

Japan Credit Rating Agency, Ltd. (JCR) announces the following credit ratings.

## The African Development Bank (security code: -)

<Assignment>

Bonds: AAA

### Rationale

- (1) The African Development Bank (the Bank) is a multilateral development bank (MDB) with the mandate to support the economic and social progress in its regional member countries. The ratings primarily reflect the solid support that the Bank enlists from its regional and non-regional member countries for its operations; its solid financial base; its prudent financial and risk management policies; and its status as a "preferred creditor". The Bank continues expanding its loans and investments as President Akinwumi Adesina has been promoting the Bank's mandate by implementing the "High 5s" priorities. The Bank has also been promoting institutional reforms such as reviewing business processes, strengthening governance and risk management. These efforts have contributed to sustaining the quality of its assets and solid financial structure. On the back of solid support from member countries, the Bank was authorized a large scale seventh capital increase (GCI-VII) which envisages to strengthen its authorized capital from UA 66.98 billion (around USD 93 billion) to UA 150 billion (around USD 208 billion) at the end of October 2019. The capital increase will let the Bank keep its high-level loans and investments with staying compliant with internal regulations on risk capital utilization and borrowing.
- (2) Founded in 1964, the Bank is headquartered in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, and consists of 54 regional member countries and 26 non-regional member countries. The Bank Group mainly consists of the Bank, the African Development Fund (AfDF) and the Nigeria Trust Fund (NTF). While the Bank itself makes loans to the region's middle-income countries and non-sovereign sectors, AfDF and NTF provide low-income countries with more concessional loans and grants.

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### Rating

Issuer: The African Development Bank

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Issues	Amount (mn)	Issue Date	Due Date	Coupon	Rating
Zero Coupon ZAR Global Notes_558_7	ZAR 5,750	Feb. 12, 2020	Apr. 05, 2046	-	AAA
Zero Coupon ZAR Global Notes_577_3	ZAR 1,500	Jan. 16, 2020	Sep. 09, 2036	-	AAA
GBP Global Notes_606_4	GBP 675	Dec. 13, 2019	Dec. 20, 2021	0.875%	AAA
Zero Coupon INR Global Notes_658_12	INR 2,200	Feb. 18, 2020	May. 17, 2024	-	AAA
Zero Coupon TRY Global Notes_814_5	TRY 725	Mar. 03, 2020	Oct. 18, 2023	-	AAA
ZAR Global Notes_870_2	ZAR 150	Jan. 17, 2020	Jun. 03, 2024	6.57%	AAA
ZAR Global Notes_907_2	ZAR 750	Dec. 18, 2019	Oct. 17, 2024	6.50%	AAA
Zero Coupon INR Global Notes_912_1	INR 510	Dec. 12, 2019	Dec. 13, 2022	-	AAA
Zero Coupon IDR Global Notes_913_1	IDR 17,000	Dec. 12, 2019	Dec. 13, 2022	-	AAA
Zero Coupon ZAR Global Notes_914_1	ZAR 79	Dec. 23, 2019	Dec. 24, 2026	-	AAA
TRY Global Notes_916_1	TRY 10	Jan. 14, 2020	Jan. 12, 2024	9.21%	AAA
Zero Coupon TRY Global Notes_924_1	TRY 31.2	Jan. 16, 2020	Jan. 18, 2022	-	AAA
Zero Coupon INR Global Notes_925_1	INR 506	Jan. 16, 2020	Jan. 17, 2023	-	AAA

