



INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE :

TACKLING ILLICIT FINANCIAL FLOWS: An African approach to a global phenomenon

Yaounde - Cameroon, from May 24-26, 2017

Hilton Hotel - Yaounde

ANNOUNCEMENT

The General Secretariat of AFROSAI is pleased to announce the holding of an International Conference In Yaoundé, Hilton Hotel, from 24 to 26 May 2017 on the theme “Illicit Financial Flows” organized by the network of Good Financial Governance (GFG) in Africa.

The GFG network works to promote good governance in the public finance sector and brings together the following organizations:

- ✓ African Tax Administration Forum (ATAF);
- ✓ Collaborative Africa Budget Reform Initiative (CABRI);
- ✓ African Organisation of Public Accounts Committee (AFROPAC);
- ✓ The African Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions (AFROSAI).

The main areas of action of the network are linked to the cycle of public finance management and are based on optimizing the mobilization of fiscal resources, improving fiscal transparency, strengthening external auditing of public finances and the development of parliamentary oversight of public finances.

The activities of the network are coordinated by the GIZ within the framework of the Good Financial Governance in Africa Programme set up in 2013 and financed by the European Union and the German Government.



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The International Conference on Illicit Financial Flows is organized with the financial support of GIZ, the European Union and the SAI of Cameroon in collaboration with the General Secretariat of AFROSAI.

OBJECTIVE OF THE CONFERENCE

The aim of this conference is not only to enable all the participants to develop a common understanding of illicit financial flows but also to be sensitized on actions undertaken by other actors in the fight against the said flows.

More specifically, it will permit:

- attendees to develop a shared and more nuanced understanding of IFF's challenges including the different pillars and levels.
- attendees to re-affirm their commitment to the Good Financial Governance by underscoring the importance of cooperation (GFG approach), and ensuring the sustainability of the network.
- networks to present their tools to tackle IFF.

EXPECTED RESULTS

- ✓ A common and shared understanding of the stakes and impacts of illicit financial flows on the development of African countries;
- ✓ Drafting of a concerted action plan on the activities to be carried out by the members of the network in the fight against the illicit financial flows;
- ✓ Put in place a mechanism to monitor the implementation of the Action Plan.

PARTICIPANTS

The Conference is open to experts and professionals of the Good Governance Network in Africa, notably:

- ✓ Supreme Audit Institutions (SAIs) of the African Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions (AFROSAI);
- ✓ Senators and Parliamentarians of the Budget and Finance Committees, as well as Parliamentary Account Committees in African Parliaments;
- ✓ Institutions and Agencies in African countries in charge of Budget and the Taxation;



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- ✓ The African Union experts from the Secretariat of the High-Level Group on Illicit Financial Flows from Africa;
- ✓ Technical and financial partners (BAD, WB, GIZ, European Union.....);
- ✓ Institutions and NGOs involved in the management of Public finance (GABAC, ITIE);
- ✓ Others experts and NGOs.

WORKING LANGUAGE

The working language of the conference will be French and English.

REGISTRATION

Participants to this International Conference are requested to fill out the attached registration form. In addition, Institutions are encouraged to registration more than one but not more than four delegates.

The designation of delegate is strongly recommended.

The filled out forms should be forwarded by **April 15, 2017** at the latest to :

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DUTIES

Each Institution will bear the cost related to the participation of their delegates to this conference (transport, lodging and feeding)

Coffee breaks and lunches will be offered to all delegates during the conference (May24-26, 2017)

For accommodation, a list of hotels has been provided in the registration form for delegates to make a choice.

INSURANCE



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Delegates are requested to take an adequate insurance policy during their stay. This should include at least medical and dental treatment (including hospitalization) as well as repatriation for medical reasons or due to death.

Delegates are advised to take their insurance policies before leaving their countries. The SAI of Cameroon and the General Secretariat of AFROSAI will not be able to assume any responsibility in case of accident, sickness, death or loss of personal property.

For any additional information, do please contact, Madam Ghislaine BANAKEN at the above address.



