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# High-Level Conference on the Promotion of Good Governance and Fight against Corruption

# AGENDA

(Preliminary)

**Venue: International Convention Center  
Gaborone (Botswana)  
(Hybrid Meeting)  
Date: June 13–14, 2022**



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## Day 0, Sunday June 12, 2022

09: 00 – 18: 00 Registration of Participants (Hybrid: online and onsite)

## Day 1, Monday June 13, 2022

09: 30 – 15: 10 Opening Ceremony

09: 30 – 10: 00 • Arrival and invitation of participants

10: 00 – 10: 10 • Welcome address by Botswanan Authorities

10: 10 – 10: 20 **Group photo**

10: 20 – 11: 20 **Plenary: Good Governance to Overcome Fragility and Achieve Economic Transformation in Africa**

10: 20 – 11: 00 **Session I: Keynote Addresses: A Framework to Win the Fight Against Corruption in Good Times and in Bad Times**

10: 20 – 10: 40 **Keynote Address I**

- H.E. Dr. Monique Nsanzabaganwa, Deputy Chairperson (DCP) *African Union Commission (AUC)*

"Winning the fight against corruption: A sustainable path to Africa's transformation".

*The speech will discuss the AU's support to its members to recover from the significant economic losses inflicted by the COVID-19 pandemic and boost resilience through better governance. It will highlight governance good practices during the pandemic and the importance of strong institutions for the continent as the world is buffeted by ever larger and more frequent shocks (including the fallouts of the security crises in the Sahel region and in Europe). It will cover how digitalization and big data can promote transparency and ethical behavior, reduce fragility, and chart a path toward a sustainable transformation for Africa. It will discuss the common characteristics of grand corruption—including the drivers of supply side corruption—in Africa and why addressing corruption is important for the SDGs and for addressing SSA's fiscal trilemma (high debt, weak revenue mobilization and high spending needs).*

10: 40 – 11: 00 **Keynote Address II**

- Ms. Antoinette Monsio Sayeh, *Deputy Managing Director, International Monetary Fund (IMF)*

*A Framework for Enhanced Engagement on Governance and Corruption Issues.*

*The speech will present the Fund's framework on governance and corruption issues to help members strengthen governance arrangements for higher and inclusive*

growth and more resilient economies. It will review how the IMF helped members withstand the COVID-19 pandemic and rationalize the approach to provide rapid financing to save lives and livelihoods while seeking commitments from members countries to “keep the receipts”. The address will discuss reforms in anti-corruption set-ups by countries supported by IMF financing during the pandemics across the world. It will discuss the Fund’s tailored approach to fragile countries. It will also present a recent IMF book on governance and corruption in sub-Saharan Africa.

11: 00 – 11: 15

Coffee / Tea break

11: 15 – 12: 45

### Session II: Reaping the Governance Dividend in Africa

**Chairperson:** Hon. Peggy Serame, Minister of Finance of Botswana

**Speaker:** Hon. Dr. Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, Former President of Liberia

**Discussants:**

- Prof. Eddy Maloka, CEO, African Peer Review Mechanism
- Hon. Ken Offori Atta, Minister of Finance, Ghana
- Ms. Frannie Leautier, CEO, SouthBridge Group

*This session will discuss strategies to reap the benefits of better governance. It will offer findings from academia and others on the estimates of the impact of governance improvements. It will review corruption enablers, including from the supply side, and discuss how countries outside the continent achieved progress in the fight against corruption. The session will discuss differences in societies’ standards and definitions of corruption and tolerance for corruption. It will present a framework for understanding the interrelations between fragility and corruption and which new governance reforms can enable frontier markets to move to a superior and sustainable economic equilibrium. It will offer a first opportunity in the day to hear from the private sector and CSOs on how to strengthen governance and sustain a positive engagement of international organizations with governments on governance and corruption issues.*

12: 45 – 13: 00

### Session III: Presentation of the IMF Book on Good Governance

**Speaker:** Ms. Monique Newiak, IMF resident representative in Sierra Leone

*This session will present the recently published IMF book on “Good Governance in Sub-Saharan Africa: Opportunities and Lessons”. The speaker will focus on the contributions of the book to the literature on governance and corruption.*

