



THE AFRICAN AGENDA 2063: FINDING THE MONEY! – DEVELOPING AFRICAN TAX SYSTEMS IN ORDER TO MOBILISE DOMESTIC RESOURCES TO FUND AFRICA’S DEVELOPMENT.

Recognising Domestic Resource Mobilisation (DRM) as a key development indicator, the African Union’s Agenda 2063 has placed it, and in particular taxation, at the heart of resourcing continental development. The mainstay of implementing Agenda 2063 would thus have to foremost be from Africa’s own resources, complemented by attracting outside investment.

This event is being organised by the ***African Tax Administration Forum (ATAF)*** in association with Germany, the Netherlands and Switzerland as part of the proceedings of the ***Third International Conference on Financing for Development*** (Addis Ababa, 13 - 16 July 2015). Moderated by ***Mr Logan Wort*** (the *ATAF Executive Secretary*), the meeting will feature perspectives by distinguished guests on, among other aspects:

- (a) the cost of the African Union’s Agenda 2063;
- (b) the role of domestic resource mobilisation and taxation to fund sustainable development in Africa;
- (c) finding the untapped sources of revenue in Africa;
- (d) stemming Illicit Financial Flows from the continent;
- (e) employing home-grown solutions to developing African tax systems; and
- (f) the role of development assistance in building more efficient and effective tax systems in Africa.

The purpose of this side event is to:

1. Place tax administration at the centre of the continent’s renewed efforts to mobilize greater domestic resources for its development;
2. Urge African governments to provide the required political support to their respective agencies in their quest to raise revenues and tackle tax base erosion (i.e. IFFs and especially trade misinvoicing; BEPS; tax incentives; taxation of natural resources; etc.)

3. Highlight the importance of increasing commitments to domestic resource mobilization by the donor community. In this regard, ATAF welcomes and supports the Addis Tax Initiative.
4. Channel the increased commitment by the donor community through regional tax organizations such as ATAF to carry out the continent's own initiatives.

Invited main speakers:

HE Dr Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma, Chairperson of the African Union Commission (tbc); the **Hon. Mr Seth Terkper**, Minister of Finance of Ghana (tbc); the **Hon. Mr Amadou Ba**, Minister of Finance of Senegal (tbc); the **Hon. Mr PA Chinamasa**, Minister of Finance & Economic Development of Zimbabwe (tbc); the **Hon. Ms Lilianne PLOUMEN**, Minister for Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation of the Netherlands and Co-Chair of the Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation; **Mr Gershem Pasi**, Commissioner General of Zimbabwe Revenue Authority & Chairman of the ATAF Council; **Mr Rished Bade**, Commissioner General of the Tanzania Revenue Authority; and the Head of the Swiss delegation to the FFD, among others, will elaborate on the sub-topics listed above.

Date: Monday, 13 July 2015, Afternoon (3.30 pm - 6.00 pm)

Venue: Hotel Radisson BLU, Warka 1 + 2, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

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