



8th ATAF COUNTRY CORRESPONDENTS' CONFERENCE
Century City Conference Centre & Hotel
Cape Town, South Africa: 28 – 30 January 2019

AGENDA

Day 1: Monday 28 January 2019

09h00 – 09h30	<p>OPENING ADDRESS</p> <p align="center">Mr Logan Wort – <i>Executive Secretary (ATAF)</i></p> <p align="center">Mr. Tunde Fowler – <i>FIRS Executive Chairman & ATAF Council Chairman (TBC)</i></p> <p>PROGRAMME MODERATOR Frankie Mbuyamba</p>
09h30-10h30	<p>SESSION 1: SETTING THE CONTEXT: GLOBAL, AFRICAN AND COUNTRIES' TAX LANDSCAPE</p> <p><i>(This introductory panel will provide an opportunity for Country Correspondents to appreciate the global and African tax landscape and will provide an opportunity for countries to reflect on how these have impacted on their own tax administrations. Discussions will cover the digital economy, work of the Network of Tax Organisations (NTO), and report on ATAF-related activities undertaken in their respective countries.</i></p> <p><i>Country Correspondents will briefly update the meeting on their experiences of ATAF's programmes, research initiatives, workshops and courses, conferences etc. This is also the opportunity for CC's to brief the Secretariat on any significant changes that may have occurred in their Revenue Authorities recently. Suggested areas for further improvement will be discussed.</i></p> <p><i>Presentations by panellists: Thulani Shongwe (ATAF Secretariat)</i> <i>Discussants: Refilwe Moonwa (Botswana), John Kynyuy (Cameroon), Daniel Edisi (Ghana), Pavina Jhollun (Mauritius), Ronald Niwenshuti (Rwanda), Laban Simbeye (Zambia), Ouafa Ellatifi (Morocco)</i></p>
10h30 – 11h00	Group photograph & refreshment break
11h00 – 13h00	<p>SESSION 2: GLOBAL, AFRICAN TAX LANDSCAPE AND IMPACT ON AFRICAN TAX AUTHORITIES (continued – further inputs of 5 min max each will be taken from the floor)</p> <p>Q & A</p>

13h00 – 14h00	Lunch Break
14h00 – 15h00	<p>SESSION 3: REVIEW OF ACTION POINTS ARISING FROM THE 7TH ATAF CCC</p> <p><i>At the conclusion of the 7th ATAF Country Correspondents Conference, several action points were agreed to be carried out by the Secretariat. This session will examine the progress achieved in the execution of these action points, the challenges encountered and how to overcome them.</i></p> <p><i><u>Presentations:</u> Leila Kituyi</i> <i>Q & A (Questions and comments will be taken from the floor)</i></p>
15h00 – 15h30	Refreshment Break
15h30 – 17h00	<p>SESSION 4: ATAF HIGHLIGHTS 2018: What Can we do Better?</p> <p><i>The aim for this session is to evaluate the 2018 work after a brief presentation by the Secretariat. The presentation will be followed by a panel discussion on what went right, what went wrong and what is considered as a way forward with regards to ATAF work. The discussions will centre around the challenges encountered and successes achieved in the implementation of the 2018 Work Plan and how the organisation can learn from them.</i></p> <p><i><u>Chairperson:</u> Femi Edgal (FIRS)</i> <i><u>Presentation:</u> Romeo Ella, Susan Nakato (ATAF Secretariat)</i> <i>Q & A (Questions & comments will be taken from the floor)</i></p>
17h00	End of Day One (Evening at leisure)



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<p>09h00 – 10h30</p>	<p>SESSION 5: 2019 ATAF WORK PLAN <i>ATAF 2019 Work Plan and calendar of Activities will be presented to CCs for additional inputs and clarification. The session will also allow countries to identify events that they would be interested in hosting and make suggestions in terms of their implementation. Part of the presentation will include the Celebration plan of the 10-year Anniversary of ATAF and how each country will be involved in the process throughout the year.</i></p> <p><i>Presenters: Susan Nakato (ATAF Secretariat)</i> <i>Chairperson: Frankie Mbuyamba (ATAF Secretariat)</i> <i>Panellists: Stella Nyapendi (Uganda), Ronald Niwenshuti (Rwanda), Idrissa Ouedraogo (Burkina Faso), Eunice Zuze (Zimbabwe), Mauricio Cumbi (Mozambique)</i></p> <p>Q & A</p>
<p>10h30 -11h00</p>	<p align="center">Refreshment Break</p>
<p>11h00-12h00</p>	<p>SESSION 6: WORK OF ATAF TECHNICAL COMMITTEES (VAT, CBT AND EOI) <i>(Technical Committees have been set up to undertake focused work on specific areas requiring more engagement from tax administrations. They are comprised of experts from selected ATAF's tax administrations. There have been significant contributions from the Committees, some which may not be in the knowledge of the Country Correspondents. The session will also provide the opportunity for the chairpersons of the said Committees to speak on their work and explore avenues of close collaboration with Country Correspondents, in order to enhance and support ATAF's mandate).</i></p> <p><i>Chairperson: Mary Baine (ATAF Secretariat)</i> <i>Panellists: Anthony Munanda (CBT Committee), Frankie Mbuyamba (VAT Committee), Sihle Fakude (Chairman of the EOI Committee), Dorothy Mataya (Malawi)</i></p>



