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AUHF 2026: Africa's housing sector to meet in Lusaka to advance innovation, technology and value chain synergies

LUSAKA, ZAMBIA – 13/08/2026 – The African Union for Housing Finance (AUHF), in partnership with the [Zambia National Building Society \(ZNBS\)](#) and the Centre for Affordable Housing Finance in Africa (CAHF), will convene its **42nd Annual Conference & AGM from 10–13 November 2026 at the Radisson Blu Hotel in Lusaka, Zambia.**

Under the theme **“Transforming Africa’s Housing Future: Innovation, Technology, and Value Chain Synergies,”** the conference will bring together housing finance institutions, policymakers, investors, developers, regulators, technology companies, innovators and development partners from across Africa and beyond.

Africa's housing challenge is increasingly intersecting with questions of technology, affordability, climate resilience, finance and the capacity of housing value chains to deliver at scale. The 2026 AUHF Conference will provide a platform for practitioners and decision-makers to examine how new approaches, technologies, financial products and partnerships can help unlock more inclusive and sustainable housing markets.

"Africa's housing deficit will not close through finance alone," said **Kehinde Ogundimu, AUHF Chairman and CEO of the Nigeria Mortgage Refinance Company.** "It closes when the people who build, finance, regulate and innovate in housing work along the same value chain instead of in separate silos. That is what this conference is designed to do."

"Zambia is honoured to host the AUHF's 42nd Annual Conference and AGM," said **Mildred Mutesa, AUHF Vice Chairperson and Managing Director of the Zambia National Building Society.** "Lusaka's housing sector has its own experience with innovation and partnership, and we look forward to sharing it with colleagues from across the continent while learning from theirs."

The conference programme will offer several opportunities for participants to engage with these issues through a **masterclass, a technical site visit, conference sessions, an exhibition and Innovation Catalogue, the AUHF Sharkroom, networking opportunities, the Gala Dinner and Awards,** as well as an optional post-conference tour to Livingstone and Victoria Falls.

The Innovation Showcase: bringing Africa's housing innovations to the conference floor

A key feature of the 2026 conference will be the AUHF Innovation Showcase, the conference exhibition designed to put innovation at the centre of the event.

The Innovation Showcase will provide a platform for organisations to demonstrate innovative products, technologies, approaches and solutions responding to Africa's housing challenges, creating opportunities for delegates to see, engage with and learn from practical innovations across the housing value chain.

The Showcase will complement the CAHF–AUHF Innovation Catalogue, a continental catalogue being developed by CAHF to document innovations, technologies, partnerships and initiatives transforming affordable housing delivery across Africa.

"The call for submissions confirmed what we suspected: African housing markets are hugely innovative! We already have over 45 examples, each making an impact in some way, on the financing, design, construction, marketing, management, maintenance and performance of affordable housing in Africa," said **Kecia Rust, Executive Director of CAHF**. "The catalogue and the Showcase exist to connect those innovations with the investors, developers and policymakers who can help them reach more households."

Together, the catalogue and Innovation Showcase will create a platform for discovering, sharing and connecting the innovations shaping Africa's housing future.

A programme designed for engagement

The 2026 conference programme will begin on **Tuesday, 10 November**, with a roundtable and AGM for invited participants and AUHF members, followed by a **masterclass and technical site visit on Wednesday**.

The main conference programme will take place on **Thursday and Friday, 12–13 November**, incorporating the conference, Innovation Showcase, Sharkroom, Gala Dinner and Awards.

An optional tour to **Livingstone and Victoria Falls** will be available on Saturday.

Registration now open

Registration is now open for the 42nd AUHF Annual Conference & AGM.

Registration fees:

- **AUHF Members:** US\$425
- **Non-members:** US\$650

An **early-bird discount of 10% is available until 31 August 2026**.

<https://www.auhf.co.za/42nd-conference/>

“The AUHF Conference has become an important platform for connecting the people and institutions shaping Africa's housing finance markets,” said Thandiwe Dhlamini, AUHF Secretariat Head. “The 2026 gathering will build on this platform by bringing together the ideas, technologies, partnerships and investment approaches needed to address the continent's housing challenge.”

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About the African Union for Housing Finance

The [African Union for Housing Finance \(AUHF\)](#) is a member-based association of organisations involved in the financing of housing across Africa. The AUHF brings together mortgage lenders, housing finance institutions and other stakeholders committed to developing and expanding housing finance markets across the continent.

About the Centre for Affordable Housing Finance in Africa

The [Centre for Affordable Housing Finance in Africa \(CAHF\)](#) is a think-and-do tank focused on making Africa's housing markets work, with a particular focus on the role of finance in enabling affordable housing delivery.

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