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## Mobilizing Resource for Development Impact: Conversation with the AfDB

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Ms. Valerie Dabady is currently a Manager in the Resource Mobilization and Partnerships Department of the African Development Bank (AfDB) where she focuses on fundraising core concessional resources with traditional donors. She oversees the relationship with 32 donors who have provided over the period 2020-2022 an amount of US \$7.6 billion to benefit 37 of Africa's lower income countries. From 2009 to 2012, she was an Advisor to the AfDB's Vice President responsible for Country and Regional Programs and Policy, where she worked on AfDB's re-engagement with Zimbabwe including the set up of the AfDB's first country-specific trust fund in Zimbabwe and the adoption of the AfDB's decentralization roadmap. From 1998 to 2009, she was Principal Legal Counsel working on award-winning deals in the power, mining and transportation sectors and engaging in the AfDB's expansion of its lending to the private sector. A transactional and policy lawyer by training, prior to joining the AfDB, she was a senior associate based in New York City in then the largest global law firm. Ms. Dabady received J.D. from Harvard Law School ('92) and her B.A. from Brown University ('89).

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