

# 2020 ATI General Assembly

## BACKGROUND

Five years have passed since the launch of the Addis Tax Initiative (ATI) in 2015. Over this time period, the ATI has evolved into an increasingly important player in the field of tax and development. The annual ATI General Assembly is an opportunity to take stock of the ATI's contribution towards financing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). This year, the presentation of the ATI Declaration 2025 will provide the opportunity for ATI members to reaffirm their political commitment to implement the Addis Ababa Action Agenda for Financing for Development (AAAA) with special emphasis on actions that improve domestic revenue mobilisation (DRM). In addition, the 2020 ATI General Assembly will see the presentation of the 2018 ATI Monitoring Report, the launch of the online ATI matchmaking platform and the get-together of the new composition of ATI Consultative Groups, which are in line with the ATI post-2020 commitments.

## PROGRAMME

### BOOSTING POLITICAL COMMITMENT FOR THE ATI DECLARATION 2025

17 NOVEMBER 2020

TIME (CET)	SESSIONS
14:00 – 14:05	<p>Introduction</p> <p><i>Moderation by <b>Nozipho Tshabalala</b></i></p>
14:05 – 14:10	<p>Welcome by ATI Co-Chairs</p> <p><i><b>Mamadou Gueye</b>, Directorate General of Taxes and Domains, Senegal</i></p>
14:10 – 14:30	<p>Presentation of the ATI Declaration 2025</p> <p>The ATI Declaration 2025 will be presented on behalf of the ATI post-2020 Task Force. The presentation will describe the process that accompanied the drafting of the document, highlight the key strategic elements and new commitments, and assess the importance of the document in light of the current global situation.</p> <p><i><b>Erica Gerretsen</b>, Head of “Budget Support, Public Finance Management and Domestic Revenue Mobilisation”, Directorate-General for International Cooperation and Development, European Commission</i></p> <p><i><b>Joseph Sirengo</b>, Chief Manager, Research and Surveys, Kenya Revenue Authority</i></p>
14:30 – 14:45	<p>Keynote address</p> <p>The keynote address will shed light on the significance of the ATI Declaration 2025 for the financing of the SDGs. Five years after the launch of the AAAA and the first ATI Declaration, it will assess the continued importance of the ATI and of the implementation of the ATI Declaration 2025 as a crucial enabler of collective action for enhancing DRM to close the SDG financing gap.</p> <p><i><b>Logan Wort</b>, Executive Secretary, African Tax Administration Forum (ATAF)</i></p>



14:45 – 15:00

#### Video with high-level statements on the ATI Declaration 2025

A compilation of pre-recorded statements of high-level representatives from ATI partner countries, development partners and ATI supporting organisations will be presented.

**Dag-Inge Ulstein**, Minister of International Development, Norway

**Germain**, Directeur General des Impôts de Madagascar

**Sigrid Kaag**, Minister for Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation, Netherlands

**Lan Mercado**, Asia Regional Director, Oxfam

**Eduard Heger**, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Slovak Republic

**Marcio Verdi**, Executive Secretary, Inter-American Center of Tax Administrations (CIAT)

**Cyrille Pierre**, Deputy Director General at the Directorate General for Global affairs, Culture, Education, and International Development, Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs, France

**Warren Krafchik**, Executive Director, International Budget Partnership (IBP)

**James Duddridge**, Minister for Africa at the Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO), United Kingdom

**Ville Skinnari**, Minister for Development Cooperation and Foreign Trade, Finland



15:00 – 15:30

#### High-level statements on the ATI Declaration 2025

High-level representatives from ATI partner countries, development partners and supporting organisations will have the opportunity to announce their support to the ATI Declaration 2025. These remarks will also allow ATI members to highlight specific elements of the ATI Declaration 2025 that are particularly relevant for their respective country or organisation.

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

**Thomas Nah**, Commissioner General, Liberia Revenue Authority

**Felix Fernández-Shaw**, Director “International Cooperation and Development Policies”, Directorate-General for International Cooperation and Development, European Commission

**Rispah Simiyu**, Commissioner for Domestic Taxes, Kenya Revenue Authority

**Michael Klosson**, Vice President for Policy and Humanitarian Response, Save the Children US



15:30 – 15:50

#### Open dialogue

ATI members will have the opportunity to raise questions and provide inputs on the ATI Declaration 2025.