Issues	Amount (mn)	Issue Date	Due Date	Coupon	Rating
Callable FX Linked JPY Global Notes_926_1	JPY 300	Dec. 16, 2019	Aug. 01, 2049	(Note 1)	AAA
Zero Coupon ZAR Global Notes_928_1	ZAR 77	Jan. 30, 2020	Jan. 29, 2027	-	AAA
MXN Global Notes_930_1	MXN 26	Jan. 29, 2020	Jan. 30, 2023	5.45%	AAA
IDR Global Notes_931_1	IDR 19,500	Jan. 30, 2020	Jan. 31, 2024	4.56%	AAA
HKD Global Notes_932_1	HKD 300	Jan. 10, 2020	Jan. 10, 2021	1.83%	AAA
CNY Global Notes_933_1	CNY 1,000	Jan. 15, 2020	Jan. 15, 2023	2.60%	AAA
Zero Coupon ZAR Global Notes_934_2	ZAR 3,000	Mar. 17, 2020	Jan. 17, 2050	-	AAA
RUB Global Notes_935_2	RUB 3,100	Jan. 29, 2020	Jan. 21, 2021	5.66%	AAA
Zero Coupon TRY Global Notes_936_1	TRY 28.5	Feb. 20, 2020	Feb. 22, 2022	-	AAA
Zero Coupon INR Global Notes_937_1	INR 370	Feb. 20, 2020	Feb. 21, 2023	-	AAA
Zero Coupon ZAR Global Notes_938_1	ZAR 80	Jan. 21, 2020	Jan. 21, 2027	-	AAA
USD Floating Interest Rate Global Notes_939_1	USD 500	Jan. 22, 2020	Dec. 15, 2021	(Note 2)	AAA
CNH Global Notes_940_1	CNH 250	Jan. 22, 2020	Jan. 22, 2021	2.73%	AAA
Zero Coupon ZAR Global Notes_941_1	ZAR 74.5	Feb. 27, 2020	Feb. 26, 2027	-	AAA
RUB Global Notes_942_2	RUB 2,250	Feb. 06, 2020	Jan. 29, 2021	5.625%	AAA
IDR Global Notes_943_1	IDR 19,000	Feb. 27, 2020	Feb. 28, 2024	4.35%	AAA
TRY Global Notes_944_1	TRY 20	Feb. 13, 2020	Feb. 13, 2023	6.50%	AAA
RUB Global Notes_947_1	RUB 3,175	Feb. 20, 2020	Feb. 20, 2023	5.15%	AAA
TRY Global Notes_948_2	TRY 350	Mar. 03, 2020	Feb. 24, 2021	13.20%	AAA
BRL Global Notes_950_1	BRL 125	Mar. 04, 2020	Mar. 04, 2025	4.75%	AAA
TRY Global Notes_951_1	TRY 300	Feb. 26, 2020	Feb. 26, 2021	13.25%	AAA

(Note 1) 2.34% until Jul. 31, 2020. Thereafter, it will switch to interest amount determined by the specified formula

(Note 2) 3M USD LIBOR + 0.01%

<Reference>

Long-term Issuer Rating: AAA Outlook: Stable

Rating Assignment Date: March 16, 2020

The criteria used for identifying matters which serve as assumptions for the assessment of the credit status, and the criteria used for setting of grades indicating the results of the assessments of the credit status are published as "Types of Credit Ratings and Definitions of Rating Symbols" (January 6, 2014) in Information about JCR Ratings on JCR's website (<https://www.jcr.co.jp/en/>).

Outline of methodology for determination of the credit rating is shown as "Multilateral Development Banks" (March 29, 2013) in Information about JCR Ratings on JCR's website (<https://www.jcr.co.jp/en/>).

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## Disclosure Required by Paragraph (a)(1)(ii) of Rule 17g-7

Issuer:	The African Development Bank
Rating Publication Date:	March 19, 2020

1

The Symbol, Number, or Score in the Rating Scale used to Denote Credit Rating Categories and Notches and, the Identity of the Obligor or the Identity and a Description of the Security or Money Market Instrument as Required by Paragraph (a)(1)(ii)(A) of Rule 17g-7

- Please see the news release.

2

The version of the procedure or methodology used to determine the credit rating; as Required by Paragraph (a)(1)(ii)(B) of Rule 17g-7

- Please see the news release.

