



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

Monday, 13 July 2015 (15:30 to 18:00)

Hotel Radisson BLU – Addis Ababa (Room Warka 1 + 2)

ABSTRACT: 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. Tax systems, however, continue to be a major stumbling block on the African continent due to a combination of poor policies and weak administrative capacity. And while donors have endorsed the critical role that DRM should play in financing development, the allocations of donors' resources have not kept pace with this endorsement.

AGENDA:

- 15:30** **INTRODUCTORY REMARKS** by the Moderator, Mr Logan WORT (*ATAF Executive Secretary*)
- 15:35** **WELCOME REMARKS** by Mr Gershem PASI (*Commissioner General of the Zimbabwe Revenue Authority & Chairman of the ATAF Council*)
- 15:40** **INTRODUCTORY REMARKS** by Mr Manuel SAGER, *State Secretary and Director-General, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation*
- 15:45** **PANEL DISCUSSION:**
- Panellists will focus, among other aspects, on: (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.

Format:

There will be a 5 – 7 minute initial input by each panellist, followed by 2 – 3 questions by the Moderator around each input in relation to the overall theme.

Panellists:

- ❖ **HE Dr Nkosazana DLAMINI ZUMA: Chairperson of the African Union Commission**
- ❖ **The Hon. Mr Amadou BA: Minister of Finance of Senegal**
- ❖ **The Hon. Ms Lilianne PLOUMEN: Minister for Foreign Trade & Development Cooperation of the Netherlands & Co-Chair of the Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation**
- ❖ **The Hon. Mr Seth TERKPER: Minister of Finance of Ghana**
- ❖ **The Hon. Mr Patrick CHINAMASA: Minister of Finance & Economic Development of Zimbabwe**
- ❖ **Mrs Allen KAGINA: Former Commissioner General of the Uganda Revenue Authority**
- ❖ **Mr Rished BADE: Commissioner General of the Tanzania Revenue Authority**

17:15 **OPEN DISCUSSION** moderated by Mr Logan WORT (ATAF Executive Secretary)

17:55 **CLOSING REMARKS** by Mr Gershem PASI (Commissioner General of the Zimbabwe Revenue Authority & Chairman of the ATAF Council)

18:00 **END OF EVENT**

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