13: 00 – 14: 00

Lunch

14: 00 – 16: 00

### Session IV: Good Governance for/during Bad Times

**Chairperson:** Hon. Thabo Mbeki, Former President of South Africa

- **Speaker:** Prof. Kevin Urama, Acting Vice President, Economic Governance, African Development Bank

**Discussants:**

- Mr. Mohammed Nyaoga, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Central Bank of Kenya
- Hon. Lanciné Condé, Minister of Finance, Guinea
- Mr. Einar Gørrissen, Director General INTOSAI Development Initiative

- H.E. Amb. Bankole Adeoye, *Commissioner for Political Affairs, Peace and Security (AUC)*

*This section will focus on lessons learned in the management of the COVID-19 crisis. It will highlight how good governance has prepared countries to build resilience to health and other shocks and discuss how e-government and big data helped formulate a policy response to the crisis. The panel will also show how the emergency highlighted and emphasized many of the governance weaknesses that remain, including extensive exposure to corruption, which in turn prevented the sound functioning of transparency and accountability mechanisms or reforms to set them up. The section will discuss real-time audits and the challenges and successes met by supreme audit institutions in supporting the government to implement large spending programs to save lives and social capital. The session will dissect the interrelations between economic fragility and governance, including in the context of the security crisis in the Sahel region. The session will discuss which governance mechanisms could support African countries' response to the impacts of the increase in food and fuel prices in the wake of the rise in global inflation and the security crisis in Europe.*

16: 00 – 16: 15

**Coffee / Tea Break**

16:15 – 17:45

**Session V: Views Outside the Public Sector**

- **Chairperson:** H.E. Joyce Banda, Former President, Malawi
- **Speaker:** Mr. Abdourahmane Sano, President PCUD, Guinea

**Discussants:**

- Ms. Elizabeth Sidiropoulos, Chief Executive of SAIIA South African Institute for International Affairs
- Mr. Paul Rowley, Executive Vice President, De Beers Global Sightholder Sales
- Mr. Neil Cole, Exec. Sec. Collaborative Africa Budget Reform Initiative (CABRI)

*This section will summarize the presentations made by public sector officials during the day from the perspective of the non-official sector. Panelists will discuss public sector officials' assessments of corruption in the continent. They will point to promising governance reforms in Africa and identify gaps in the official discourse that slow down progress in the fight against corruption. Panelists will indicate what reforms worked well to improve the governance of COVID-19 emergency financing and how these reforms can help in addressing the global rise in food and fuel prices. Panelists will talk to the interrelations between good governance in private corporations and in public organizations.*

**Day 2, Tuesday June 14, 2022**

09: 00 – 10: 30

**Plenary: Transmission Mechanisms of the Impacts of Corruption on the Economy**

09: 00 – 10: 30

**Session VI: A Framework for Understanding Governance and Corruption / Illicit Financial Flows and Transnational Corruption**

**Moderator: Ms. Christie Cole, CNBC Journalist**

**Panelists:**

- Professor Elizabeth David-Barrett, University of Sussex
- Professor John Mukum Mbaku, Weber State University

- Ms. Ragnheiður Elín Árnadóttir, Director Development Centre, OECD

*The panel will outline how bad governance and corruption impact development. The speakers will provide a framework to think about how corruption can hamper financial intermediation, physical and human capital, productivity, government effectiveness and public trust in government. It will shed light on the political economy of governance reforms and the structure of reform incentives and indicate why many countries in Africa find it difficult to win the fight against corruption. The talk will link countries' resilience to the COVID-19 to the quality of their institutions and economic governance. The speakers will discuss the elements of the Fund's Enhanced Governance Framework on transnational aspects of corruption and elaborate on how the fight against transnational corruption and crime and supply side of corruption should be an integral part of any strategy to root out corruption. The speaker will review the international organizations active on the fight against corruption and identify areas that are left unattended by these organizations and possible overlaps.*

10: 30 – 10: 45

### Session VII: Housekeeping

This intervention by ATI's Diksha Ramdawa and AUC's Rumbidzai Manhando will share practical information on the organization of breakout rooms (virtual and physical).

