

Donald Kaberuka

7th President, African Development Bank Group (2005-2015)



Donald Kaberuka is former President of the African Development Bank Group and Chairman of the Board of Directors. He stepped down on September 1, 2015 after ten years, and is considered as one of the most transformational leaders at the Bank.

During his tenure as President of the African Development Bank, Kaberuka bolstered its franchise value, tripled its capital from USD 30 billion to USD 100 billion, and doubled the bank's portfolio. Kaberuka's leadership was particularly characterized by a "big push" on the private sector and leading from the front on infrastructure. He championed an inclusive growth agenda; promoted a strong link between security, development and the environment, establishing a ring-fenced facility for conflict affected countries; and appointed an International High Level Panel on fragile states led by President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf of Liberia. He put in place an Africa Natural Resource Center and the African Legal Support Facility to provide support to African countries managing natural resource wealth.