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<p>12h00-13h00</p>	<p>SESSION 7: ENHANCING ENGAGEMENT WITH ATAF How best can members engage with ATAF, and optimise member benefits through ATAFs programmes, training, standards and research? (This session will look at ATAFs work programmes and products, covering approaches to technical assistance and country programmes, training programmes, research publications, products and ATAF instruments, and work done in the extractives and oil and gas)</p> <p><i>Presentations:</i> Ephraim Murenzi, Desire Ottner (ATAF Secretariat) <i>Panellists:</i> Bifeyi Bondjare (Togo), Laban Sembeye (Zambia), Honester Ndunguru (Tanzania), Malamin Jatta (Gambia), Refilwe Moonwa (Botswana), Idi Itope (Namibia)</p>
<p>13h00 – 14h00</p>	<p>Lunch Break</p>
<p>14h00-15h00</p>	<p>SESSION 8: ATAF AT 10: REFLECTING ON THE PAST AND SHAPING THE NEXT DECADE- (Presentation and panel discussion) <i>This session looks beyond the celebrations. It seeks to take stock of the past, draw lessons from it and reflect on what ATAF should look like in the next 10 years. Country Correspondents and the Secretariat will exchange views on the path to be followed in the next 10 years and discuss donor and member engagement, financial sustainability and areas of need. The role of country correspondents in implementing ATAF's 10-year Anniversary plan will also be extensively discussed.</i></p> <p><i>Presenter:</i> Nara Monkam <i>Panellists:</i> Kinvi Abalovi (Niger), Lincoln Marais (South Africa), Daniel Edisi (Ghana), Edouard Moumassou (Chad), Wellington Jah (Liberia), Umaru Ahmed (Nigeria)</p>
<p>15h00 – 16h00</p>	<p>SESSION 8 (Cntd): ATAF AT 10: REFLECTING ON THE PAST AND SHAPING THE NEXT DECADE (break-away session) <i>This session looks beyond the celebrations. It seeks to take stock of the past, draw lessons from it and reflect on what ATAF should look like in the next 10 years. Country Correspondents and the Secretariat will exchange views on the path to be followed in the next 10 years and discuss donor and member engagement, financial sustainability and areas of need. The role of country correspondents in implementing ATAF's 10-year Anniversary plan will also be extensively.</i></p>
<p>16h00-17h00</p>	<p>SESSION 8: ATAF AT 10: REFLECTING ON THE PAST AND SHAPING THE NEXT DECADE (break-away session/group reports)</p> <p><i>Presenters:</i> Groups' rapporteurs to present the outcomes of their discussions to the plenary</p> <p>Q & A</p>

19h00	DINNER



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Day 3: Wednesday 30 January 2019	
08h30 – 09h30	<p>SESSION 9: SUMMARY OF OUTCOMES OF THE 8TH COUNTRY CORRESPONDENTS CONFERENCE AND ACTION POINTS</p> <p><i>(This session will summarise the deliberations of the conference, articulate action points and those responsible for implementation and seek endorsement of the same by participants. Interventions will be welcome to clarify issues which may require to be capture correctly The session will also hear from the breakaway sessions of the previous day).</i></p> <p>Rapporteur: Dorothy Mataya (Malawi) & Refiloe Manare (Lesotho)</p>
09h30 – 10h00	<p>SESSION 10: EVALUATION OF CONFERENCE</p> <p><i>(Online evaluation of the conference)</i></p> <p>CLOSING CEREMONY</p> <p>Logan Wort (ATAF's Executive Secretary)</p>
11h30	DEPARTURE FOR THE EXCURSION/TOWN TOUR (Optional)