10: 45 – 11: 00

### Coffee / Tea break

11: 00 – 12: 30

## Break-out Sessions – Key Policy Areas on Governance and Corruption Issues Facing the Continent

11: 00 – 12: 30

### Session VIII: Fiscal Governance and Vulnerabilities to Corruption

#### Chairperson

- Hon. Nadia Fettah Alaoui, *Minister of Economy and Finance, Morocco*

#### Speaker

- Mr. Abdelhak Senhadji, *Deputy Director, IMF Fiscal Affairs Department*

#### Discussants

- Mr. Tarek Hassan Amer, *Governor, Central Bank of Egypt*
- Ms. Charity H. Nchimunya, *Executive Secretary, AU Advisory Board on Corruption*
- Hon. Ms. Irene Ovonji-Odida, *Mbeki High Level Panel on IFFs from Africa*

*This session will discuss the benefits of strengthening fiscal governance. Following an overview of the elements of fiscal governance, reform experiences within or outside the region will be discussed. The experiences will cover the areas of public financial management, revenue administration, fiscal transparency, and SOE oversight. The discussion will highlight the benefits of reforms in these areas and challenges in implementing such reforms, while distilling lessons learned from the experiences.*

11: 00 – 12: 30

### Session IX: Key Governance Issues in the Financial Sector Oversight and Central Bank

#### Chairperson

- Ms. Malangu Kabedi Mbuyi, *Governor of the Banque Centrale du Congo*

#### Speaker

- Prof Edoh Kossi AMENOUNVE, CEO of BVRM and President of the African Securities Exchanges Association

#### **Discussants**

- Mr. Henri Edmond Rabarijohn, *Governor, Banky Foiben'i Madagasikara*
- Steven Lefentse Bogatsu CEO of First National Bank of Botswana
- Mrs. Fabiana Melo, Deputy Division Chief, IMF Monetary and Capital Markets Department

*This session will allow a discussion of the findings of the governance assessments relating to the financial sector's oversight and central bank governance. The discussions will cover governance issues of supervisory authorities and the quality of regulatory and supervisory framework for banks' corporate governance. The panel will show how strengthening governance is essential for building more resilient financial sector and preventing it from being used for corruption. The session will also discuss Central Bank's legal framework, external and internal audit, reporting, and internal controls. Central Bankers will have an opportunity to share their experience on measures that could boost good governance. The role of central bank governance on the sound management of exceptional COVID-19 financing will be discussed.*

11: 00 – 12: 30

#### **Session X: Challenges in Implementation of Anti-Corruption Policies and Frameworks**

##### **Chairperson**

- Mr. Rueben Lifuka, Vice-Chair of the Board, Transparency International

##### **Speaker**

- Ms. Rhoda Weeks-Brown, *Director, IMF Legal Department*

##### **Discussants**

- Mr. Abdourahmane Sano, President PCUD, Guinea
- Mr. Tymon Katlholo, Directorate on Corruption and Economic Crime, Botswana
- Mr. John Githango, first head of the Kenya Anticorruption Agency, Kenya
- Head of Anti-Corruption Unit

*This session will elaborate on the findings of the governance assessments and other work by the IMF and the AU on robust anti-corruption frameworks and mechanisms, including asset declaration and asset recovery legislation, beneficial ownership mechanisms and sharing of information with disclosure agencies abroad, and a fair and effective execution of existing laws and regulations. The panel will discuss why prosecutions and initiated investigations on corruption are so low and why most of the investigations are initiated abroad (e.g., Mozambique). The panel will offer a review of Anti-Money Laundering (AML) good practices and how the region fares.*

11: 00 – 12: 30

#### **Session XI: Audits and Rule of Law**

##### **Chairperson**

- Chief Justice Raymond Zondo, President of State Capture Commission

##### **Speaker**

- Mr. Mamadou Faye, *President of AFROSAI*

##### **Discussants**

- Professor Elizabeth David-Barrett, *University of Sussex*
- Mr. Emeka Jude Phillipe Obegolu, *President of the Executive Committee of the Pan African Lawyers' Union*

- Ms. Ragnheiður Elín Árnadóttir, *Director Development Centre, OECD*

*This session will discuss how supreme audit institutions helped ensure a good use of exceptional financing to help countries cope with the COVID-19 pandemic and how these SAIs can be further empowered. The panel will elaborate on the findings of the real-time audits implemented in the context of the pandemic and draw lessons from challenges in conducting audits during crises. The panel will discuss the fallouts of the audit reports in Africa and what can be done to bolster their effectiveness in curbing corruption.*

