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Annual Meetings Programme

**Africa Rising: Sustainable Growth
through Revenue Mobilisation**

**31 October - 2 November 2023
Cape Town, South Africa**

Hosted by


South African Revenue Service



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TUESDAY

31 OCTOBER 2023

09H00 – 09H30 CAT

OPENING SESSION

Programme Facilitators - Ms Wageni Kimani
Mr Romeo Nkoulou Ella

Remarks:

- **Mr Logan Wort** – Executive Secretary; ATAF
- **Dr Philippe Tchodie** – Chairman; ATAF
- **Albert Muchanga** – Commissioner: African Union Commission (Video Message)
- **Mr Edward Kieseewetter** – Commissioner for SARS

09H30 – 11H00 CAT

SESSION 1: HIGH-LEVEL DISCUSSION: BUILDING RESILIENCE THROUGH DOMESTIC REVENUE MOBILISATION

This session will analyse how a robust tax system can provide a shield against global uncertainties, laying the foundation for sustainable economic growth.

Presentation:

- **Taiwo Oyedele** – Chairman, Presidential Fiscal Policy and Tax Reforms Committee, Nigeria

Panel:

- **Logan Wort** – Executive Secretary; ATAF
- **Philippe Tchodie** – Chairman; ATAF
- **Fabrizia Lapecorella** - Deputy Secretary-General; OECD
- **Rosemin Abdul Rasak Faquir** - Team Leader, Taxing Efficiently for Developing Inclusively (TEDI)

Moderator:

- **Prof. Annette Oguttu** - University of Pretoria, Gauteng, South Africa

11H00 – 11H30 CAT

REFRESHMENT BREAK

11H30 – 13H00 CAT

SESSION 2: ADDRESSING AFRICA'S FINANCING GAP: STRENGTHENING AFRICA'S INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY FOR DRM

This session will discuss strategies for building agile and strong institutions that can effectively implement DRM strategies, including the knowledge and skills of tax administrators to ensure effective and efficient tax collection.

Presentation:

- **Ms Mary Baine** – Deputy Executive Secretary; ATAF

Panel:

- **Hon. Agok makur Kur** – Deputy Minister: Finance and Planning; South Sudan
- **Mr Sam Shivute** – Commissioner; NamRa
- **Mr Babatunde Oladapo** – Executive Secretary, West African Tax Administration Forum
- **Mr Yanga Mputa** – CEO, Office of the Tax Ombudsman, South Africa

Moderator:

- **Konsta Heikkilä** – Chief Partnership Adviser, African Capacity Building Foundation

13H00 – 14H00 CAT

LUNCH

14H00 – 15H30 CAT

SESSION 3: FROM SHADOWS TO SPOTLIGHT: TRANSPARENCY AS A DETERRENT FOR IFFS

This session will explore the importance of transparency in curbing IFFs, discussing the significance of open data, information sharing, and transparency in financial and corporate reporting.

Presentation:

- **Mr Thulani Shongwe** – Manager International Tax; ATAF

Panel:

- **Mr John Musinguzi** – Commissioner General; Uganda Revenue Authority
- **Mr Adam Elhiraka** – Director, Macro-Economic and Governance Division, UNECA
- **Mr Femi Edgal** – Chairman, ATAF EOI Technical Committee/Deputy Director, FIRS
- **Mr Clement Migai** – Senior Policy Advisor; Global Forum Secretariat
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Moderator:

- **Ms Joy Ndubai** - Digitalisation Transformation Lead; ATAF

15H30 – 16H00 CAT

REFRESHMENT BREAK

16H00 – 17H30 CAT

SESSION 4: INCENTIVES AND INVESTMENT: NAVIGATING TAX BREAKS FOR FOREIGN DIRECT INVESTMENT

This session will evaluate the balancing act of using tax incentives to attract foreign investment and managing its effects on domestic revenue generation. The incoming global tax rules will also require countries to look at broader reforms of their tax incentive regimes.

Presentation:

- **Dr Manuela Francisco** – Global Director: Macroeconomics, Trade & Investment, World Bank Group

Panel:

- **Mathew Gbonjubola** – Group Head, Compliance and Support Group, FIRS/Co-Chair UN Tax Committee
- **Alpha Ngom** – Senior Senegal
- **Mbakiso Magwape** – ICTD
- **Stephanus Van Zyl** – University of Pretoria

Moderator:

- **Femi Olarinde** – Assistant Director, FIRS

END OF DAY 1



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09H00-11H00

SESSION 5: HARNESSING DATA ANALYTICS:

A GAME-CHANGER FOR REVENUE MOBILISATION

This session delves into the pivotal role data analytics plays in bolstering revenue mobilisation and combatting illicit financial flows. It unravels how sophisticated data tools and techniques can unveil hidden patterns, trends, and correlations that can optimise tax collection, enhance fiscal transparency, and detect illicit activities. The discussion focuses on the potential of data-driven decision-making to unlock sustainable economic growth in Africa.

