



**4th SubCommittee on Tax and IFFs of the
Specialized Technical Committee on
Finance, Monetary Affairs, Economic
Planning and Integration**

**05 to 09 May 2025
Lusaka, Zambia**

08:00 hrs (Lusaka Time) GMT +2

08:00-09:00hrs	Registration
09:00-10:30hrs	Session I: Opening of the meeting Moderator: Dr. Patrick Ndzana Olomo - Ag. Director Economic Development, Integration and Trade- Department for Economic Development, Trade, Tourism, Industry and Minerals, African Union Commission Welcome Remarks: H.E. Dr. Situmbeko Musokotwane, Minister of Finance, Zambia/ Mr. Dingani Banda, The Honourable Commissioner General of Taxes, the Republic of Zambia Opening Statements <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ms. Chenai Mukumba - Executive Director, Tax Justice Network Africa (TJNA)• Ms. Mary Baine – Deputy Executive Secretary, African Tax Administration Forum (ATAF)• Rep. United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) (TBC)• Hon. Chief Charumbira F.Z., President of Pan African Parliament• H.E. Ambassador Selma Malika Haddadi Deputy Chairperson, African Union Commission• Representative from MS- Chairperson of the Experts STC Bureau Keynote Address: H.E. Hakainde Hichilema, President of the Republic of Zambia (TBC)
10:30-10:45hrs	Group Photo and Coffee Break
10:45-11:00hrs	Adoption of the Draft Agenda and Programme of Work Session Lead- Dr. Patrick Ndzana Olomo - Ag. Director Economic Development, Integration and Trade- Department for Economic Development, Trade, Tourism, Industry and Minerals, African Union Commission
11:00-12:30hrs	Session II: High Level Panel discussion on the theme of the 4th STC Subcommittee on Tax and IFFs: "Advancing Africa's Agenda 2063 Through Tax and Fiscal Policy Measures to Enhance Domestic Resource Mobilisation" This panel discussion will explore how tax and fiscal policy measures can drive Africa's ambition for self-sufficiency and sustainable development in line with the Vision and Aspirations under Agenda 2063. Experts and policymakers will examine strategies to strengthen domestic resource mobilisation (DRM), tackle illicit financial flows (IFFs), and enhance Africa's influence in global tax rulemaking especially considering the new developments in international trade and possible implications for revenue mobilisation on the continent. Discussions will highlight ongoing efforts at the Member States' level, at the African Union (AU), African Tax Administration Forum (ATAF), Tax Justice Network Africa (TJNA), and the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA), focusing on their role in supporting tax policy reforms, capacity-building, and international negotiations—including Africa's engagement in the push for a UN Framework Convention on International Tax Cooperation. The session will set the stage for deeper deliberations on actionable reforms that can boost Africa's fiscal sovereignty, economic resilience, and equitable taxation of the digital economy and multinational enterprises.

Moderator: Dr. Patrick Ndzana Olomo - Ag. Director Economic Development, Integration and Trade- Department for Economic Development, Trade, Tourism, Industry and Minerals, African Union Commission

Scene Setting: H.E. Ambassador Selma Malika Haddadi Deputy Chairperson, African Union Commission

Panellists:

- Hon. Mr. Dingani Banda- the Honourable Commissioner General of Taxes, the Republic of Zambia
- Hon. Mme Amel Abdellatif- Honorable Directrice Générale des Impôts – Ministère des Finances, Algeria
- Hon. Mr. Roger Athanase Meyong Abath – Honourable Director General of Taxes, Cameroon
- Hon. Dr. Leonildo Joao Lourenco Manuel- Administrador da Administração Geral Tributária, Angola
- H.E. Mr. Moses Vilakati, Commissioner for Agriculture, Rural Development, Blue Economy and Sustainable Environment and Acting Commissioner for Economic Development, Trade, Tourism, Industry and Minerals, African Union (TBC)
- Rep., United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) (TBC)
- Ms. Mary Baine – Deputy Executive Secretary, African Tax Administration Forum (ATAF)
- Ms. Chenai Mukumba - Executive Director, Tax Justice Network Africa (TJNA)