**11: 00 – 12: 30**

## **Session XII: Addressing Corruption in Fragile Country Settings**

**Moderator: Alex Segura-Ubiergo**

### **Panel**

- Monique Newiak, IMF resident representative in Sierra Leone co-editor
- Joel Turkewitz, IMF Legal department, author
- Sebastiaan Pompe, IMF Legal department, author

*This session will present a chapter of the IMF book on governance in Sub-Saharan Africa, which focuses on the role of corruption in the multidimensional sources and symptoms of fragility. The panel will focus on how international partners supporting fragile countries balance, on the one hand, assisting them to improve access to international markets by lifting their macroeconomic frameworks to international standards, with, on the other hand, a country-based approach emphasizing institutional resilience. Panelists will discuss the increasing prominence of governance and anticorruption measures in the engagement by the IMF and the AUC with their members, and the growing emphasis on country-tailored approaches. This session will be available to ATI alumni who can connect through Zoom and participate in the discussion.*

**12: 30 – 14: 00**

**Lunch**

**14: 00 – 15:30**

## **Plenary: Take Stock and Press Forward**

**14: 00 – 15:30**

## **Session XIII: Reporting Back from Breakout Sessions**

### **Chairperson**

- H.E. Joyce Banda, Former President of Malawi

### **Speakers**

- Hon. Ms. Nadia Fettah, Minister of Economy and Finance, Morocco
  - *Fiscal governance and Vulnerabilities to Corruption*
- Ms. Malangu Kabedi Mbuyi, Governor of the Banque Centrale du Congo
  - *Key Issues in the Financial Sector*
- Chief Justice Raymond Zondo, President of State Capture Commission
  - *Real-Time Audits and Rule of Law*
- Mr. Rueben Lifuka, Vice-Chair of the Board, Transparency International
  - *Challenges in implementation of Anti-Corruption Policies and Frameworks*

*The objective of the session is to take stock of discussions on the governance weaknesses following the structure of the IMF's Framework for Enhanced Fund Engagement on Governance, while ensuring all stakeholders' perspectives are reflected. After all speakers have reported back on discussions in their break-out session, the chairperson will moderate a conversation between these speakers with a view to reaching a holistic approach of the issue by connecting the dots from the breakout sessions and from the plenaries of the first day and finding consensus areas where stakeholders' perspectives converge.*

**15: 30 – 17: 00**      **Session XIV: The Way Forward – Raising Africa’s Governance Standards**

**Chairperson**

- Hon. Thabo Mbeki, Former President of South Africa

**Panelists**

- Mo Ibrahim, Mo Ibrahim Foundation
- H.E. Amb. Bankole Adeoye, Commissioner for Political Affairs, Peace and Security (AUC)
- Mr. Abebe Aemro Selassie, *Director, IMF African Department*
- Mr. Ousmane Diagana, Vice President, Western and Central Africa, World Bank
- Professor Kevin Urama, Acting Vice President, African Development Bank
- Chief Justice Raymond Zondo, President of State Capture Commission
- Hon. Ms. Nadia Fettah, *Minister of Economy and Finance, Morocco*
- Mr. Tarek Hassan Amer, *Governor, Central Bank of Egypt*

*The panel will summarize discussions in a forward-looking manner to emerge from current shocks and to promote economic transformation by strengthening governance and reducing corruption. Panelists will touch upon options to enhance anti-corruption frameworks (including beneficial ownership and asset declarations systems), curb Illicit Financial Flows (IFFs) and boost Stolen Assets Recovery programs by leveraging digitalization and big data and data analytics. The speakers will identify areas where external support is needed, including capacity development. Panelists will discuss the role their organization could take. The chair will identify avenues for scaling up and coordinating international organizations’ support in the fight for good governance and against corruption.*

**17: 00 – 17: 10**      **Closing Remarks by**

- *Hon. Mr. Moses Dinekere Pelaelo, Governor of the Central Bank of Botswana*

**17: 10 – 17: 20**      **Discussion of the joint press release**

**17: 20 – 17: 30**      **Concluding Statement**

**19 : 00**              **Dinner**