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MFW4A: Platform for harmonization and facilitation of financial sector development and knowledge sharing

Objectives: Contribute to realizing the full potential of the African financial sector Boosting economic development and reducing poverty in Africa





EIB TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR FINANCIAL SECTOR OPERATIONS IN WEST AND CENTRAL AFRICA

Objective: Improve responsible financial inclusion by creating access to medium and long-term financial services for MSMEs, through loans and technical assistance to banks and microfinance institutions.



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- Seventh in series, with coverage of banking, microfinance, digitalization, climate finance and gender lending
- Draws on a survey of 70 banks in Sub-Saharan Africa





Tighter global conditions put pressure on Sub-Saharan African countries

Credit default swaps for SAA sovereigns



 2022 CDS spreads spike less intense, but more persistent compared to 2020



Sovereign debt service costs (% revenues)



- SSA debt servicing costs higher and rising faster than other regions
- This time around, sensitivity to global tightening enhanced by higher financial integration



For SSA banks, funding costs and asset quality are key concerns

What worried African banks most?



 Spillovers from the global shock increased local funding costs. Asset quality a worry for many banks but not the dominant one, as in 2021 European Investment

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- NPLs a concern, for SMEs in particular
- SMEs also face structural issues when trying to access finance – collateral, credit history.



Banks expect to tighten lending standards and public debt likely to continue crowding out

government % of responding banks 100 90 80 70 60 50 40 30 20 10 0 2021 Expectations* 2021 Realisation** 2022 Expectations** * 2021 Survey Tightened Unchanged Eased ** 2022 Survey

- Banks tightened lending standards more than expected in 2021 and more tightening planned
- But 89% of banks plan to expand operations in 2022, vs 81% in 2021



- High and increasing exposure of banks to public debt
- Exposure to public sector is greatest in less creditworthy countries



Banks reinforce their gender focus

Gender initiatives by banks





Banks surveyed have a gender strategy in place

 10% more than last year Offer financial services that are targeted at women

Does NPL rate on female loans differ to men?



 More than 40% of banks see lower NPL ratios on female loans





The pandemic advanced banks digitalization, revealing areas of concern

banks)

Impact of COVID-19 on bank digitalisation

100 90 80 70 60 50 40 30 20 10 0 **Accelerated digital** More services available More focus on transformation cybersecurity risk online Agreee Neither agree nor disagree Disagree

% of responding banks

 The pandemic accelerated both the inward and outward facing digitalisation plans of banks

 Competition from Fintechs also played a role Investment Bank
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Cybersecurity challenges / concerns KYC (Know your customer) requirements Existing IT infrastructure not appropriate Competition by TELCOM and fintech companies Lack of funding to invest in IT 0 20 40 60 80

Obstacles to doing more (% of responding

■ Very severe constraint ■ Major/Moderate constraint ■ Minor/Not constraint ■ No answer

- Cybersecurity and KYC main obstacles
- Infrastructure and funding an obstacle for 1/2
- Competition from Fintechs is a catalyst for some banks, while others see it as an obstacle to more digitalisation



Increased screening of climate risk

Climate change risk analysis by banks



Assess exposure of portfolio to climate risk Climate risks affect new loan assessment

Already do Planning to introduce it

- Banks are increasingly assessing climate risk
 - To monitor risk exposure
 - To embrace the opportunity of green
 - productsean

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Policy priority: support more green lending and funding



Banks cite a lack of technical capacity as a barrier to doing more to identify climate risks and opportunities 67%

Banks think IFIs can support them in expanding green lending with training and technical assistance



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