General discussion

12:30-13:30hrs

Session III: Progress Report on the implementation of the 3rd STC SubCommittee on Tax and IFFs Recommendations

This session will provide a critical update on the implementation of the recommendations from the 3rd STC SubCommittee on Tax and IFFs. Experts from the AU, ATAF, TJNA, and the UNECA will present progress on global tax reforms, capacity building on tax and DRM being provided to Member States, piloting of the anti-IFFs policy tracker tool, and implementing the AU's tax and IFFs strategies. The session will also highlight regional and in-country support initiatives aimed at strengthening domestic resource mobilization, as well as Africa's engagement with international tax platforms, including the OECD, G20, and the UN, to ensure African priorities—such as fair taxation of multinational enterprises and combating tax avoidance—are reflected in global discussions. This will be a strategic opportunity for policymakers and tax experts to assess progress, share best practices, and enhance Africa's coordination and advocacy in global tax governance.

Moderator: Ms. Rumbidzai Treddah Manhando, Programme Coordinator AUFIs, African Union Commission

Presentations [7 Mins per presentation]

- Ms. Luckystar Miyandazi – Tax and Domestic Resource Mobilisation Adviser, African Union Commission (AUC)
- Mr.Thulani Shongwe - Head of Africa Multi-Lateral Cooperation, African Tax Administration Forum (ATAF)
- Ms. Everlyn Muendo- Policy Officer, Tax Justice Network Africa (TJNA)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Gamal Eltaib Ibrahim - Chief, Economic Governance and Public Finance, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) <p>General discussion [30 Mins]</p>
13:30-14:30hrs	Lunch Break
14:30-15:30hrs	<p>Session IV: From Implementation to Influence—Africa’s Path in Regional and Global Tax Reform</p> <p>Africa is actively shaping the future of regional and international tax cooperation, advocating for greater focus on combatting illicit financial flows (IFFs), a United Nations Framework Convention on International Tax Cooperation to establish a fairer, more transparent, and inclusive global tax system. Analytical data indicates that Africa's annual losses due to illicit financial flows surged from approximately usd 50billion in 2015 to around usd 90 billion by 2020. This amount constitutes 3.7% of the continent's total GDP and is nearly equivalent to the sum of annual foreign direct investment and development aid inflows into Africa. Further, as the continent seeks to strengthen its voice in global tax negotiations, this session will explore its strategic engagement in the UN, OECD, and G20, Fourth International Conference on Financing for Development (FfD4) ensuring that international tax rules align with Africa’s development priorities, especially on self-financing. The discussion will also examine African countries’ perspectives on the OECD Two-Pillar Solution, while adapting global tax frameworks to local economic contexts and implications on countries that do not adopt such frameworks. Experts will highlight the importance of enhancing Africa’s negotiation capacity in critical areas, including taxation of cross-border digital services, resolution of tax disputes, combating Illicit Financial Flows (IFFs), and addressing Base Erosion and Profit Shifting (BEPS). Further, the session will highlight what African countries are doing to build stronger systems to detect and prevent money laundering and illicit financial flows. This session aims to position Africa not just as a rule-taker but as a rule-maker, ensuring that international tax reforms support the continent’s development vision under Agenda 2063.</p> <p>Presentations: Mr. Thulani Shongwe - Head of Africa Multi-Lateral Cooperation, African Tax Administration Forum (ATAF) and Evelyn Muendo, Policy Officer (TJNA) [15mns]</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Emmanuel Eze, Senior Advisor: Tax Policy, African Union</p> <p>Panellists [7mns per panelist]:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Fahd Loubaris - Division de la coopération et fiscalité internationale - Direction Générale des impôts au Maroc, • Mr. Alpha Ngom- conseiller technique principal auprès du Direction Générale des Impôts et des Domaines du Sénégal and African Group Negotiator, Senegal • Mr. Mlungisi Mthembu- Deputy Director, International tax and treaties, South Africa • Mr. Elysee Nyuzwenimana- Tax Policy Analyst, Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning, Rwanda • Mr. Abdoulaye Coulibaly - Director of Governance and Economic Reforms Department at the African Development Group (AfDB) <p>General discussion -20mns</p>
15:30-15:45 hrs	Coffee Break
16:00-17:30	<p>Session V: Implementation of African Union Tax and IFFs Strategies for Africa’s Financial Independence</p> <p>This session will explore the African Union’s Tax Strategy and IFFs Strategy developed in 2021, focusing on their implementation thus far across Member States. Discussions will highlight key</p>

challenges, best practices, and policy recommendations to enhance Domestic Resource Mobilisation (DRM), curb tax evasion, avoidance and strengthen tax administration. By fostering regional cooperation and aligning tax policies, the session aims to advance Africa's position in global tax governance and secure the continent's economic future.

