

Joint press release from the Ministry of Construction, Housing and Urban Planning (MCLU-Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire) and the Centre for Affordable Housing Finance (CAHF)

From 30 January to 1 February 2025, Abidjan will host an international conference on affordable housing in Africa, a catalyst for the continent's economy.

Under the patronage of the Ivorian Ministry of Construction, Housing and Urban Planning, the Centre for Affordable Housing Finance (CAHF) and the African Union for Affordable Housing Finance (AUHF), in collaboration with UN-Habitat, will be organizing this major event.

The conference will bring together policy-makers, experts, financial institutions and representatives of civil society to examine strategies for increasing the impact of affordable housing on African economies.

The conference will explore three major themes

- The role of housing in the economies of French-speaking Africa: High-level discussions, including a ministerial round table, will examine the challenges and opportunities of affordable housing for regional growth, analysing value chains and their economic contribution. Representatives from French-speaking countries will share their experiences.
- Constraints and solutions for effective affordable housing: Panels of experts will analyse the obstacles limiting the impact of housing on economies and the lessons learned. The focus will be on innovative financing (microfinance, Fintech, PropTech, green financing, carbon credits), with the participation of international and regional financial institutions.
- Inclusion and participation of all: The conference will stress the importance of an inclusive approach (private sector, civil society, local communities). Concrete examples of partnerships and innovative initiatives will be presented, notably concerning diaspora investment, the integration of migrant workers and access to housing for women.

In addition to plenary sessions and panels, participants will have the opportunity to visit affordable housing projects in Abidjan, offering a practical perspective on solutions being implemented on the ground.

Join us for some great moments of enriching debate, networking and exploration, with the aim of making affordable housing markets an engine of growth for our national and local economies.

Register here: <https://housingfinanceafrica.org/inscrivez-vous-a-abidjan-2025-register-for-abidjan-2025/>

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