

PROGRAMME

2022 ATI General Assembly

23 – 24 MARCH 2022 | 13:00 TO 17:00 (CET)



Background

Two years since the global COVID-19 pandemic started, the importance of joining domestic and international efforts to create the fiscal space to promote *a just and green recovery* has been revealed. Over this time, the members of the Addis Tax Initiative (ATI) have reaffirmed their political commitment to implement the Addis Ababa Action Agenda (AAAA) on Financing for Development through the launch of a new Declaration. The [ATI Declaration 2025](#) emphasises the role of coordinated and collective actions at the global, regional, national, and subnational levels to strengthen capacities of partner countries for closing recognised gaps in development finance. It also advocates for mobilising domestic revenues in an equitable, transparent and accountable manner.

The first ATI General Assembly in 2022 will provide a forum for ATI members to reflect on progress and challenges towards the fulfilment of the four new ATI commitments included in the ATI Declaration 2025 in the context of the *COVID-19 recovery*. In this sense, it will enable frank discussions on coordinated technical cooperation and activities in the area of domestic revenue mobilisation (DRM), which are particularly relevant for partner countries. Likewise, it will strategically guide the ATI, bringing the needs and priorities of ATI members to the fore and strengthening their engagement. In addition, the 2022 ATI General Assembly will revisit the ATI Matchmaking Platform, see the presentation of the 2019 ATI Monitoring Report, and bring together the ATI Consultative Groups to agree on further steps towards the accomplishment of the ATI Declaration 2025. The ATI General Assembly will thus provide a valuable opportunity to renew momentum regarding the ATI's contribution towards financing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

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Day 1: Taking stock and fortifying political commitment on DRM

23 March 2022

13:00 – 13:05

Introduction

Moderation by **Nozipho Tshabalala**

13:05 – 13:10

Welcome

Antti Karhunen, Director for “Sustainable Finance, Investment and Jobs; Economy that works for the People”, Directorate-General for International Partnerships, European Commission

13:10 – 13:30

Keynote address

The keynote address will shed light on the connection between the several costs caused by COVID-19 and its recovery through socially just and strong tax policies. In this context, it will also underline the continued relevance of promoting reforms for more transparent, equitable and efficient DRM, as well as the progress and challenges faced by partner countries in this area.

Navid Hanif, Director, Financing for Sustainable Development (FfSD) Office, UN DESA

13:30

2019 ATI Monitoring Report

The presentation of the 2019 ATI Monitoring Report will show the progress ATI partner countries and development partners have made towards achieving the three commitments under the original ATI Declaration from 2015. Likewise, the set of expert pieces will provide guidance on the work of the ATI until 2025.

13:30 – 13:50

Presentation of the 2019 ATI Monitoring Report

Steven Rozner, Senior Advisor, Economic Governance, USAID, United States, , and ATI Co-Chair

13:50 – 14:15

Presentation of expert pieces:

« Taxing more & taxing better: what can development partners do to support reforms » (ATI Commitment 1 – Former Declaration).

« Broadening the tax base: how & to whom? » (Commitment 2 – Former Declaration).

Giulia Mascagni, Research Director, International Centre for Tax and Development (ICTD)

« Measuring success in international tax: looking beyond the membership statistics » (Commitment 3 – Former Declaration).

Martin Hearson, Research Fellow, International Centre for Tax and Development (ICTD)

14:15 – 14:30

Open discussion and Q&A

All members / Moderator

14:30 – 14:45

ATI knowledge-building: Looking ahead to the Regional Workshops on Tax Expenditures

Building upon the joint workshop on tax expenditures organised by ATI, the German Development Institute (DIE) and the Council on Economic Policies (CEP) in 2021, this session will briefly describe the upcoming regional workshops (e.g. in East and West Africa) during 2022 and elaborate on the subject matter of these workshops as well as the target groups within the ATI membership.

Agustín Redonda, Senior Fellow, Council on Economic Policies (CEP)

14:45

Spotlight on ATI members' work: Experience exchange and lessons learnt

This session will provide a space for ATI members to present some hands-on perspectives in the area of DRM in the context of the COVID-19 recovery. ATI member countries and supporting organisations will thus provide valuable inputs in the form of experiences and lessons learnt linked to the implementation of DRM-related reforms and/or the provision of DRM support.