Presentation: Mr. Desterious Mbwoyi Shilabukha, Domestic Resource Mobilisation Expert, African Union [15 Mins]

Moderator: Mr. Laban Simbeye - Director Zambia Revenue Authority

Panellists [7mins per panellist]:

- Hon. Mr. Andrew N. Ngolloe- Assistant Minister for Revenue and Tax Policy, Liberia
- Mr. Mohamed Mizouri – Deputy Director, Ministry of Finance, Tunisia
- Mr. Freddy Milambo Mbombo - Director & Head of Research and Planning, Ministry of Finance, DR Congo
- Mr. Faycal Abdoulaye, Chef de division de la legislation et des Relations Fiscales des Internationales, Cameroon
- Mr Siphe - Okuhle Fakudze (Senior Finance Officer - Indirect Taxation Policy Division) or Mr Hilton Dlamini (Principal Finance Officer - Direct Taxation Policy Division), Eswatini (TBC)
- Mr. Tinashe Chirenda – Principal Economist, Revenue and Tax Policy, Ministry of Finance, Economic Development and Investment Promotion, Zimbabwe

General discussion [30 mins]

19:00-21:00

Welcome Cocktails and Networking- Intercontinental Hotel, Haile Selassie Ave, Lusaka 10101, Zambia

Day 2 – Tuesday 06 May 2025

09:00-10:30hrs

Session VI: Taxation of the Digital Economy in Africa

With Africa's digital economy projected to reach \$712 billion by 2050, the continent faces both opportunities and challenges in ensuring fair and effective taxation of digital transactions. Panelists will explore practical approaches to tackling the direct tax challenges of the digital economy by devising avenues to capturing revenue from digital platforms, ensuring that multinationals, including tech companies contribute their fair share, and harmonizing digital tax policies across African jurisdictions. Discussions will also focus on how African countries can navigate existing constraints within the global tax lexicon while maintaining fiscal sovereignty in their pursuit of revenue and also fostering a competitive digital economy. A key consideration will be on direct tax mechanisms, including Digital Service Taxes (DSTs) and Significant Economic Presence (SEP) rules, to highlight Africa's progress, identify remaining gaps, and chart a roadmap for effective, equitable, and administrable digital taxation. The session will also highlight outcomes from the April 2025 International Conference on Digital Economy Taxation, addressing persistent challenges, regulatory frameworks, and global tax cooperation. These insights will help to finalise Africa's common position on digital taxation, strengthening domestic resource mobilization and informing high-level policy recommendations at regional and global tax forums.

Presentations 1 On the status of the digital economy in Africa, opportunities and challenges: Mr. Anthony Munanda, Head of Domestic Resource Division, African Tax Administration Forum (ATAF) - 10mins

Presentation 2 on Outcome of the conference on taxation of the digital economy in Africa by ACBF: Dr. Barassou Diawara, Senior Knowledge Management Expert, the African Capacity Building Foundation (ACBF) - **10mins**

Moderator: Ms. Luckystar Miyandazi – Tax and Domestic Resource Mobilisation Adviser, African Union Commission

Panellist [7Mins per panellist]:

- Mr. Maurice Oray- Deputy Commissioner, Corporate Policy Unit, Kenya Revenue Authority, Kenya
- Mr. Milikani Chilisa –Ministry of Finance and Economic Development in Botswana
- Mr. Nianavel Armoogum, Lead Analyst, International Taxation Unit, Ministry of Finance, Mauritius
- Prof. Yemi Akinkoye, Special Adviser to Executive Chairman, FIRS, Nigeria
- Mr. Seka Yvan Serge: Director of Investigations, Intelligence and Risk Analysis, General Directorate of Taxes, Côte d'Ivoire

