

## 11<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Africa Initiative

14-16 June 2022 | Nairobi, Kenya and Webinar

### Day 1: Tax Transparency in Africa 2022 launch event

All times are in East Africa time (CEST+1)

09:00-09:45

#### Opening and welcome remarks

- Mr **Githii Mburu**, Commissioner General of the Kenya Revenue Authority, Chair of the Africa Initiative
- Ms **María Jose Garde**, Chair of the Global Forum
- Mr **Yoshiki Takeuchi**, Deputy Secretary-General, OECD
- Mr **Francis Muthaura**, Chair of the board, Kenya Revenue Authority

#### Keynote address

- Ms **Raychelle Omamo**, Cabinet Secretary, Foreign Affairs, Kenya

09:45-10:45

#### Launch of Tax Transparency in Africa 2022: Africa Initiative Progress Report

Tax Transparency in Africa 2022 is the fourth edition of the Africa Initiative Progress Report, which shows the progress of African countries in advancing the fight against tax evasion through improved tax transparency and exchange of information (EOI). The 2022 edition takes stock of the efforts made and the results achieved on the continent during 2021 and highlights the remaining challenges on both the tax policy and the tax administration fronts.

#### Presentation of the report:

- Ms **Zayda Manatta**, Head of the Secretariat, Global Forum

#### Interventions:

- Ms **Chenai Mukumba**, Policy Research and Advocacy Manager, Tax Justice Network Africa
- Mr **Albert M. Muchanga**, Commissioner for Economic Development, Trade, Industry and Mining, African Union Commission

10:45-11:00 – Coffee break

**11:00-12:15****High-level panel: Tax transparency and the fight against illicit financial flows in Africa**

The fight against illicit financial flows (IFFs) is at the fore of the development agenda. It features in Goal 16 (Target 16.4) of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development: “By 2030, significantly reduce illicit financial and arms flows, strengthen the recovery and return of stolen assets and combat all forms of organised crime”. The African Union has also placed fighting IFFs and strengthening domestic resources mobilisation (DRM) at the top of its agenda, recognising these as critical for the achievement of “Agenda 2063: The Africa We Want”.

Over the past ten years, several studies have pointed out to the negative impact of IFFs on Africa’s development, with efforts to measure its amplitude. It is now well established that the annual loss through various forms of IFFs in Africa is over USD 80 billion. The unprecedented improvements in tax transparency and EOI have changed the tax evasion landscape and created new opportunities in the fight against other forms of IFFs.

The objective of the session is to discuss how African countries can seize the opportunities offered by tax transparency and EOI to enhance the fight against tax evasion and other IFFs on the continent.

**Introduction:**

- Ms **Grace Perez-Navarro**, Deputy Director, Centre for Tax Policy and Administration, OECD

**Moderator:**

- Mr **Hamza Ali**, Senior Reporter International Tax, Bloomberg Tax

**Panellists:**

- Mr **Edward Kieswetter**, Commissioner of the South African Revenue Service, Vice-Chair of the Africa Initiative
- Mr **David Bradbury**, Head of the Tax Policy and Statistics Division, Centre for Tax Policy and Administration, OECD
- Mr **Adam Elhiraika**, Director of Macroeconomics and Governance Division, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa
- Mr **Logan Wort**, Executive Secretary, African Tax Administration Forum

End of live transmission