

# Tax transparency in Africa 2021

Recent developments at a glance

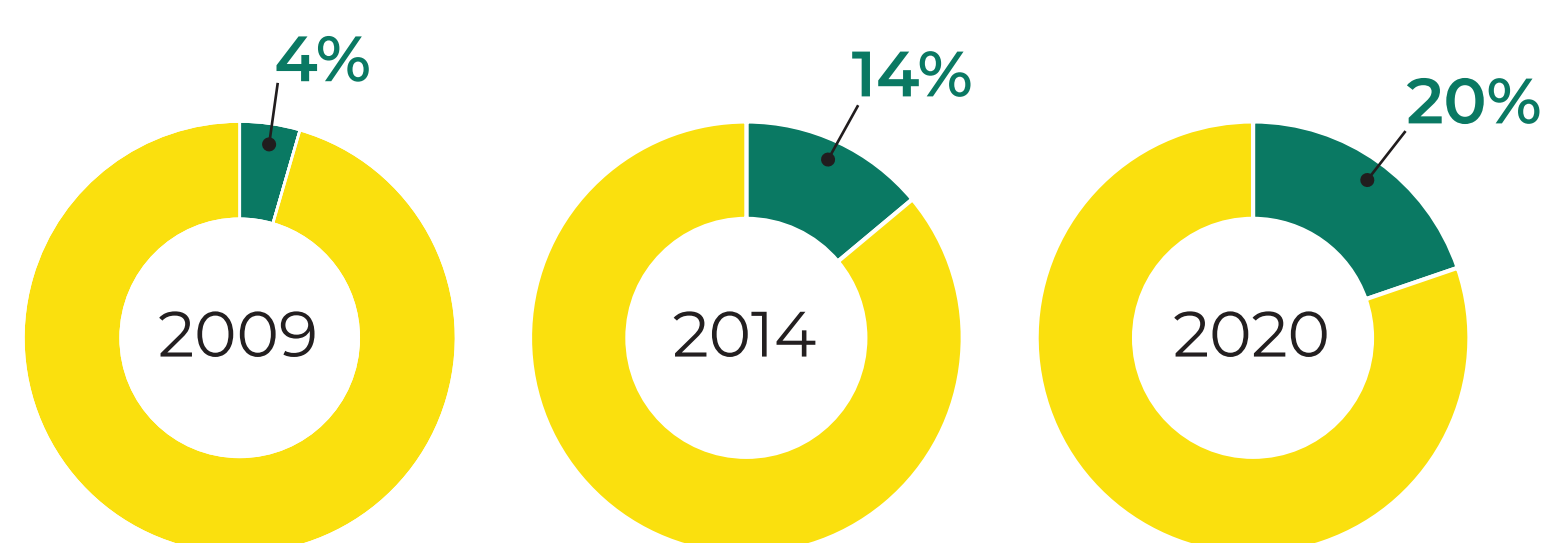
More than **USD 80 billion** are estimated to escape the African continent each year in the form of **illicit financial flows (IFFs)**.



These IFFs deprive African countries of important resources to achieve their ambitious **development goals**.

The economic downturn resulting from the COVID-19 crisis increased budgetary pressure on governments and highlighted the importance of **domestic resource mobilisation (DRM)**.

**Tax transparency** and **exchange of information (EOI)** for tax purposes have a crucial role to play in helping countries fight tax evasion and other IFFs to generate much needed revenues.