General Discussion – [25 Mins]

10:30-11:30hrs

Session VII: VAT and the Informal Sector—Africa’s Untapped Revenue Frontier

This session will examine the indirect tax challenges and opportunities related to Value Added Tax (VAT), including in the context of the informal sector. The expert presenter shall highlight the difficulties in applying VAT effectively due to issues such as the limited enforcement capacity of tax administrations and the widespread nature of informal economic activity, which often escapes taxation and leads to revenue losses. He will emphasize global best practices, including the destination principle and simplified compliance frameworks, as well as harmonization/standardization and exchange of e-invoices, which will be discussed as effective solutions. Strengthening VAT frameworks and regional harmonisation are crucial steps to improving tax collection. The session may underline the importance of leveraging technology, enhancing international cooperation, and coordinating efforts through organisations such as ATAF and the African Union to secure much-needed revenue.

Presentation: Mr. Emeka Nwankwo, Head Member Services, African Tax Administration Forum [15mins]

Moderator: Ms. Chenai Mukumba - Executive Director, Tax Justice Network Africa (TJNA)

Panellists [6 mns each]:

- Mme. Annonciate Nshimirimana, Directeur Generale de Budget et de la Politique Fiscale, Ministere des Finances, du Budget et de la Planification Economique, Burundi
- Mr. Mulay Weldu Asegehegn – Head, Tax Policy, Ministry of Finance, Ethiopia
- Mr. Houcein Mejdoub – Deputy Director, Public Debt Directorate, Ministry of Finance, Mauritanie
- Mr. Muksini Issa Mkumba, Economist at the Ministry of Finance of the United Republic of Tanzania
- Ms. Assisa Aly – Economist, Ministry of Finance - Mozambique

	<p>General Discussion: - 10mns</p>
<p>11:30-11:50hrs</p>	<p>Coffee Break</p>
<p>12:00-13:00hrs</p>	<p>Session VIII: AfCFTA: Boosting Intra-African Trade Through Tax and Fiscal Measures</p> <p>This session will explore the role of tax and fiscal measures in enhancing intra-African trade under the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA). Discussions will highlight how harmonised tax policies, reduced trade barriers, and improved fiscal incentives will facilitate cross-border trade and economic integration. Experts will emphasise the need for coordinated tax regimes to prevent double taxation, curb illicit financial flows, and create a more predictable business environment. The session will also address the importance of balancing revenue mobilisation with trade liberalisation to ensure that tax reforms support both government revenues and private sector growth. Participants will underscore the necessity of strengthening institutional capacity, leveraging digital tax administration, and fostering collaboration among African nations to fully realise the benefits of AfCFTA and drive sustainable economic development across the continent.</p> <p>Presentation: Mr. Emmanuel Eze, Senior Advisor: Tax Policy, African Union [10mns]</p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Gamal Eltaib Ibrahim – Chief, Economic Governance and Public Finance, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA)</p> <p>Panellists [6mns each]:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mr. Victor Kofi Baidoo, Principal Economic Officer and Head, Revenue Assurance and Compliance Enforcement, Ministry of Finance, Ghana ● Mr Watson Chirwa, Legal Service Manager, Malawi Revenue Authority (MRA), Malawi ● Mr. Antonio Sima Sima Avomo, Equatorial Guinea ● Zambia (Representative TBC) ● Mr. Pouwemdéou TCHILA, Head of Risk Analysis and Monitoring - Evaluation Division, Togo <p>General Discussion -15 mns</p>
<p>13:00-14:00hrs</p>	<p>Lunch Break</p>
<p>14:00-15:00hrs</p>	<p>Session IX: Presentation of the experiences of countries on the piloting of the anti-IFFs policy tracker tool and other anti-IFFs measures</p> <p>Tax Justice Network Africa (TJNA) will share their insights on implementing this innovative tool, the Anti-IFFs Policy Tracker developed by the African Union and TJNA, designed to monitor, assess, and strengthen tax-based anti-IFF policies across African countries, providing stakeholders with up-to-date information and actionable insights to combat illicit financial flows. By piloting this tool, African countries aim to generate disaggregated evidence to inform policy interventions, enhance domestic resource mobilization, and foster transparency in financial systems. This session will delve into the challenges faced, lessons learned, and the potential for broader adoption of the tracker to bolster Africa's economic resilience.</p> <p>Presentation: Ms. Chenai Mukumba - Executive Director, Tax Justice Network Africa (TJNA) -10mns</p>