14:45 – 15:25

Intervention of ATI members

Óscar Orué, Deputy Minister of Taxation, Ministry of Finance, Paraguay

Tommy Carlsson, Project Manager in Office for International Projects, Swedish Tax Agency

Abdul Muheet Chowdhary, Senior Programme Officer, South Centre

Silvia Karellová, Head of International Taxation Methodology Unit, Ministry of Finance, Slovak Republic

Chenai Mukumba, Policy Research and Advocacy Manager, Tax Justice Network Africa (TJNA)

Ibrahim Alubala, Head of Advocacy, Program Development and Quality, Save the Children, Kenya, and **Ricardo Barrientos**, Senior Economist, Central American Institute of Fiscal Studies

Vegard Holmedahl, Advisor, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)

15:25 – 15:40

Open discussion and Q&A

All members / Moderator

15:40 – 15:50

Break

15:50

Panel Discussion: Just transition and green recovery and its role in promoting DRM

The panel will bring together ATI high-level representatives and experts to discuss the just transition and green recovery approach and its role promoting DRM. It will be followed by a moderated Q&A session where the audience can interact with the high-level representatives of the panel. The ultimately aim of the panel is to fortify political commitment among ATI members on this topic, as a key element towards the implementation of the ATI Declaration 2025 in an equitable and sustainable manner.

15:50 – 16:30

Panel Discussion

Emily Muyaa, Chief of the Capacity Development Unit, International Tax and Development Cooperation Branch, UN DESA

Logan Wort, Executive Secretary, African Tax Administration Forum (ATAF)

Per Fredrik Ilsaas Pharo, Director of Partnership and Shared Prosperity, Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (Norad)

16:30 – 16:50

Q&A

All members / Moderator

16:50 – 16:55

Next steps

The ATI Co-Chairs will outline next steps with regards to the development of the framework and the mode of collaboration in the ATI post-2020.

Jeneba Bangura, Deputy Commissioner General, National Revenue Authority, Sierra Leone

16:55 – 17:00

Closing

Juergen Zattler, Director General “International Development Policy, 2030 Agenda, and Climate”, German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)

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Day 2: Working together towards the implementation of the ATI Declaration 2025

24 March 2022

13:00 – 14:30

Meeting of ATI Consultative Group 1

The ATI Consultative Group 1 will meet to discuss relevant topics and products which will be part of the work plan 2022/2023. The group will be also informed about the final ATI monitoring framework for ATI Commitment 1.

*Facilitation ATI Secretariat / Moderation Co-Coordinator
ATI Consultative Group 1*

13:00 – 14:30

Meeting of ATI Consultative Group 2

The ATI Consultative Group 2 will meet to discuss relevant topics and products which will be part of the work plan 2022/2023. The group will be also informed about the final ATI monitoring framework for ATI Commitment 2.

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ATI Consultative Group 2*

14:30

Revisiting the ATI Matchmaking Platform

This session will revisit the ATI Matchmaking Platform by briefly describing its application as well as its status quo of participation. The subsequent panel and Q&A session will give ATI members the opportunity to discuss the experiences, opportunities but also possible concerns or challenges regarding an active usage of this platform, establishing the basis for active participation and regular exchange via the ATI Matchmaking Platform.

14:30 – 14:35

Introduction: The ATI Matchmaking Platform

ATI Secretariat

14:35 – 15:00

Panel session

Darlington Talery, Commissioner, Domestic Taxes Department, Liberia Revenue Authority

Isaac Gonzalo Arias Esteban, Director of Cooperation and International Taxation, Inter-American Center of Tax Administrations (CIAT)

Stina Färje, Project manager, Office for International Projects, Swedish Tax Agency

Moderated by **Wapinu A. Ndule**, West African Tax Administration Forum (WATAF)

15:00 – 15:20

Q&A

All members / Moderation WATAF

15:20 – 15:30

Break

15:30 – 17:00

Meeting of ATI Consultative Group 3

The ATI Consultative Group 3 will meet to discuss relevant topics and products which will be part of the work plan 2022/2023. The group will be also informed about the final ATI monitoring framework for ATI Commitment 3.

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ATI Consultative Group 3

15:30 – 17:00

Meeting of ATI Consultative Group 4

The ATI Consultative Group 4 will meet to discuss relevant topics and products which will be part of the work plan 2022/2023. The group will be also informed about the final ATI monitoring framework for ATI Commitment 4.

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ATI Consultative Group 4

Organisation

The event is organised and facilitated by the International Tax Compact (ITC) in its function as ATI Secretariat, funded by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and supported by the European Commission (EC). To attend the 2022 ATI General Assembly, members must [register online](#).

All sessions will be held via “Microsoft Teams”, a video conferencing tool that ensures high-quality privacy and security standards. All sessions will be held in English, with simultaneous interpretation to French and Spanish during the first day of the 2022 ATI General Assembly.

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