EBID is the financial arm of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) and belongs to the fifteen (15) Member States of the Community namely, Benin, Burkina Faso, Cape Verde, Côte d’Ivoire, The Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Liberia, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone and Togo. The headquarters of the Bank is in Lome, Togo.

EBID emerged as a bank in 1999 after the transformation of the erstwhile Fund for Cooperation, Compensation and Development of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS Fund) which started operation in 1979. The Fund was established in 1975 at the same time as the erstwhile Executive Secretariat of the Economic Community of West African States (the present ECOWAS Commission).

EBID serves about 340 million ECOWAS Citizens. Its funding strategy focuses on regional projects such as:

- Energy infrastructure and transport (roads, railways, ports etc.);
- The creation of a diversified and competitive industrial base;
- Enhancement of a dynamic and prosperous intra-regional trade;
- EBID intervenes in the public and private sectors.

Some Achievements

- Founding Shareholder in Ecobank Transnational Inc. (ETI);
- Founding Shareholder in ASKY Airlines;
- Initiator of the African Biofuels and Renewable Energy Fund (ABREF) now ABREC;
- Partner and Manager of the Cultural Industries Guarantee Funds (CIGF);
- Decades of Experience in Project Financing within and among ECOWAS Member States;
- Major Partner for Regional Integration Programmes and Implementation of Public - Private Sector Partnerships in ECOWAS Member States.