Presentation:

- **Mr Godfrey Mbizo** – Data Analytics Expert
- **Mr AO Lixin** – Deputy Commissioner of the State Taxation Administration of the People's Republic of China
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Panel:

- **Mr Humphrey Wattanga Mulongo** – Commissioner General; Kenya Revenue Authority
- **Mr Pascal Ruganintwali** – Commissioner General; Rwanda Revenue Authority
- **Hon. Zacch Adedeji** – Acting Executive Chairman, Federal Inland Revenue Service, Nigeria
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Moderator:

- **Ms. Sameera Khan** – Manager, Country Programmes, ATAF

11H00 – 11H30 CAT

REFRESHMENT BREAK

11H30 – 13H00 CAT

SESSION 6: EVOLVING TAX POLICIES FOR THE DIGITAL AGE: VAT COMPLIANCE IN CROSS-BORDER SUPPLIES IN THE DIGITAL ECONOMY

This session will discuss the challenges and opportunities presented by the growing digital economy and how VAT policies and administration can adapt to capture this potential revenue. The VAT Digital Toolkit for Africa will be launched at the end of this session.

Presentation:

- **Mr Emeka Nwankwo** – Manager Domestic Tax; ATAF

Panel:

- **Ms Lesley O'Connell Xego** – Executive, Revenue Planning; SARS
- **Mr Dingani Banda** – Commissioner General; Zambia Revenue Authority
- **Mr Piet Battieu** – Head, Consumption Tax Unit; OECD
- **Ms Lazelle Terblanche** – Chairperson, African Industries Tax Association
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Moderator:

- **Mr David O'Sullivan** – World Bank Group

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SESSION 7: DIGITAL FINANCIAL ASSETS:

CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

The session will explore the evolution of digital financial assets and more specifically the policy options available for Africa. Potential risks and mitigation thereof will also be examined during this session.

Presentation:

- **Mr. Jason Piper** – Head of Tax and Business Law, Professional Insights, ACCA

Panel:

- **Mr Errol Makhubela** - Chief Director, Financial Markets & Stability, National Treasury, South Africa
- **Mr Mahmad Oozer** - Director, Operational Services Department (OSD), Mauritius Revenue Authority
- **Mr Emmanuel Eze** – Coordinator, ATAF Office at the African Union
- **Ms Tatiana Falcao** – International Tax Expert
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Moderator:

- **Mr Femi Olarinde** – Assistant Director, Federal Inland Revenue Service (FIRS), Nigeria

15H30 – 16H00 CAT

REFRESHMENT BREAK

16H00 – 17H30 CAT

SESSION 8: MOBILISING REVENUE FROM THE GREEN ECONOMY

This session will explore how Africa can capitalize on the green revolution to generate domestic revenues, focusing on sustainable and eco-friendly practices.

Presentation:

- **Ms Sharlin Hemraj** – Director, Environmental and Fuel Taxes Directorate, National Treasury, South Africa

Panel:

- **Ms Liza Helena Vaz** - National Director, National Directorate of State Revenues of Cabo Verde
- **Mr Mouhanadou SY** - Director General, Legislation and International Cooperation, DGID, Senegal
- **Mr Edward Kieswetter** – Commissioner – South African Revenue Service (tbc)
- **Mr Muhammad Ashfaq Ahmed** – Member, UN Tax Committee
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Moderator

- **Ezera Madzivanyika** – Manager Applied Research and Statistics, ATAF

END OF DAY 2



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THURSDAY

2 NOVEMBER 2023

09H00 – 10H15 CAT

SESSION 9: STRENGTHENING INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION:

A UNITED FRONT AGAINST IFFS

This session will delve into the importance of regional and international cooperation in combat-ting IFFs, including shared strategies, cooperation agreements, and multilateral initiatives.

Presentation:

- **Dr Patrick Olomo** – Acting Head: Economic Policy and Sustainable Development Division; AUC

Panel:

- **Ms Varsha Singh** – Head, SPIC, ATAF
- **Ms Chenai Mukumba** – Executive Director; TJNA
- **Ms Catherine Lemesle** – Secretary-General, CREDAF
- **Mr. Ben Dickinson** – Head of the Global Relations and Development Division, CPTA, OECD

Moderator:

- **Mr Aleksandar Dragojlovic** – Good Financial Governance, GIZ

10H15 – 10H30 CAT

REFRESHMENT BREAK

10H30 – 11H45 CAT

SESSION 10: LOOKING AHEAD:

PREDICTING AND PREPARING FOR FUTURE CHALLENGES IN CURBING IFFS

This session will focus on IFFs in Africa’s resource-rich sectors. Experts will discuss how to increase transparency, improve governance, and ensure fair taxation in the extractive industries.

Presentation:

- **Mr Ian Mwinga** – Head: Zambia EITI

Panel:

- **Mr Øivind Strømme** – International Director of the Norwegian Tax Administration
- **Mr Anthony Munanda** – Senior Advisor, International Tax, ATAF
- **Ms Alexandra Readhead** -Lead, Tax and Extractives, IGF

Moderator:

- **Mr Fafanding Cham** – Deputy commissioner: Large Taxpayer Office, The Gambia Revenue Authority

11H45 – 12H00 CAT

CLOSING SESSION

- **Mr Edward Kieswetter** – Commissioner; South African Revenue Service (SARS)
- **Mr Logan Wort** – Executive Secretary; African Tax Administration Forum (ATAF)
- **Dr Philippe Tchodie** – Chairman; ATAF

14H00 – 15H30 CAT

LUNCH

END OF CONFERENCE

Friday 3rd November

EXCURSION
9H00-12H00 CAT



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