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**Venue:** Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

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**THE 4<sup>TH</sup> HIGH LEVEL TAX POLICY DIALOGUE.**

**What:** The **4th High-Level Policy Dialogue** under the theme "Taxing Rights For Africa In The New World & Effects Of Covid-19: The Role Of Tax Policymakers And Tax Administrators,"

**When:** 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> August 2020, 1:00pm – 6.00 pm (EAT).

**Where:** A virtual event. Join the Zoom Meeting here:

<https://ataftax-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcrfuyvqz8iEtYqRyonzSBbhrxkvCFzkfzW>

Registration is required in advance and confirmation email containing information about joining the event will be issued.

**Who:** Jointly convened by the African Union Commission Department of Economic Affairs and the African Tax Administration Forum (ATAF), the meeting will bring together African Ministries of Finance (Ministers, Permanent Secretaries/Directors-General); Tax Administrations (Commissioner-Generals/Deputy Commissioner-Generals); senior representatives of International and Continental organisations; legislators; Academia and researchers and Civil Society Organisations.

**Background.**

The meeting aims to discuss and proffer solutions for African States in light of the challenges resulting from the COVID-19 crisis and what that translates into with regard to the global discussions on taxing the digital economy. On the second day, a special session on Tax and Gender – The Impact of COVID-19; will be delivered in collaboration with the UK's Department of International Development (DFID) and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD).

The objectives of the dialogue are to:

- Create a platform for tax policymakers and tax administration officials on the continent to collaborate on improving tax policy decisions that will impact Domestic Resource Mobilisation efforts.
- Improve African tax systems by sharing ideas, innovations and strategies successfully implemented in other jurisdictions.

- Advocate for African tax challenges to be addressed on the global stage and pursuing more taxing rights for African countries, including on taxing the digital economy and BEPS.
- Enhance the capacity of tax officials on the continent by interactions through conferences, networking, policy papers and one-on-one collaborations.
- Discuss gender and economic access, with concomitant implications on the broader question of gender and tax.
- Proffer and share ideas on DRM strategies and initiatives, especially post-COVID-19 crisis.

For more information, visit <https://au.int/en/newsevents/20200826/4th-high-level-tax-policy-dialogue>

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