



# 11<sup>th</sup> COUNTRY CORRESPONDENT CONFERENCE

17 - 18 February 2022, Virtual Meeting

## AGENDA

### DAY 1 : 17 FEBRUARY 2022

11h00 – 11h30

#### OPENING

- Mr Logan Wort – Executive Secretary (ATAF)
- Mr Edward Kieswetter - Vice Chairman (ATAF)
- Mr. Philippe Tchodie – Chairman (ATAF)

11h30– 12h30

#### SESSION 1A: SHAPING ATAF THE NEW DECADE

This session seeks to reflect on what ATAF should look like in the next 10 years. Participants will exchange views on critical areas and the path to be followed in the next 10 years. They will also discuss donor and member engagement, financial sustainability and the new areas – Tax Policy, Customs & Trade and Regionalisation.

Session Chair – Ms Varsha Singh (ATAF)

Presentations: Mr Logan Wort – Executive Secretary (ATAF)

Q&A

12h30-13h15

#### SESSION 1B: SHAPING ATAF THE NEW DECADE

This session shall delve into the review process of ATAF's the Governing Instruments and provide Country Correspondence with insight into the progress to date. The session shall further unpack the key issues/ areas of review and provide an opportunity for participants to probe into the areas of review.

Session Chair – Ms Varsha Singh (ATAF)

Governance Instruments Review – Ms Leila Kituyi (ATAF)  
Mr Lincoln Marais (Consultant)

Discussants: Togo, Rwanda, Mozambique, Morocco

Q&A

13h15 - 13h30

HEALTH BREAK



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## SESSION 2: ROLE OF COUNTRY CORRESPONDENTS

This session seeks to strengthen the role and function Country Correspondence while addressing any existing challenges faced by Correspondents in delivering their role. The session aims to improve the correlation between the Secretariat by reintroducing the Secretariat point contact persons. The Session will further look into the Country Correspondence Charter.

Session Chair : Mr Femi Edgal (FIRS)

Presentation: Ms Leila Kituyi (ATAF)

Discussants: Senegal, Zambia, Eswatini, Mauritius.

Q&A

14h45

END OF DAY 1





## DAY 2 : 18 FEBRUARY 2022

11h00 – 13h00

### SESSION 3: ATAF HIGHLIGHTS 2021 AND 2022 ATAF WORK PLAN

The session will introduce and evaluate the 2021 work plan and there after introduce the ATAF 2022 work plan and calendar of activities for additional inputs and clarification. CCs will be given the opportunity to declare areas of interest in hosting ATAF events and explore avenues of close collaboration in order to enhance and support ATAF's mandate. The session will also allow countries to discuss what ATAF can do better in the new financial year, identify member priorities, and vehicle discussions into key offerings of ATAF, the process of requesting Technical Assistance and how member countries can increase their involvement and participation in ATAF offered Trainings.

Guest Speaker: Capacity development: Mr Erich Kieck - Director Capacity Building International Standards Organisation

Session Chair: Ms Mary Baine

Presenters: Ms Susan Nakato  
Ms Caroline Mutayabarwa  
Ms Sameera Khan

CCC Panellists: Angola, Burkina Faso, Sierra Leone, Zimbabwe

Q&A

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13h00 – 14h00

### SESSION 4: SETTING THE CONTEXT: GLOBAL, AFRICAN AND COUNTRIES' TAX LANDSCAPE

This session 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, IFFs and post Covid-19 recovery.



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## SESSION 4 (continued)

Country Correspondents will briefly update the meeting on their experiences of ATAF's programmes, research initiatives, courses, conferences etc. This is also the opportunity for CCs to brief the Secretariat on any significant changes that may have occurred in their Revenue Authorities recently as affected by Covid-19. Suggested areas for further improvement will be discussed.

Session Chair: Dr Nara Monkam

Presentation panellists:

Mr Ezera Madzivanyika (Research Areas)

Mr Anthony Munanda (Digital tax)

Mr Thulani Shongwe (DRM) (ATAF Secretariat)

Discussants: Mauritius, Rwanda, Kenya

14:00 - 14:15

HEALTH BREAK

14h15 – 15h00

## SESSION 5: SETTING THE CONTEXT: AFRICAN LANDSCAPE

Part II (Breakout Sessions)

The session will continue discussions from the first segment and proceed to discuss ATAF's relationship with key Continental Body players and contributors to the realisation of the Domestic Resource Mobilisation in Africa. The Session will seek to hear views Country Correspondence on ATAF Building relations with key African Organisations in the aim of strengthening the African voice at various global fora on tax matters. The session will review the current landscape and ATAF's efforts of becoming the Voice of Africa in tax matters

Presentation panellists:

Ms Mary Baine, (ATAF Secretariat)- Breakout 1

Ms Varsha Singh (ATAF Secretariat)- Breakout 2



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## **SESSION 6: PREPARATIONS FOR THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY - NOVEMBER 2022**

The aim of this session is to remind countries of the process for the General Assembly and to allow them opportunity to prepare for it. There will be a brief presentation by the secretariat on the preparations, rules, procedures etc., followed by general discussion. The Session will further delve into the host country preparations and proposal for a physical meeting.

Chair: Ms Leila Kituyi

Presentation: Ms Mokgadi Maila

Discussant: Zambia

Q&A

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15h45-16h00

## **CLOSING**

Outcome statement - M. Bifeyi BONDJARE (OTR)

AOB - Ms Varsha Singh

Closing remarks - Logan Wort, Executive Secretary (ATAF)

16:00

**END OF DAY 2**