	<p>Moderator: Mr. Desterious Mbwoyi Shilabukha, Domestic Resource Mobilisation Expert, African Union</p> <p>Panellists [7mns each]:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Ronald Nyenje Makumbi- Manager Tax Expenditure Analysis, Uganda Revenue Authority (URA), Uganda • Mr. Victor Kofi Baidoo, Principal Economic Officer and Head, Revenue Assurance and Compliance Enforcement, Ministry of Finance, Ghana • Mr. Mohamed Bailey, Deputy Director, Revenue and Tax Policy, Ministry of Finance, Sierra Leone • Mr. Bello John – Principal Development Officer, International Economic Relations, Ministry of Finance, Nigeria <p>General Discussion –[15mns]</p>
15:00-16:00hrs	<p>Session X: Strengthening Enforcement, Follow-Up, and Policy Linkages in DRM and the Fight Against IFFs</p> <p>Despite progress in anti-corruption and parliamentary oversight, many countries still face challenges in turning commitments into meaningful action. This session will focus on practical strategies to strengthen enforcement, follow-up, and policy linkages in the fight against illicit financial flows (IFFs). Panelists will discuss how to move from dialogue to concrete results, share success stories, and explore the next steps for closing the enforcement gap. The session will also highlight the critical role of parliamentarians and the judiciary in ensuring accountability and transparency.</p> <p>Moderator: Belema Obuoforibo, Director of the International Bureau of Fiscal Documentation (IBFD) Knowledge Centre, Member of IBFD’s Executive Board, and Chair of the Centre for Studies in African Taxation (CSAT)</p> <p>Panellists [6mns each]:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hon. Warren Mwambazi, MP, Zambia, Africa Organisation for Public Accounts Committees (AFROPAC) • Hon. Abena Osei – Asare, MP, Ghana, Africa Organisation for Public Accounts Committees (AFROPAC) • Mamadou Saliou DIALLO, Magistrat Commissaire Général du Gouvernement Cour des comptes, République de Guinée (TBC) • AFROSAI (TBC) • Panelist TBC <p>General Discussion [15 mns]</p>
16:00-16:30hrs	Coffee Break
16:30-17:00hrs	Recap of the Two Days Outcomes
<p><i>Day 3 – Wednesday 07 May 2025- Beneficial Ownership Transparency (BOT) - Setting the Stage for BO and Transparency</i></p>	

<p>09:00–10:30hrs</p>	<p>Session XI: Opening Remarks and Keynote Address</p> <p>Moderator: Open Ownership</p> <p>Welcome Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Dr. Patrick Ndzana Olomo - Ag. Director Economic Development, Integration and Trade-Department for Economic Development, Trade, Tourism, Industry and Minerals, African Union Commission</i> ● <i>Thom Townsend, Executive Director, Open Ownership</i> <p>Opening Statements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Rep from Zambia</i> ● <i>Mr. Abdoulaye Coulibaly, Director, African Development Bank</i> ● <i>Mr. Chris Chalmers, Deputy Director, United Kingdom Foreign Commonwealth Development Office</i> ● <i>Commissioner for Economic Development, Trade, Tourism, Industry, and Minerals, African Union Commission</i>
<p>10:30–11:30hrs</p>	<p>Session XII: Introducing the concept of Beneficial Ownership Transparency (BOT) and the progress in Africa</p> <p>Part 1: Introducing the concept of BOT</p> <p>Beneficial Ownership Transparency (BOT) is a crucial tool in the fight against IFFs, tax evasion, and corruption, all of which thrive on the wheels of secrecy and opacity. e BOT disrupts this secrecy by revealing who truly owns and controls companies, trusts, and other legal entities, making it harder for these resource-draining activities to thrive undetected.</p> <p>This first part of the session aims to establish a shared understanding of the fundamentals of BOT and ensure that all participants are aligned on its importance, implementation, and potential to drive transformative change across Africa’s financial landscape. This session will introduce the concept of BOT to the member states, highlighting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● What BOT is: A policy and technical overview of the concept of beneficial ownership ● Why BOT matters: Why BOT is important as a tool to strengthen financial integrity, tax compliance, and anti-corruption efforts. ● How BOT works in practice: The key elements of an effective BOT regime, from commitment to impact <p>Moderator: <i>Presentation: Open Ownership</i></p> <p><i>General Discussion/Q&A</i></p>
<p>11:30–11:45hrs</p>	<p>Coffee Break</p>
<p>11:45–13:00hrs</p>	<p>Session XIII: Introducing the concept of Beneficial Ownership Transparency (BOT) and the progress in Africa</p> <p>Part 2: Progress in Africa from the voices of the implementers (Panel Discussion)</p> <p>Africa is making bold strides in BOT, with about 37 countries committed to reforms and 24 already implementing relevant laws. But what does this progress look like in practice? What</p>

