

Launch of the ATI Declaration 2025

at the 2021 ECOSOC Forum on Financing for Development

13 APRIL 2021 | 07:30H – 08:45H (EASTERN TIME)

OBJECTIVES

More than five years have passed since the launch of the Addis Tax Initiative (ATI) at the Third International Conference on Financing for Development in 2015. Over this time period, the ATI has evolved into an increasingly important player in the field of tax and developing, accounting for 62 member countries and supporting organisations to date. The ATI has significantly contributed to the implementation of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda and is firmly anchored within the Financing for Development (FfD) process.

The new **ATI Declaration 2025** was developed last year by the members of the initiative in a highly participatory and inclusive process. This new partnership agenda reflects members' common vision of a world where partner countries can generate sufficient domestic revenues in an equitable, accountable and transparent manner to fulfil the promise of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Members of the ATI believe that tax systems can provide manifold benefits to societies and economies by promoting economic growth, strengthening gender equality and empowering minorities, protecting the environment, and reducing inequalities.

The ATI Declaration 2025 will be officially launched in a high-level side event during the 2021 ECOSOC Forum on Financing for Development. The event will serve as an opportunity for members of the ATI to strengthen high-level commitment to domestic revenue mobilisation (DRM) as means to finance sustainable development and close recognised gaps in development finance.

The event is organised and facilitated by the International Tax Compact (ITC) in its function as ATI Secretariat and funded by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ). Please click [here](#) to register.

PROGRAMME

TIME (ET)	SESSIONS
07:30 – 07:35	Introduction <i>Moderation by Nozipho TSHABALALA</i>
07:35 – 07:40	Welcome by ATI Co-Chairs <i>Jeneba J. BANGURA, Deputy Commissioner-General, National Revenue Authority, Sierra Leone</i>
07:40 - 07:45	Opening remarks <i>Koen DOENS, Director-General, Directorate-General for International Partnerships, European Commission</i>



07:45 - 08:00

High-level statements on the ATI Declaration 2025 (part 1)

High-level representatives from ATI members will give statements to declare their support to the ATI Declaration 2025 and strengthen political buy-in of DRM reforms as means to finance the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Oscar ORUÉ, Deputy Minister of Taxation, Paraguay

Patricia N. LAVERLEY, First Deputy Minister of Finance, Sierra Leone

Meryame KITIR, Minister of Development Cooperation, Belgium

Ville SKINNARI, Minister for Development Cooperation and Foreign Trade, Finland



08:00 - 08:10

Presentation of the ATI Declaration 2025

The ATI Declaration 2025, its key strategic elements and the process that accompanied its drafting will be presented on behalf of the ATI post-2020 Task Force. The importance of the document in light of the current global situation will be assessed.

Rispah SIMIYU, Commissioner for Domestic Taxes, Kenya Revenue Authority

Erica GERRETSEN, Acting Director and Head of “Budget Support, Public Finance Management and Domestic Revenue Mobilisation”, Directorate-General for International Partnerships, European Commission



08:10 - 08:20

High-level statements on the ATI Declaration 2025 (part 2)

Maria FLACHSBARTH, Deputy Minister for Economic Development and Cooperation, Germany

Per OLSSON FRIDH, Minister for International Development Cooperation, Sweden

Zayabal.B, Commissioner of the General Department of Taxation, Mongolia

Bård Vegar SOLHJELL, Director General, Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (Norad)

Don CHISHOLM, Acting Deputy Assistant Administrator, Center for Democracy, Human Rights, and Governance, United States Agency for International Development (USAID), United States



08:20 - 08:40

Perspectives on the role of the ATI in the context of “Recover better”

Representatives from ATI member countries and supporting organisations will share their perspectives on why the ATI is relevant to foster collective action for DRM in partner countries as a means to finance the 2030 Agenda.

Essa JALLOW, Deputy Commissioner General, Gambia Revenue Authority, The Gambia

Katia MAIA, Executive Director, Oxfam Brasil

Steven ROZNER, Senior Advisor, Economic Governance, USAID, United States

Juergen ZATTLER, Director General “International Development Policy, Agenda 2030, Climate”, Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, Germany



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Closing by ATI Co-Chairs

Rachel TURNER, Director International Finance, Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO), United Kingdom