



Fridays of the Commission

“How to prevent Illicit Financial Flows and recover stolen Assets to better serve the African continent”

24 May 2019

Africa Union Commission Headquarters

Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

DRAFT AGENDA

Friday, 24 MAY 2019

Venue: AUC Compound, Addis Ababa

Meeting Chair: Dr. Yeo Dossina. Head of Economic Policy and Research Division,

09.00 – 09.30 *Registration*

09.30 – 10.00 **Welcome and Opening**

- H.E. Prof. Victor Harison, Commissioner of Economic Affairs, AUC
- Mr. Markus Awater, Director, AU Cooperation, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung

10.00 – 10.30 **Session I: AUC's Strategy Development on Illicit Financial Flows: Presentation on Illicit Financial Flows, Corruption and Management of Natural Resources**

Presenter: Dr. Yeo Dossina, Head of Economic Policy and Research Division, AUC

Q&A

10.30 – 11.00 **Tea/Coffee break**

11.00 – 11.45 **Session II: Domestic Resource Mobilization and Financing of Development**

Moderator: Dr. Dereje Alemayehu, Executive Coordinator of Global Alliance for Tax Justice (GATJ)

Panelists:

- Mr. Jean Yves Adou, Coordinator Monitoring and Evaluation, APRM
- Prof. Attiya Waris, Senior Lecturer at University of Nairobi, Faculty of Law & BEPS Monitoring Group
- Dr. Ligane Massamba Sene, Economic Policy and Research Officer, AUC

11.45 – 12.45 **Session III: Tax Transparency, Exchange of Information and Contribution of Tax administrators in curbing IFFs**

Moderator: Dr. Adam Elhiraika, Director Macroeconomic and Governance Division, UNECA

Panelists:

- Mr. Thulani Shongwe, African Tax Administration Forum (ATAF)
- Mr. Robert Sunna, Policy Lead on tax and international financial architecture– Tax Justice Network Africa (TJNA)
- Dr. Dereje Alemayehu, Executive Coordinator of Global Alliance for Tax Justice (GATJ)
- Mr. Rajen Bablee, Executive Director of Transparency Mauritius

12.45 – 14.00 **Lunch**

14.00 – 15.00 **Session IV: Stolen Asset Recovery in Africa**

Moderator: Claire Naval, Global Partnerships and Policy Division, Development Co-operation Directorate of the OECD

Panelists:

- Mr Samwel Mohochi – International Commission of Jurists (ICIJ Kenya)
- Ms. Souad Aden Osman, Executive Director, Coalition for Dialogue on Africa and Coordinator of the Consortium of African Institutions working to Stem IFFs
- Mr. Shervin Majlessi, Deputy Coordinator of the StAR Initiative

15.00 – 15.30 **Tea/Coffee break**

15.30 – 16.30 **Session V: The Role of International Cooperation in curving IFFs**

Moderator: Mr. Amanuel Desalegne, Program Manager, Friedrich Ebert Stiftung - AU Cooperation Office

Panelists:

- Dr. Samuel Kimeu, Board Member of Transparency International
- Ms. Catherine Anderson, Team Lead, Governance and Development Unit, Development Cooperation Directorate, OECD
- Mr. Maurice Ochieng, Programme Manager, Good Financial Governance in Africa Programme (GFG), GIZ
- Mr. Biniam Shiferaw Ayalew, Global Center on Cooperative Security, Consultant

16.30 – 16.45 **Closing Remarks**

Presenter: Dr. Yeo Dossina, Head of Economic Policy and Research Division, AUC