3

The Main Assumptions and Principles used in Constructing the Procedures and Methodologies used to Determine the Credit Rating as Required by Paragraph (a)(1)(ii)(C) of Rule 17g-7

- The credit rating methodology assumes, in principle, to be applied to assess the likelihood of a given debt payment in light of its issuer's condition and business environment, etc. in the relevant future. There is certain limitation, however, in the time horizon that the rating foresees.
- The credit rating methodology assumes, in principle, that the factors posted in the below are particularly important for such likelihood to be determined, and that the rating determination is made by evaluating each of them not only quantitatively but also employing qualitative analyses.

A) Business Bases

The likelihood of a given debt payment is highly conditional to its issuer's business bases - how they can be maintained/ expanded into the future and thereby secure earnings and cash flows in adequacy and in a sustainable way.

B) Financial Grounds and Asset Quality

The likelihood of debt payment is highly dependent on the degree of the issuer's indebtedness and loss absorption capacity in terms of equity capital. Also notable is that a financial institution might see a significant loss of financial grounds as a result of changes in value of the assets under its possession.

C) Liquidity Positions

The likelihood of debt payment is highly dependent on the adequacy of the issuer's cash and other sources of repayment (liquidity positions).

D) Related Parties' Status and Stance of Support/ Assistance for the Issuer

The likelihood of debt payment is affected one way or the other by the issuer's related parties such as member countries, the issuer's related organizations, guarantor, and the government of the issuer's business domicile, etc. - by their own conditions and/ or position of support/ assistance for the issuer.

E) Order of Seniority in Debt Payment

The likelihood of debt payment can be different between given debts of the same issuer. The likelihood of debt payment for an individual debt is dependent on the issuer's discretion, and/ or its rank relative to other debts of the same issuer in the order of seniority in principal/ interest payment which is determined by design as financial product or by laws, etc.

4 The Potential Limitations of the Credit Rating as Required by Paragraph (a)(1)(ii)(D) of Rule 17g-7

- The credit rating herewith presented by JCR is its summary opinion with regard to the likelihood of given debt payment and hence not necessarily a perfect representation of such likelihood. The credit rating is not intended to estimate the probability of default or the loss on given default, either.
- The objective of the credit rating herewith presented does not include any concerns other than the likelihood of debt payment, such as risks of price changes, market liquidity, etc.
- The credit rating herewith presented is necessary to be reviewed along with possible changes of the issuer of rated objects in its business performance and/ or circumstances which include regulatory environment, and hence subject to possible alteration.

5 Information on the Uncertainty of the Credit Rating as Required by Paragraph (a)(1)(ii)(E) of Rule 17g-7

- The information used for the determination of credit rating as herewith presented is obtained by JCR from the issuer of rated objects and other sources that JCR trusts in terms of accuracy and reliability but possibly contains errors due to human, non-human or other causes. Consequently, the credit rating determined on the grounds of such information does not constitute, explicitly or implicitly, any representation or warrant of JCR on the information itself or any consequences of its use in terms of accuracy, relevance, timeliness, wholeness, market value, or usefulness for any specific purposes.

6 Use of Due Diligence Services of a Third Party in Taking the Rating Action as Required by Paragraph (a)(1)(ii)(F) of Rule 17g-7

- There is no use of any third-party due diligence service in the determination of the credit rating herewith presented.

7 Use of Servicer or Remittance Reports to Conduct Surveillance of the Credit Rating Required by Paragraph (a)(1)(ii)(G) of Rule 17g-7

- There is no use of any servicer or remittance report to conduct surveillance of the credit rating herewith presented.

8 The Types of Data Relied Upon for the Purpose of Determining the Credit Rating as Required by Paragraph (a)(1)(ii)(H) of Rule 17g-7

- The information posted in the below, which includes data, is used for the determination of the credit rating herewith presented.

