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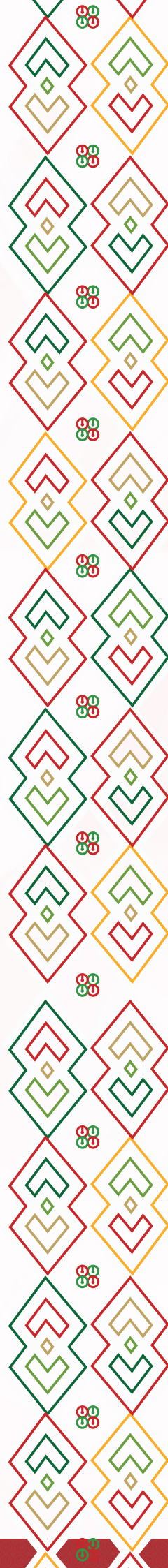
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Agenda



Day 1: 22 November

08:00 - 09:00	Registration
09:00 - 10:00	<p>Opening Session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Godfred Seidu Jasaw, Vice Chair, African Parliamentary Network on Illicit Financial Flows and Taxation – Ghana National Caucus Dr Patrick Olomo Ndazana, Acting Head, African Union Commission Mr Logan Wort, Executive Secretary, Africa Tax Administration Forum Ms Chenai Mukumba, Executive Director, Tax Justice Network Africa <p>Venue: Ridge Arena</p>
10:00 - 10:30	Coffee Break
10:30 - 12:30	<p>Session 1: Keynote Address - An African Transformative Agenda for the Global Financial Architecture</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brian Kagoro, Pan-Africanist and Lawyer <p>Moderator: Ms Chenai Mukumba, Executive Director, Tax Justice Network Africa</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms Mary Baine, Deputy Executive Secretary and Head of Member Services and Domestic Resource Mobilisation, Africa Tax Administration Forum Rev. Dr. Ammishaddai Owusu-Amoah, Commissioner General, Ghana Revenue Authority Dr. Dereje Alemayehu, Executive Secretary, Global Alliance for Tax Justice Hon. Irene Ovonji-Odida, Lawyer and Women's Rights Activist, and Member of the High Level Panel on Illicit Financial Flows Dr Hanan Morsy, Deputy Executive Secretary and Chief Economist, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa H.E. Amb. Albert. M. Muchanga, Commissioner for Economic Development, Trade, Tourism, Industry and Minerals, African Union Commission <p>Venue: Ridge Arena</p>
12:30 - 13:30	Lunch Break
13:30 - 14:30	<p>Opening Ceremony</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms Chenai Mukumba, Executive Director, Tax Justice Network Africa H.E. Amb. Albert. M. Muchanga, Commissioner for Economic Development, Trade, Tourism, Industry and Minerals, African Union Commission <p>Official Opening: H.E. Ken Ofori-Atta, Minister of Finance, Ghana (TBC)</p> <p>Signing of the Memorandum of Understanding between the African Union Commission and Tax Justice Network Africa</p> <p>Group Photo Press Briefing - Venue Prins Hall Refreshments</p>
14:30 - 15:30	<p>Session 2: Africa's Leadership in the International Tax System</p> <p>While there have been several iterations of global south coalitions calling for the reform of the global tax system over the past few decades, the most recent charge led by the African Group resulted in the historic adoption of UN Resolution 77/244. This session will look at the most recent proposal that was tabled by the Africa Group and delve into the importance of the reform of the global tax system for African countries.</p> <p>Moderator: Emily Muyaa, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (TBC)</p> <p>Presentation: Allan Mukungu, United Nations Economic Commission Africa</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mathew Olusanya Gbonjubola, Federal Inland Revenue Service (TBX) Nii Yarboi Mensah, Independent Consultant Natalia Quinones, Ministry of Finance, Columbia Nada Trugui, Observatoire Tunisien de l'Economie <p>Venue: Ridge Arena</p>

