Shelter Afrique and Islamic Bank sign $25 Million Deal and deepen lending capacity

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Shelter Afrique, the Pan-African finance institution exclusively supporting the development of affordable housing and real estate sector in Africa, has entered into an agreement with the Islamic Corporation for the Development of the Private sector (ICD) for the sum of USD 25M.

The agreement, which was signed in Nairobi by James Mugerwa, Managing Director of Shelter Afrique and Mr. Khaled M. Al-Aboodi, CEO of the ICD in Jeddah, will be used for on-lending to other financial institutions. More specifically, the loan will be used for on-lending and project finance in ICD member countries.

Making remarks from their headquarters in Nairobi, Mugerwa commented on Shelter Afrique’s ability and drive to find new partnerships and increasing the capacity of financial institutions on the continent: “We continue to create new partnerships and build on existing ones, our end objective is to make housing more affordable for all and whenever we encounter partners who share a similar goal or who can make it easier we are very pro-active”

“It is our belief that this will increase the capacity of our local partners to provide finance for the middle–low income market that requires the most attention”

For his part, Mr. Al-Aboodi commented: “The lack of affordable housing has always been a concern for the African continent, which is experiencing rapid urbanization. We at ICD believe that the private sector can help support initiatives to meet the critical need for housing, and I am convinced that this loan agreement will help transform lives, not by just providing affordable homes but in creating employment opportunities as well.”

The loan, which has a tenure of 5 years, will be one of the many ways that Shelter Afrique will be deepening financial capacity; the housing financier which was recently rated stable by Moody’s has acknowledged that a lot more needs to be done to deepen capacity in the industry and will be exploring more options.

Beyond financing Shelter Afrique also revealed plans on creating a training programme for developers and those employed in the industry, as the financier makes an effort to deal with capacity on all parts of the value chain.

Note to Editors

About Shelter Afrique

Shelter Afrique (SHAF) is the only pan-African finance institution that exclusively supports the development of the housing and real estate sector in Africa. A
partnership of 44 African Governments, the African Development Bank (AfDB) and the Africa Reinsurance Company, Shelter Afrique builds strategic partnerships and offers a host of products and related services to support the efficient delivery of affordable housing and commercial real estate.

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About ICD
The Islamic Corporation for the Development of the Private Sector (ICD) is a multilateral development financial institution and is part of the Islamic Development Bank (IDB) Group.

ICD was established in November 1999 to support the economic development of its member countries through the provision of finance for private sector projects, promoting competition and entrepreneurship, providing advisory services to the governments and encouraging cross border investments. ICD has an authorized capital of $4 billion. Currently, the shareholders of ICD are the IDB, 52 Member countries and five public financial institutions. Fitch rated ICD ‘AA/F1+’ with a stable outlook. Moody's assigns Aa3/P-1 rating to ICD with a stable outlook. Standard & Poor's Ratings Services assigned its 'AA' rating to ICD with stable outlook.

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