- A) Audited financial statements presented by the rating stakeholders
- B) Explanations of business performance, management plans, etc. presented by the rating stakeholders
- C) Documentation of the rated financial product presented by the rating stakeholders

## 9 Overall assessment of the Quality of Information Available and Considered in Determining the Credit Rating as Required by Paragraph (a)(1)(ii)(l) of Rule 17g-7

- JCR holds its basic policies for securing the quality of information as a base of due diligence for the determination of credit ratings. The information used as a base for the determination of credit rating herewith presented satisfies such policies, which include the audit by an independent auditor, the publication by the issuer or some independent media or, otherwise, JCR analyst's scrutiny, etc.
- JCR sees no particular weakness in the quality of information used for the determination of the credit rating herewith presented as compared to the information used in other cases of the credit rating for comparable issuers or ratable objects.

## 10 Information Relating to Conflicts of Interest as Required by Paragraph (a)(1)(ii)(J) of Rule 17g-7

- JCR receives payment of compensation for the determination of the credit rating herewith presented from either one of those parties who are issuer, underwriter, depositor or sponsor.
- JCR did not receive in the last fiscal year in the past payment of compensation from the same party for any kind of JCR's service other than the determination of credit rating, such as one in the ancillary business.

## 11 Explanation or Measure of the Potential Volatility of the Credit Rating as Required by Paragraph (a)(1)(ii)(K) of Rule 17g-7

### A) Business Bases

The credit rating is subject to alteration if there is improvement or deterioration of the issuer's business bases, since its revenue, etc. may improve or deteriorate by the change in its business management policies, clients' preferences, competitive situation, or a technological innovation. The resultant alteration of the credit rating is usually by a notch, with possibility of a few notches if and when the change in the business bases is large.

### B) Financial Grounds and Asset Quality

The credit rating is subject to alteration if the issuer increases/ decreases its debt/ capital or vice versa and thereby makes its individual debt payment liability less or more bearable and its loss absorption capacity into the future decreased or increased. Also, the changes in the quality of asset under the issuer's holding may affect the credit rating, since such changes could raise or lower the likelihood of future loss of the issuer's financial grounds. The resultant alteration of the credit rating is usually by a notch, with possibility of a few notches if and when the change in the financial grounds and/ or asset quality is large.

### C) Liquidity Positions

The credit rating is subject to alteration if there is a change in the issuer's financial management policy or in the relations with fund procurement sources and the change thereby makes its liquidity positions improve or deteriorate. The resultant alteration of the credit rating is usually by a notch, with possibility of a few notches if and when the change is large.

D) Related Parties' Status and Stance of Support/ Assistance for the Issuer

The credit rating is subject to alteration if there is a change in the issuer's member countries, the issuer's related organizations, guarantor or other provider of credit enhancement, or the government of the issuer's business domicile, or other related parties' own conditions and/ or position of support/ assistance for the issuer, and the change thereby makes its business bases, financial grounds and/ or liquidity positions improve or deteriorate, and/ or making the effectiveness of guarantee and other credit enhancement improve or deteriorate. The resultant alteration of the credit rating is usually a notch, with possibility of a few notches if and when the change is large.

E) Order of Seniority in Debt Payment and Non-Payment Forgiven by Contract

The credit rating is subject to alteration if there is a change in the rated debt's status in the order of seniority relative to other debts caused by the improvement/ deterioration of the issuer's financial condition. The resultant alteration of the credit rating is usually a notch, with possibility of a few notches if and when the change is large. Also, in case of the financial products for which non-payment of interest/ principal is contractually permissible, the credit rating is subject to alteration if and when the likelihood of such non-payment is projected to increase or decrease. The resultant alteration of the credit rating could be by a notch but often as much as a few notches.

F) Rise and Fall in General Economy and Markets

The credit rating is subject to alteration if there is a rise/ fall in the general economy and/ or the markets inducing the issuer's revenues/ expenses to increase/ decrease and vice versa, etc. The resultant alteration of the credit rating is usually by a notch, with possibility of a few notches if and when the change is exceptionally large.

