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**Press Release: Affordable Housing Conference to Tackle Africa's Growing Housing Needs**

**Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire** – From January 30 to February 1, 2025, the Centre for Affordable Housing Finance in Africa (CAHF), in collaboration with the African Union for Housing Finance (AUHF), will convene an international conference in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, to address the essential role of affordable housing in fostering economic growth across Africa. Under the patronage of His Excellency Bruno Nabagné Koné, **Minister of Construction, Housing, and Urban Planning of Côte d'Ivoire Republic**, the three-day event will bring together over 200 policymakers, financial experts, and housing stakeholders to discuss challenges, trends, and innovative solutions that could transform affordable housing across the continent.

**Event Highlights:**

**High-Level Ministerial Roundtable (January 30):** The conference opens with a ministerial roundtable featuring finance, housing, and urban development ministers alongside representatives from development finance institutions. This roundtable will highlight CAHF's research from Côte d'Ivoire, Senegal, and other African countries, showcasing the economic impact of affordable housing and its potential for spurring growth.

**Plenary Sessions and Thematic Workshops (January 31):** Delegates will explore core challenges and opportunities in housing development, with sessions covering sustainability, financing, and the rise of technology and proptech in the housing sector. These interactive workshops aim to foster actionable insights into making housing accessible and economically beneficial.

**Field Trip to Abidjan's Affordable Housing Projects (February 1):** Concluding the conference, a field trip will allow participants to witness firsthand some of Abidjan's pioneering affordable housing initiatives, promoting an exchange of best practices and innovative ideas with local stakeholders.

The conference marks a significant milestone as it celebrates CAHF's 10th anniversary and AUHF's 40th anniversary, reinforcing their commitment to expanding affordable housing access in Africa.

*Kecia Rust*, Executive Director of CAHF, remarked, "We are thrilled to bring this pivotal event to Abidjan, a city that exemplifies both the challenges and the opportunities in affordable housing."

This conference is a valuable platform for knowledge exchange and collaboration toward a sustainable housing future in Africa.”

*Bruno N. KONE*, Minister of Construction, Housing and Urban Planning, added, “Hosting this event reaffirms Abidjan’s role as a global hub for affordable housing development. We believe this gathering will strengthen the commitment of francophone African nations to inclusive, sustainable urban growth.”

### **Join Us in Abidjan**

CAHF and AUHF extend an invitation to professionals, organizations, and leaders committed to advancing affordable housing in Africa. This conference promises rich discussions, networking opportunities, and an immersive exploration of housing initiatives.

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