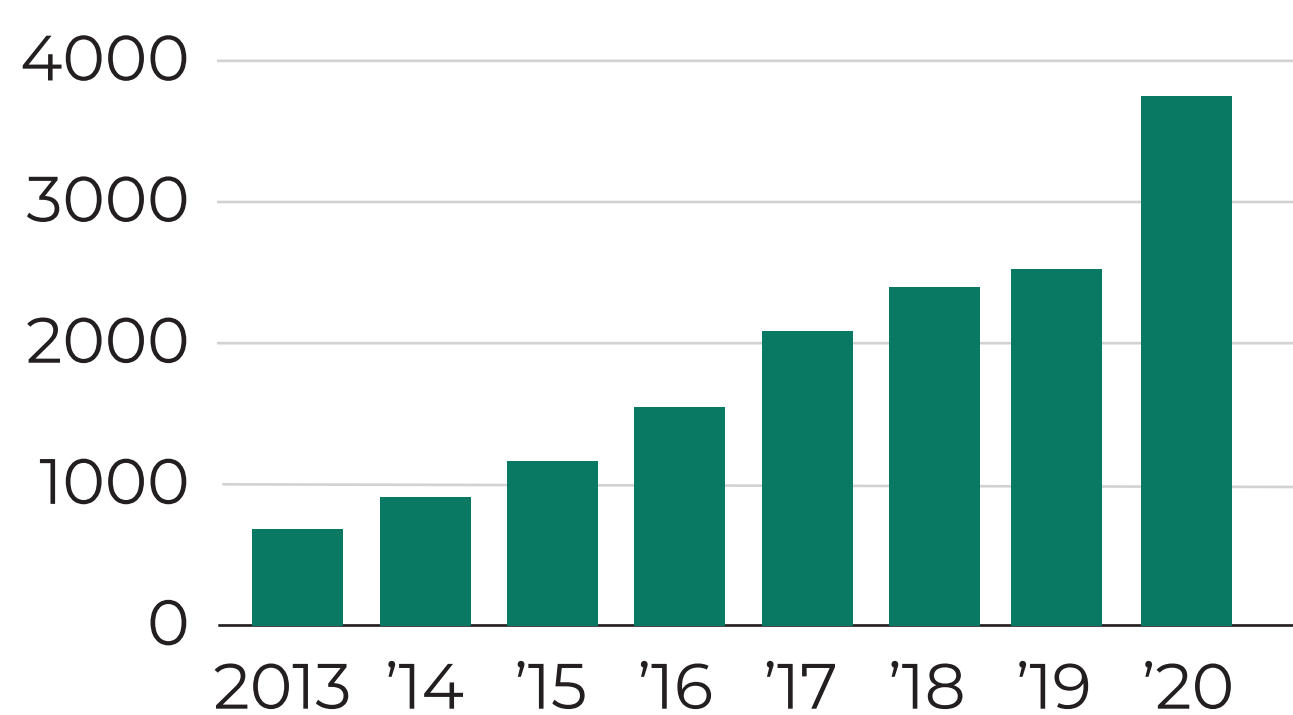


**African countries' relative share** of the Global Forum membership in 2009, 2014 and 2020

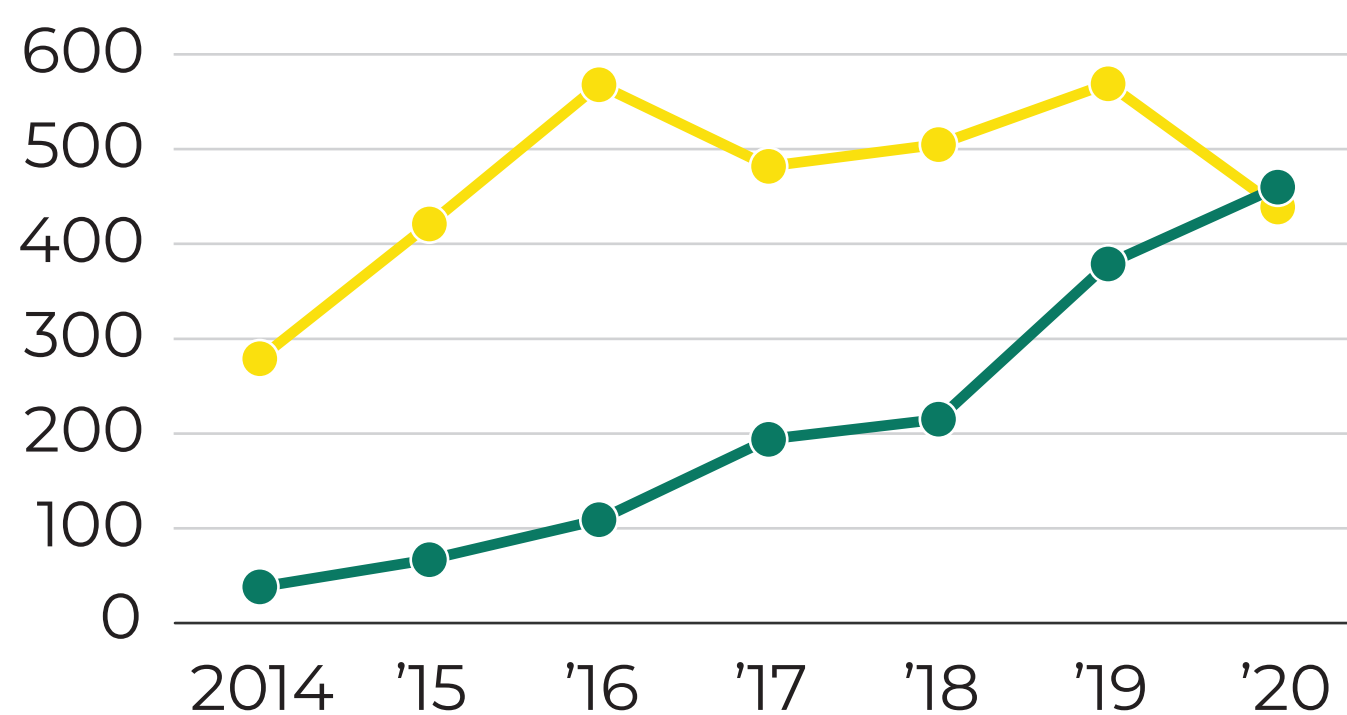
**32 African countries** are now members of the Global Forum on Transparency and Exchange of Information for Tax Purposes and the Yaoundé Declaration, a call for action to enhance DRM by tackling IFFs, has 31 signatories (incl. the African Union Commission).

These countries **expanded their EOI networks** and the amount of EOI requests sent is increasing steadily. In 2020, for the first time, African countries sent more requests than they received.

Number of **EOI relationships created** by African countries, 2013-2020



Number of EOI requests **sent** & **received** by African countries, 2014-2020



Improved EOI infrastructures help African countries collect more revenues. In total, since 2009, EOI enabled them to identify over **EUR 1.2 billion of additional revenues** (tax, interest & penalties).

Interest in **automatic exchange of financial account information** is also growing. Five countries have started exchanging; Morocco and Kenya committed to start in 2022 and Uganda by 2023.



The Global Forum and its partners, among which the African Tax Administration Forum plays a key role, will continue to provide support, build capacities and foster skills transfer to advance tax transparency in Africa. **1 300 African officials were trained in 2020**.