AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK

PRESIDENTIAL DIRECTIVE N° 10/2002
CONCERNING THE OPERATIONS EVALUATION DEPARTMENT (OPEV)

Issued by the President on 14 May 2002

THE PRESIDENT of the African Development Bank (the “Bank”);

HAVING REGARD to the relevant provisions of the Agreement establishing the Bank, with particular reference to Article 37, and to the rules and regulations in force;

HAVING REGARD to Regulation 2.1.3 of the Staff Regulations;

DESIRous of ensuring and maintaining independence, objectivity and the highest standards of quality in the execution of the functions of the Operations Evaluation Department (“OPEV”);

HEREBY decides as follows:

1. FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The primary role of OPEV shall be to:

i) provide a comprehensive and objective assessment of the development effectiveness of the Bank Group assistance strategies, policies, operations, processes and procedures;

ii) assess the adequacy of the operational evaluation system of the Bank Group and ensure that lessons of experience drawn are used to improve the quality and effectiveness of Bank Group assistance strategies, policies, processes and procedures;

iii) assist regional member countries (“RMCs”) in their efforts to develop their own monitoring and evaluation capacities and systems;

iv) collaborate and exchange information with bilateral and multilateral development agencies with a view to harmonizing evaluation methods and practices, reduce transaction costs, promote improved development effectiveness, share experiences and exchange best practices;
v) undertake, independently of the Bank’s operational departments, performance evaluation of completed projects and selected on-going projects and assess their impact on the economic and social development of RMCs;

vi) conduct impact evaluation studies, sector policy reviews, country assistance evaluations, lending process reviews as well as ad hoc reviews as may be directed by the Board of Directors or requested by the President.

2. REPORTING RELATIONSHIP

2.1 OPEV shall report directly to the Board of Directors which shall oversee the department’s work through its Committee on Operations and Development Effectiveness (“CODE”).

2.2 The Director of OPEV shall report directly to the Board of Directors through CODE except on matters of a purely administrative nature on which he shall be responsible to the President of the Bank. Save as otherwise provided in this Directive, the Director and staff of OPEV shall be subject to all applicable rules and regulations of the Bank.

3. APPOINTMENT OF THE DIRECTOR OF OPEV

3.1 The Director of OPEV shall be appointed by the President for a term of five (5) years renewable only once.

3.2 The Director of OPEV shall not be eligible for reappointment to the staff of the Bank upon the expiry or earlier termination of his or her term.

4. ENTRY INTO FORCE

The present Presidential Directive shall enter into force on the date of its issuance.

Omar Kabbaj
President