 Trillion Capital Pool to Accelerate Cross-Border Infrastructure Projects

African leaders have established a new continent-wide financing platform aimed at transforming Africa's USD 2.5 trillion domestic capital base into the driving force for major cross-border infrastructure projects.

The Africa Infrastructure Financing Facility (AIFF), established jointly by AUDA-NEPAD and the Alliance of African Multilateral Financial Institutions, was launched on 14 February during the Third Presidential High-Level Dialogue of African multilateral lenders, held alongside the 39th African Union Summit.

The initiative aims to address one of the continent's most persistent challenges: the disparity between political approval of major infrastructure projects and the actual funding required to implement them.

The dialogue was convened under the patronage of the President of the Republic of Ghana, John Dramani Mahama, who also leads the African Union's agenda on financial institutions.

Mahama stated that Africa's development issue is not the absence of funds, but the lack of a coordinated system to direct local capital into infrastructure, industrialisation, and sectors that create jobs.

Africa has domestic capital pools exceeding USD 2.5 trillion. The challenge is not the availability of capital, but how deliberately we deploy it," he said, warning that fragmented financial markets continue to inflate Africa's borrowing costs.

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