G) Various Events

The credit rating is subject to alteration on occurrence of various events, such as change in the issuer's major shareholders, M&A and other organizational change, accident, violation of the law, litigation, legal/ regulatory change, natural disaster, etc., which are unforeseeable at the time when the credit rating is determined, causing a significant change on the issuer's business bases, financial grounds, etc. The resultant alteration of the credit rating could be by a notch but more often than not as much as a few notches.

## 12

Information on the Content of the Credit Rating, Including the Historical Performance of the Credit Rating and the Expected Probability of Default and the Expected Loss in the Event of Default as Required by Paragraph (a)(1)(ii)(L) of Rule 17g-7

- The credit rating herewith presented by JCR is its summary opinion with regard to the likelihood of given debt payment and hence not necessarily a perfect representation of such likelihood. The credit rating is not intended to estimate the probability of default or the loss on given default, either.
- Facts of the probability of default are posted as Form NRSRO Exhibit 1 on the JCR website under the URL:

<https://www.jcr.co.jp/en/service/company/regu/nrsro/>

## 13

Information on the Sensitivity of the Credit Rating to Assumptions Made as Required by Paragraph (a)(1)(ii)(M) of Rule 17g-7

A) Business Bases

The credit rating herewith presented could be changed if and when the assumptions made at the time of its determination turn out to be inaccurate with regard to the issuer's business bases and powers of earning or cash flow generation, etc. The resultant change of the credit rating is most likely by a notch, as JCR speculates, but possibly as much as a few notches if the development is rapid in improvement or deterioration of the issuer's business bases on some drastic change in the operational environments, etc.

B) Financial Grounds and Asset Quality

The credit rating herewith presented could be changed if and when the assumptions made at the time of its determination turn out to be inaccurate with regard to the issuer's financial grounds and asset quality. The resultant change of the credit rating is most likely by a notch, as JCR speculates, but

possibly as much as a few notches if the development is rapid in improvement or deterioration of the issuer's financial grounds and/ or asset quality on some drastic change in its business bases.

C) Liquidity Risks

The credit rating herewith presented could be changed if and when the assumptions made at the time of its determination turn out to be inaccurate with regard to the issuer's liquidity positions. The resultant change of the credit rating is most likely by a notch, as JCR speculates, but possibly as much as a few notches if the development is rapid in improvement or deterioration of the issuer's liquidity positions on some drastic change in its financial management policy or relations with fund procurement sources, etc.

D) Related Parties' Status and Stance of Support/ Assistance for the Issuer

The credit rating herewith presented could be changed if and when the assumptions made at the time of its determination turn out to be inaccurate with regard to member countries, the issuer's related organizations, guarantor or other providers of credit enhancement, the government of the issuer's business domicile or other related parties' status and stance of support/ assistance for the issuer. The resultant change of the credit rating is most likely by a notch, as JCR speculates, but possibly as much as a few notches if there is a major change on the part of related parties, such as replacement, disappearance, some drastic improvement/ deterioration of financial grounds/ balances, etc.

E) Rise and Fall in General Economy and Markets

The credit rating herewith presented could be changed if and when the assumptions made at the time of its determination turn out to be inaccurate with regard to the prospects of general economy and markets. JCR expects the change should be most likely by a notch but could be as much as a few notches, should the economy or the markets change so greatly.

## 14 Information on the Representations, Warranties, and Enforcement Mechanisms of an Asset-backed Security as Required by Paragraph (a)(1)(ii)(N) of rule 17g-7

- The credit rating herewith presented is not for an ABS product, and hence no relevant issue.

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## Attestation Required by Paragraph (a)(1)(iii) of Rule 17g-7

I, Atsushi Masuda, have responsibility to this Rating Action and to the best of my knowledge:

- A) No part of the credit rating was influenced by any other business activities.
- B) The credit rating was based solely upon the merits of the obligor, security, or money market instrument being rated.
- C) The credit rating was an independent evaluation of the credit risk of the obligor, security, or money market instrument.



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