	<p>lessons have been learned along the way? And how can we accelerate momentum to ensure BOT delivers real impact in curbing IFFs, strengthening governance, and boosting DRM?</p> <p>This session will bring the voices of implementers to the forefront, offering first-hand insights into the policy and technical dimensions of BOT across Africa. Experts will highlight:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The key actors, frameworks, and resources driving BOT reforms • Success stories from jurisdictions that have made significant progress • Challenges and roadblocks—and possible solutions to overcome them <p>Through engaging discussions and practical case studies, this session will examine how African countries are aligning BOT initiatives with Agenda 2063 and global transparency standards, paving the way for a more transparent, fair, and economically empowered continent.</p> <p>Moderator: Open Ownership</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nigeria (TBC) • Zambia • Namibia (TBC) <p>Questions and Answers</p>
13:00–14:00hrs	Lunch Break
14:00–16:00hrs	<p>Session XIV: Maximizing the value of BO for Anti-IFF, Tax and DRM as a Tool to Address IFFs - Case studies</p> <p>This panel discussion will explore how BO reforms contribute to curbing financial crimes, enhancing fair taxation, and facilitating competitive trade. Experts will present case studies from African countries with established BO registries, showcasing the impact of using BO information, successes, challenges, and lessons learned. The session will also highlight how BOT can be leveraged as a policy tool to support domestic resource DRM and drive economic integrity across the continent, making a case for why and how BOT should be prioritised on national agendas of member states.</p> <p>Moderator: <i>Presentation: Open Ownership</i></p> <p>Speakers: <i>To be confirmed</i></p> <p>General Discussion</p>
16:30–16:45hrs	Coffee Break
16:45–17:00hrs	Recap of the Three Days Outcomes and Insights into Day Four
Day 4 – Thursday 08 May 2025- BO Practical Tools and Policy Development	
09:00–11:00hrs	<p>Session XV: Practical Training and Knowledge Exchange</p> <p>Hands-on training on a specific aspect of BOT implementation that emerges from potential planning discussions with member states.</p> <p>Moderator: <i>Presentation: Open Ownership</i></p> <p>Panellists:</p>