15:50 – 15:55

#### 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.

**Laura Wilson**, Public Finance and Tax Department, FCDO, United Kingdom



15:55 – 16:00

#### Closing by ATI Co-Chairs

TACKLING STOCK AND SHARING GOOD PRACTICES ON ENHANCING DRM  
 18 NOVEMBER 2020

TIME (CET)	SESSION 1*
09:00 – 09:10	<p>Welcome and opening</p> <p>Moderation by <b>Nozipho Tshabalala</b></p>
09:10 – 09:30	<p>Presentation of the 2018 ATI Monitoring Report</p> <p>The presentation of the 2018 ATI Monitoring Report will provide insights on the progress made by ATI member countries towards meeting the commitments agreed upon in 2015. It will enable peer-learning through the dissemination of good practices and identify regional and topical trends in the area of DRM.</p> <p><b>Mamadou Gueye</b>, Directorate General of Taxes and Domains, Senegal</p>
09:30 – 09:50	<p>Q&amp;A session on the 2018 ATI Monitoring Report</p>
09:50 – 10:00	<p>Launch of the ATI Matchmaking Platform</p> <p>The ITC Secretariat will present the new online ATI matchmaking platform, which aims to support and promote collaboration between the ATI members by pairing countries and organisations according to their support needs and available expertise.</p> <p><i>ITC Secretariat</i></p>
10:00 – 10:15	<p>Q&amp;A session on the ATI Matchmaking Platform</p>
10:15 – 10:45	<p>Spotlight on ATI members' work and success stories on DRM</p> <p>This session will provide a platform for ATI members to present good practices and success stories. It will also give space for announcements about upcoming events, initiatives and relevant products.</p> <p><b>Zayabal Batjargal</b>, Commissioner, Mongolian Tax Authority</p> <p><b>Dr. Timo Voipio</b>, Programme Director "Taxation for Development (T4D)", Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland</p> <p><b>Mari Khurtsidze</b>, Head of International Taxation Division, Tax Policy Department, Ministry of Finance of Georgia</p> <p><b>Dr. Paolo de Renzio</b>, Senior Research Fellow, IBP</p> <p><b>Dwi Astuti</b>, Directorate-General of Taxes Indonesia, and <b>Wim Assink</b>, International Bureau for Fiscal Documentation (IBFD)</p>
10:45 – 10:55	<p>Q&amp;A session</p>
10:55 – 11:00	<p>Closing by ATI Co-Chair</p>

TIME (CET)	SESSION 2*
15:00 – 15:10	<p>Welcome and opening</p> <p><i>Moderation by <b>Nozipho Tshabalala</b></i></p>
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16:45 – 16:55	<p>Q&amp;A session</p>
16:55 – 17:00	<p>Closing by ATI Co-Chair</p>

\* Session 1 and 2 are identical in content. In session 1, simultaneous translation into French will be available. Please choose one of the two sessions based on your time and language preferences.

WORKING TOGETHER FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NEW ATI COMMITMENTS  
19 NOVEMBER 2020

## TIME (CET)

## SESSIONS



09:00 – 11:00

## Meeting of ATI Consultative Group 1

The newly constituted ATI Consultative Group 1 will meet for the first time to discuss about equitable tax policies as well as efficient, effective and transparent revenue administrations to enhance DRM.

*Facilitation by the ITC Secretariat*



09:00 – 11:00

## Meeting of ATI Consultative Group 2

The newly constituted ATI Consultative Group 2 will meet for the first time to discuss about DRM cooperation for country-owned tax reforms.

*Facilitation by the ITC Secretariat*



15:00 – 17:00

## Meeting of ATI Consultative Group 3

The newly constituted ATI Consultative Group 3 will meet for the first time to discuss about fostering DRM and combating illicit financial flows through coherent and coordinated policies.

*Facilitation by the ITC Secretariat*



15:00 – 17:00

## Meeting of ATI Consultative Group 4

The newly constituted ATI Consultative Group 4 will meet for the first time to discuss about enhancing space and capacity for accountability stakeholders in partner countries to engage in tax and revenue matters.

*Facilitation by the ITC Secretariat*

## ORGANISATION

The event is organised and facilitated by the International Tax Compact (ITC) in its function as Secretariat of the ATI and funded by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ). The ITC Secretariat will share a link with all ATI members for the online registration portal one week prior to the event.

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 individual inputs by francophone ATI member countries. Simultaneous interpretation English-French will be provided on the first day of the 2020 ATI General Assembly.

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