

## Regional Consultation for the Fourth International Conference on Financing for Development in Africa

18-19 November 2024, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Hybrid event and Banquet Hall, UNCC, ECA

### Programme\*

Day 1, 18 November 2024	
8:30 – 9:00	<b>Arrival and Registration</b>
9:00 – 9:30	<p><b>Opening of the session</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Welcome by Mr. Claver Gatete, Executive Secretary and Under Secretary General of UNECA</li> <li>Opening remark by H.E. Semereta Sewasew, State Minister of Finance, Ethiopia</li> <li>Remarks by H.E. Albert M. Muchanga, AUC commissioner</li> <li>Remarks by Mr. Li Junhua, Under Secretary-General, DESA</li> <li>Remarks by H.E. Chola Milambo, Co-facilitator of the Preparatory Committee for FfD4</li> </ul> <p><i>Moderator:</i> Ms. Zuzana Schwidrowski, Director, MFGD, UNECA</p>
09:30 – 11:00	<p><b>Minding the vast and growing financing gap for Africa to reach SDGs and progress on Agenda 2063</b></p> <p>Part 1. Presentation by Ms. Zuzana Schwidrowski, Director, MFGD, UNECA Part 2. Presentation by Mr. Edward Sennoga, Lead Economist, Southern Africa, AfDB</p> <p><b>Panelists</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Edward Brown, African Centre for Economic Transformation</li> <li>Ms. Anu Peltola, Director of Statistics, UNCTAD</li> <li>Prof. Ronald Mangani, University of Malawi</li> </ul> <p><b>General Discussion</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Ms Mary Baine, Deputy Executive Secretary, African Tax Administration Forum (ATAF)</p>
11:00-12:30	<p><b>Domestic and international public finance to enhance resource mobilization (Tax, IFFs, and ODA)</b></p> <p>Presentation by Mr. Gamal Ibrahim, Section Chief, Economic Governance and Public Finance, MFGD, UNECA</p> <p><b>Panelists</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dr Patrick Olomo, Head of Economic Policy and Sustainable Development, African Union.</li> </ul>



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12:30-14:00	LUNCH BREAK
14:00 –15:30	<p><b>Public Debt and Debt Sustainability</b></p> <p>Presentation by Mr. Hopestone Chavula, OIC, Macroeconomic Analysis Section, MFGD, UNECA</p> <p><b>Panelists</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Mohamed Ibrahim Abdu, Associate Minister of Finance, Ministry of Finance, Egypt</li> <li>• Ms. Penelope Hawkins, UNCTAD</li> <li>• Mr. Jason Rosario Braganza, Executive Director, AFRODAD</li> </ul> <p><b>General Discussion</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Mr. Tetteh Hormeku, Third World Network</p>
15.30 – 17.00	<p><b>Reform of the Global Financial Architecture: addressing systemic issues and importance of international cooperation to accelerate the implementation of the SDGs and Agenda 2063</b></p> <p>Presentation by Ms. Hanan Morsy, Chief Economist and Deputy Executive Secretary, UNECA</p> <p><b>Panelists</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• H.E. Chola Milambo, Co-facilitator of the Preparatory Committee for FfD4</li> <li>• Mr. Daniel Atwere Nuer, Member of the Ad Hoc Committee to Draft Terms of Reference for a United Nations Framework Convention on International Tax Cooperation</li> <li>• Ms. Chenai Mukumba, Executive Director, Tax Justice Network Africa (TJNA).</li> </ul> <p><b>General Discussion</b></p> <p><b>Moderator</b></p> <p>Dr Patrick Olomo, Head of Economic Policy &amp; Sustainable Development, AU</p>
17:00-18:00	Side event on INFFs (Integrated National Financial Frameworks)



18.10 – 19.00	<b>Reception/Networking</b>
<b>Day 2, 19 November 2024</b>	
09:00-10:30	<p><b>Domestic and international private finance – FDI, remittances, domestic financial markets</b></p> <p>Presentation by Ms. Sonia Essobmadje, Section Chief, Finance and Domestic Resource Mobilization, MFGD, UNECA</p> <p><b>Panelists</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Nina Massangu, Deputy Chief of Staff, Ministry of Planning, DRC</li> <li>• Mr. Moortaza Jiwanji, UNDP South Africa Hub</li> <li>• Mr. Fabrice Kom Tchuenta, FinAfrique</li> <li>• Prof. Andre Nyembwe, UCL (Louvain) et UNIKIN (RDC)</li> </ul> <p><b>General Discussion</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Ms. Resina Katafono, Policy Analysis and Development, Financing for Sustainable Development Office, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs</p>
10:30 – 12:00	<p><b>International trade as an engine for development – Regional integration, payment, trade finance, and investment</b></p> <p>Presentation by Ms. Laura Paez Heredia, Chief, Market Institutions Section, Regional Integration and Trade Division, UNECA</p> <p><b>Panelists</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Xolelwa Mlumbi-Peter, Deputy Director General in the Department of Trade and Industry in South Africa</li> <li>• Ms. Peninnah Mbabazi, SEATINI</li> <li>• Prof Olawale Ogunkola, University of Ibadan</li> </ul> <p><b>General Discussion</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Mr. Abibu Tamu, Lead Programme Coordinator, Joint Secretariat Support Office (JSSO), AfDB</p>
12.00-13.30	<b>Lunch break</b>
13.30-15.00	<p><b>Science, technology, innovation and capacity-building – innovative development and climate finance, data and technology</b></p> <p>Presentation by Mr. Robert Lisinge, Director, Technology, climate change, and natural resource management, UNECA</p> <p><b>Panelists</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Wilhelmina Quaye, science and Technology Policy Research Institute, Ghana</li> </ul>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Tetteh Hormeku, Third World Network</li> <li>• Ms Mandry Ntshani, Director, Department of Science, Technology and Innovation in South Africa (virtual)</li> <li>• AfDB</li> </ul> <p><b>General Discussion</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Mr. Moortaza Jiwanji, UNDP South Africa Hub</p>
15.00 - 16:00	<p><b>Reflections on means of implementation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Follow-up, monitoring and accountability mechanism</li> </ul> <p>Presentation by Mr. Douglas Kigabo, Economic Affairs Officer, Economic Governance and Public Finance Section, Macroeconomics, Finance and Governance Division, UNECA</p> <p><b>Panelists</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Resina Katafono, Policy Analysis and Development, Financing for Sustainable Development Office, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs</li> <li>• Mr. Masanneh Landing Ceesay, Gambia Bureau of Statistics &amp; University of the Gambia</li> <li>• Mr. Taurai Chiraerae, Reality of Aid Africa</li> </ul> <p><b>General discussion</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Ms. Diane Sayinzoga, Chief, UNCTAD Regional Office for Africa</p>
16.00 – 17.00	<p><b>Lessons for the Fourth International Conference on Financing for Development</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work in country groups to develop a draft action plan (1 hour)</li> <li>• Report to plenary – 3 groups (45 minutes)</li> </ul> <p>Moderator: Ms. Farzana Sharmin, Economic Affairs Officer, Macroeconomics, Finance and Governance Division, UNECA</p>
17:00-18.00	<b>Side event on debt, CSOs</b>
18:00-18:10	<p><b>Closing of the session</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Zuzana Schwidrowski, Director, MFGD, UNECA</li> </ul>

- Addis Ababa time
- There is no programmed health break. There will be tea/coffee served outside the conference room. Participants can avail as they need to tea/coffee and health break(s).