Day 2: 23 November

15:30 - 16:00	Refreshment Break			
16:00 - 17:00	<p>Session 3: Fireside Chat – The Political Economy of IFFs</p> <p>H.E. Amb. Albert. M. Muchanga and Hon Irene Ovonji-Odida in Conversation with Dr Lyla Latif</p> <p>Venue: Ridge Arena</p>			
08:00 - 09:00	Registration			
09:00 - 10:30	<p>Session 4: The International Financial Architecture and Africa's Extractive Industry: Answering the Climate Change Question</p> <p>The extractive sector significantly contributes to tax revenue collected in Africa; however, research indicates that IFFs are rampant in the extractive industry, with USD 40 Billion lost annually. In light of the increased demand for Africa's transition minerals as the continent navigates the climate crisis, this session will focus on resource taxation and how to curb IFFs, climate financing and what a just energy transition means for Africa within the context of ongoing discussions to reform the international financial architecture.</p> <p>Experts from different sectors based on future trends and opportunities will explore policy options and solutions for resource taxation, climate financing, and Africa's just energy transition. Discussions and recommendations from this session will contribute to shaping ongoing advocacy for urgently reforming the current international financial architecture.</p> <p>Moderator: Mukupa Nsenduluka, Policy Officer, Tax Justice Network Africa</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Natalie Mwila, Programmes Coordinator, Centre for Trade Policy and Development Mr. Titus Gwemende, Natural Resource Governance Expert Dr. Fadhel Kaboub, Global Institute for Sustainable Prosperity Mr. Jason Braganza, African Forum and Network on Debt and Development <p>Venue: Ridge Arena</p>			
10:30 - 11:00	Refreshment Break			
11:00 - 12:30	<p>Side Session 1:</p> <p>Flux Financier Illicite: Organiser un plaidoyer plus actif des OSCs D'Afrique Francophone</p> <p>Tax Justice Network and CRADEC</p> <p>Venue: Ridge Arena</p>	<p>Side Session 2:</p> <p>Promoting Transparency to Curb IFFs</p> <p>Africa Tax Administration Forum</p> <p>Venue: Asante Hall</p>	<p>Side Session 3:</p> <p>Reframing narratives on Wealth taxation: A Pan African Feminists' vision for building feminist economies</p> <p>Akina Mama Wa Afrika</p> <p>Venue: Prins Hall</p>	<p>Side Session 4:</p> <p>Stop the Bleeding Campaign (Closed Session)</p> <p>Venue: Britannia Hall</p>
12:30 - 13:30	Lunch			
13:30 - 15:00	<p>Side Session 1:</p> <p>Effective Taxation in Africa: Incorporating Feminist Economic Alternatives into Global Tax Governance</p> <p>Oxfam and FEMNET</p> <p>Venue: Ridge Arena</p>	<p>Side Session 2:</p> <p>Glencore Bribery Guilty Plea: Upholding Accountability in Africa</p> <p>Pan African Lawyers Union (PALU)</p> <p>Venue: Prins Hall</p>	<p>Side Session 3:</p> <p>Dissemination of Commodity-Related Illicit Financial Flows</p> <p>Integrated Social Development Centre (ISODEC)</p> <p>Venue: Britannia Hall</p>	<p>Side Session 4:</p> <p>Tax Regimes in the Age of Resource-Backed Loans and Collateralisation</p> <p>African Forum and Network on Debt and Development (AFRODAD)</p> <p>Venue: Asante Hall</p>
15:00 - 15:30	Coffee Break			

15:30 - 17:00	Side Session 1: 10 year Anniversary - Global Alliance on Tax Justice Global Alliance for Tax Justice/ Civil Society FFD Mechanism Venue: Ridge Arena	Side Session 2: Stop the Bleeding: Popular voices to end illicit financial flows and advance economic justice in Africa Trust Africa Venue: Britannia Hall	Side Session 3: Leveraging Fiscal Policy to Reduce Inequality Oxfam in Ghana/ ActionAid Ghana/ Tax Justice Coalition Ghana Venue: Asante Hall	Side Session 4: Tax Justice and the Youth: Why do we need a UN Tax Convention? Youth for Tax Justice Network Venue: Prins Hall
18:30 - 22:00	Cocktail: Hosted by the Global Alliance for Tax Justice Venue: Poolside			

Day 3: 24 November

08:00 - 09:00	Registration
09:00 - 10:30	Session 5: A Practical Look at the Extent of IFFs: A Case Study <p>Various studies have shown that IFFs out of the continent are on the rise. In 2015, the Report of the High-Level Panel on Illicit Financial Flows from Africa indicated that Africa was losing US\$50 billion a year. In 2020, UNCTAD estimated that IFFs were now at an estimated at USD 89 billion. The session will focus on recent data collected on trade mispricing between trading partners and illustrate the need for policy intervention and out-of-the-box thinking.</p> <p>Presentation: Chamisa Moses, African Tax Administration Forum Moderator: Ephraim Murenzi, African Tax Administration Forum</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nana Afua Mensah, African Tax Administration Forum • Martin Chileshe, Zambia Revenue Authority • Everlyn Muendo, Tax Justice Network Africa • Alpha Ngom, Senegal Tax Administration Venue: Ridge Arena
10:30- 11:00	Session 6: Launch of Tax and Illicit Financial Flows Knowledge Hub <p>The Tax and Illicit Financial Flows (TIFF) Knowledge Hub is an online member-based platform aimed to enhancing accessibility to vital taxation and financial governance insights. Serving as a central repository, it will foster collaboration among organizations, policymakers, researchers, and practitioners. This groundbreaking initiative will aim to raise awareness and strengthen advocacy efforts, promising to be a catalyst for positive change in promoting transparency and accountability.</p> Venue: Ridge Arena
11:00 - 11:30	Communique and next steps
11:30 - 12:00	Closing Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Mary Baine, Africa Tax Administration Forum • Jane Nalunga, Chairperson, Executive Council, Tax Justice Network Africa • Commissioner General, Ghana Revenue Authority • H.E. Amb. Albert. M. Muchanga, Commissioner for Economic Development, Trade, Tourism, Industry and Minerals, African Union Commission Venue: Ridge Arena
12:00 - 13:00	Lunch