	<p><i>Group work</i></p> <p><i>General Discussion</i></p>
11:00-11:20hrs	Coffee Break
11:20-13:00hrs	<p>Session XVI: Regional Collaboration and Data Sharing</p> <p>Unlocking the Power of Cross-Border Beneficial Ownership Data Sharing</p> <p>As African nations advance BOT reforms, the ability to share and access BO information across jurisdictions is becoming increasingly critical to achieve impact. Illicit financial flows and corporate secrecy do not stop at national borders, making regional collaboration essential to strengthening enforcement, preventing tax evasion, and combating corruption.</p> <p>This session will explore how AU member states can expand their data-sharing commitments, highlighting the policy, legal, and regulatory building blocks needed to facilitate seamless, secure, and effective exchange of BO information. Participants will explore:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What comes to mind when they hear "regional data-sharing"—its purpose, risks, and opportunities. • The immediate barriers they see—legal, technical, political, or institutional challenges that may hinder effective cross-border data exchange. • What needs to be in place to make regional data sharing work <p>This discussion will not only surface critical policy, legal, and technical dependencies but also generate practical ideas and next steps for moving from ambition to action in making regional data sharing a reality.</p> <p>Moderator: <i>Presentation: Open Ownership</i></p> <p><i>Group work</i> <i>General Discussion</i></p>
13:00-14:00hrs	Lunch Break
14:15-16:00hrs	<p>Session XVII: Actionable Takeaways and Next Steps</p> <p>From Dialogue to Action: Turning Commitments into Concrete Steps</p> <p>Following our discussion on regional collaboration and data sharing and broader discussions on BOT in the preceding sessions, this session will focus on translating ideas into concrete next steps. We explored the value of BOT and regional data sharing means, the barriers that stand in the way, and what needs to be in place to make it work. Now, it's time to ask: What do we do next?</p> <p>This session will - (a) summarize key takeaways from the previous discussions, highlighting common themes, challenges, and opportunities; (b) identify priority actions for AU member states, including potential pilots, standards, or legal frameworks to facilitate cross-border BO data sharing and © discuss practical next steps, such as establishing bilateral or multilateral pilots with interested countries or defining a regional framework or standard for BO data exchange. and identify collective commitments to advancing BOT and optimising its value to advancing socio-economic development in Africa.</p>

	<p>Moderator: <i>Presentation: Open Ownership</i></p> <p>Panellists:</p> <p><i>General Discussion</i></p>
16:00-16:15hrs	Coffee Break
16:15-16:30hrs	Recap of the Four Days Outcomes
<i>Day 5 – Friday 09 May 2025</i>	
09:00-10:00hrs	<p>Session XVIII: International and Regional Collaboration and Support on Advancing Africa's Agenda 2063 Through Tax and Fiscal Policy Measures to Enhance Domestic Resource Mobilisation</p> <p>This session will explore how strategic tax and fiscal policy measures can strengthen Domestic Resource Mobilisation (DRM) to finance Africa’s development, in line with the goals of Agenda 2063. Achieving these ambitions requires enhanced international and regional partnerships—particularly in areas such as regional integration, infrastructure development, and sustainable growth. Guided by Aspiration 7 of Agenda 2063, which envisions Africa as a strong, united, and influential global actor, the session will emphasize the continent’s commitment to self-reliance. It will also highlight the efforts by the AU and MSs in forging effective partnerships and aligning them with Africa’s priorities for transformation. The discussion will bring together key stakeholders from Regional Economic Communities (RECs), civil society organizations, and international partners to explore practical strategies for financing Africa’s development on its own terms.</p> <p>Moderator: TBC</p> <p>Presentation: Ms. Martha Khungwa Munthali, Senior Policy Officer (Economics Matters), African Union Advisory Board Against Corruption(AUABC)</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (AfDB)- TBC • Mr Umaru Mu’azu- Director, Policy and Research- Intergovernmental Action Group Against Money laundering in West Africa (GIABA) • Mr. Adoum Gagoloum, Acting Executive Director for the African Union Institute for Statistics/STATAFRIC • <i>GIZ MDA Rep (TBC)</i> • Alexander Pick Head of Unit Centre for Tax Policy and Administration OECD • Oxfam in Africa (TBC) <p><i>General Discussion</i></p>
10:00-11:00hrs	Finalisation and Distribution of the 4th STC SubCommittee on Tax and IFFs Report
11:00-12:30hrs	<p>Session XIX: Consideration and Adoption of the 4th STC SubCommittee on Tax and IFFs Report</p> <p><i>Presentation: Rapporteur-African Union Commission</i></p> <p><i>General Discussion</i></p>
12:30-12:45hrs	Session XIX: Any Other Business

12:45-13:00hrs	Session XX: Closing of the Meeting Closing Remarks by: <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Commissioner for Economic Development, Trade, Tourism, Industry, and Minerals, African Union Commission● Representative from the Ministry of Finance Zambia● Representative from the Zambia Revenue Authority● Chairperson of the Bureau of the Experts' Meeting
13:00hrs	Lunch Break

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