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ANNEXE A

DRAFT AGENDA

TIME	SESSION	OBJECTIVE	PROPOSED PARTICIPANTS
WEDNESDAY, 24th MAY : Shared Vision of Illicit Financial Flows and existing Tools			
08.30 – 9.00	Registration		AFROSAI General Secretariat
9.00 – 9.45	Plenary 1: Inauguration ceremony <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Welcome remarks from SAI Cameroon / AFROSAI General Secretariat ▪ Opening Speech ▪ Keynote address on Illicit Financial Flows 	Set the stage for an informed discussion on the topic, establish clear relationships between the Concept of Good Financial Governance and Illicit Financial Flows, and Reasons for a general awareness on the topic and a strong political and policy response.	SAI Cameroon AFROSAI General Secretariat
9.45 – 10.00	Group photo		SAI Cameroon AFROSAI General Secretariat
10.00 – 10.30	Coffee Break		
10.30 – 12.00	Plenary 2: Social and Economic Impacts of Illicit Financial Flows in African Countries	Introduce the complexity of IFF (including shared definition), thereby setting the context for the two days of discussions, and to underscore the repercussions of leaving this phenomenon unchecked.	GIZ
12.00 – 13.15	Plenary 3: Presenting and adopting the GFG-IFF Draft Declaration	Raise awareness on the concerted efforts the GFG network is currently undertaking and will	African Union AFROPAC



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		undertake to curb the IFFs. Bring out the urgency for a collective action to make a significant contribution to the fight against IFFs.	
13.15 – 14.30	Lunch		
14.30 – 15.50	Plenary 4: Presentation of existing approaches and tools of GFG networks regarding IFF	Each partner of the GFG network presents the key initiatives they are currently undertaking in the fight against IFF (including results of any country pilots and capacity development initiatives or products/services).	GIZ CABRI ATAF AFROSAI AFROPAC
15.50 – 16.00	Coffee Break		
16.00 – 17.30	Plenary 5: Creating a Level Playing Field: Initiatives Aimed at fighting Illicit Financial Flows	Look at a broader scope than the GFG network and take stock of ongoing initiatives and commitments, outside of the network and out of the continent (mainly on the receiving end of the outflows). This session aims to highlight the importance of enforcing the conventions we have.	UNECA
THURSDAY, 25th MAY : Creating Synergies			
9.00 – 10.30	Breakout Sessions : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Breakout 1: Inter-Agency Cooperation to Fight Illicit Financial Flows stemming from commercial activities ▪ Breakout 2: Inter-Agency Cooperation to Fight Illicit Financial Flows stemming from corruption ▪ Breakout 3: Inter-Agency Cooperation to Fight Illicit Financial Flows – Criminal Activities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Develop a common understanding regarding the relevant stakeholders involved in the fight against IFFs in their line of work as well as regarding possible entry points for combined actions ▪ Identify concrete measures of cooperation on national & regional level and come up with an Action Plan to support the Declaration ▪ Using country showcase in breakout sessions to 	ATAF CABRI AFROSAI



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		<p>demonstrate what happens in practice.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introducing concept of inter-agency cooperation and discussing good practices such as models of (cooperation) agreements, model legislation, assessment tools, as well as technical assistance. 	
10.30 – 11.00	Coffee Break		
11.00 – 13.15	Breakout sessions (Continued)		
13.15 – 14.15	Lunch		
14.15 – 15.30	Breakout sessions (Continued)		
15.30 – 16.00	Coffee Break		
16.00 – 17.30	Plenary 6: Presentation of Results of Break Away Sessions	Present results and a mini analysis of day 2's breakout sessions.	AFROPAC
19h30	Dinner offer by SAI Cameroon		
FRIDAY, 26th MAY : COMMITMENT			
9.00 – 10.30	Plenary 7: Presentation and discussion of GFG Action Plan (Annex to GFG Declaration)	Present the overall declaration and an Action Plan that has been drawn up by Rapporteurs overnight and in the morning	GIZ
10.30 – 10.50	Coffee Break		
10.50 – 12.20	Plenary 8: If you can't communicate it then you can't manage it: communication of results / communication strategy	The final plenary would provide a platform for expert led discussions on the importance of communication, including empowering the legislature	AFROPAC
12.20 – 13.15	Closing Remarks		AFROSAI General Secretariat
13.15	LUNCH		



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