

High-Level Meeting on the NDP 2024-2028 in Washington, D.C.



The IMF and WBG Governors for CAR surrounded by the WBG Governor for the Kingdom of Morocco, the Executive Director for CAR, and the WB Vice-President for the West and Central Africa Region.

On April 24, 2025, at the request of the Governor of the World Bank Group (WBG) for the Central African Republic (CAR), the Minister of Economy, Planning and International Cooperation, Prof. Richard Filakota, the Office of the Executive Director supported the organization in Washington, D.C., of a High-Level Meeting between the CAR Government and development partners in preparation of the Roundtable on the Financing of the National Development Plan (NDP) 2024-2028.



More than fifty participants representing various international organizations and the African and American private sectors during the April 24 meeting in D.C.

Minister Filakota and his counterpart of Finance and Budget, Governor of the International Monetary Fund (IMF), Mr. Hervé Ndoba, welcomed more than fifty participants representing various international organizations and the African and American private sectors. These included the World Bank, the International Finance Corporation (IFC), the African Development Bank

(AfDB), AUDA-NEPAD, Shelter Afrique, the Development Bank of Central African States, the Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa (BADEA), the Saudi Fund for Development (SFD), the Offices of the WBG and IMF Executive Directors for CAR, those of the WBG for Brazil, the Russian Federation, and France, as well as the U.S.-Africa Business Center of the American Chamber of Commerce. The CAR delegation included, in addition to the two Ministers, the CAR Ambassador to the United States of America, H.E. Mr. Martial Ndoubou, the IMF and WBG Alternate Governors, as well as several experts from the two Ministries.



Presentation of the NDP by the CEO of SCI Capital, on April 24, 2025 in D.C.

The CEO of SCI Capital S.A. (an investment company 80% owned by the CAR State), Mr. Marc Mandaba, presented the NDP with its five priority areas: (i) strengthening security and promoting governance and the rule of law; (ii) development of quality human capital and equitable access to quality basic social services; (iii) development of resilient and sustainable infrastructure; (iv) acceleration of production and value chains in productive sectors for inclusive and sustainable economic growth; and (v) environmental sustainability and resilience to crises and climate change effects.



The CAR Minister of Finance and Budget during his speech on April 24, 2025 in D.C.

In his opening remarks, Executive Director Harold Tavares recalled that the meeting was being held on the margins of the IMF and WBG Spring Meetings, and stressed the need to "join forces to lift the country out of fragility and move forward on the path to lasting stability and prosperity." The IMF Governor reassured the participants of the efforts made by the CAR authorities to stabilize the macroeconomic situation in the country. He also presented the public debt situation as well as the medium-term prospects, and appealed for increased financing of the NDP to ensure the implementation of development projects within this framework.



The CAR Minister of Economy, Planning and International Cooperation addressing the participants of the meeting of April 24, 2025, in D.C.

For his part, the WBG Governor pleaded for enhanced cooperation between CAR and its traditional partners as well as for the emergence of new win-win partnerships. He invited

participants to join CAR in writing a new page in the country's history that should be "marked by poverty reduction, inclusive growth and shared prosperity".



The Minister of Economy and Finance of the Kingdom of Morocco during her speech on April 24, 2025 in D.C.

The Minister of Economy and Finance of the Kingdom of Morocco, who is also the WBG Governor, Mrs. Nadia Fettah, welcomed the cooperation between her country and CAR for decades and announced the decision of the King of Morocco, His Majesty King Mohammed VI, to have the Cherifian Kingdom host the Round Table on the NDP. Minister Filakota welcomed this gesture of trust from the Moroccan authorities in the development potential of CAR.

In their remarks, the World Bank Vice-President for West and Central Africa, Mr. Ousmane Diagana, the AfDB Regional Vice-President, Ms. Nnenna Nwabuo, and the IFC Regional Director for Central Africa, Ms. Dahlia Khalifa, presented the evolution of the partnership between their respective organizations and CAR. For his part, IFC Vice President for the Africa Region, Mr. Ethiopis Tafara, highlighted the importance of revitalizing the local private sector for inclusive growth and poverty reduction. In addition, some participants reassured the CAR authorities of the commitment of their respective institutions to support the country in the implementation of the NDP, including representatives of AUDA-NEPAD, AFREXIMBANK, BADEA, and SFD.