



# African Parliamentary Network on Illicit Financial Flows and Taxation (APNIFFT)

## Continental Conference

### Theme

A Decade of Combating Illicit  
Financial Flows and Advancing Tax  
Justice: Reflection, Innovation,  
and Political Will

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### Communique

# Preamble

We, Members of Parliament from across 40 countries in Africa including Angola, Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cabo Verde, Cameroun, Comoros, Congo Brazzaville, Democratic Republic of Congo, Cote D'Ivoire, Equatorial Guinea, Eswatini, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinee Bissau, Guinee Conakry, Kenya, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Central Africa Republic, Sao Tome & Principe, Senegal, South Africa, South Sudan, Tanzania, Chad, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe gathered across the African continent for the 10th continental conference of the African Parliamentary Network on Illicit Financial Flows and Taxation (APNIFFT), under the theme *'A Decade of Combating Illicit Financial Flows and Advancing Tax Justice: Reflection, Innovation, and Political Will'* in our deliberations acknowledged the following:

Driven by our shared APNIFFT slogan, 'tax justice in our lifetime' and our shared pan-African and ubuntu values and vision of a just, prospering, self-reliant and integrated Africa sustainably harnessing its resources to enable its people to lead a dignified life.

Recalling the historic momentum created a decade ago by the High-Level Panel Report on Illicit Financial Flows chaired by H.E. Thabo Mbeki, which laid the foundation for continental momentum against IFFs.

Commemorating the 10th Anniversary of the APNIFFT establishment, alongside all the legislative actions taken by APNIFFT national and regional caucuses to address illicit financial flows and promote domestic resource mobilisation at national and regional level.

Deeply concerned by the persistent scale of illicit financial flows that continue to deprive African nations of billions in public revenue each year,  
Commending the African Group and the African members of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee mandated to develop the UN Framework Convention on International Tax Architecture for their efforts towards transforming the global tax architecture.

Alarmed by the rising debt burdens facing African nations, that undermine development, limit public investment, and heighten vulnerability to economic, health, and climate shocks; and recognising the urgent need for reforms to the global debt architecture.

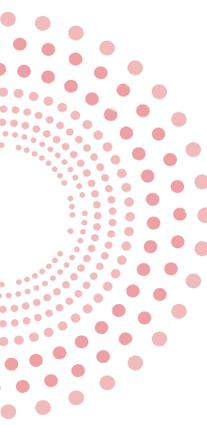
Alarmed by the rising disease burden and high health financing costs fueled by the rising incidence of non-communicable diseases, which pose a threat to Africa's health security, especially for vulnerable populations like our youth and women.

Cognisant that Africa's growth and structural transformation will be anchored on just exploitation of its vast natural resources, human capital and regional integration to achieve "The Africa we want".

Hereby reaffirm our individual and joint commitment to accelerating our role as legislators in curbing illicit financial flows from Africa.

*In pursuit of a just, stronger, and self-reliant Africa, we commit to:*

1. Exercising our oversight and legislative responsibilities to ensure that our governments step up domestic resource mobilisation through efficient equitable and innovative means to finance sustainable and inclusive growth.
2. Curbing illicit financial flows in Africa by strengthening legislation on beneficial ownership, procurement transparency, cross border cooperation and building coalitions with civil society organisations, media and academia to ensure accountability in tracking, monitoring and public reporting on illicit financial flows.
3. Advocating for health taxation through increases in excise taxes on tobacco, alcohol, and sugar-sweetened beverages, to safeguard our vulnerable populations for public health gains and generate revenue for health financing.
4. Supporting the African Group at the United Nations in negotiating a UN Framework Convention on International Tax Cooperation, defend Africa's fiscal sovereignty in global fora and demand inclusive decision-making on international tax rules.
5. Calling for urgent and transformative reforms to the global debt architecture, anchored in the establishment of a United Nations Framework Convention on Sovereign Debt. This convention must guarantee fair and transparent mechanisms for debt restructuring, provide automatic relief for countries experiencing economic or environmental shocks, and institute a binding global debt registry subject to independent audits. It must also strengthen the regulation of credit rating agencies and promote financing models that support care-based economies and advance gender equality.
6. Advancing gender transformative tax justice by recognising unpaid care work in our tax systems, integrating gender disaggregated data in tax policies, mandating gender impact assessments for all tax and fiscal policies, reduce women's disproportionate burdens while supporting social services, care, health and education.
7. Expanding and institutionalising APNIFFT caucuses at national and regional levels and foster collaboration with civil society, academia, and regional bodies to create awareness, mobilising support, and engage in strategic interventions at national, regional and continental levels to curb IFFs.
8. Exercising our oversight role in strengthening mineral resource governance by promoting transparency, local content, and beneficial ownership, ensuring communities benefit from extractive industries and supporting institutional capacity reforms.
9. Exercising our legislative role to strengthen corporate transparency and tax compliance through digital public infrastructure by supporting the adoption of interoperable digital systems, integrating tax and national databases, using technology and data analytics to detect fraud, enhancing revenue collection and accountability.

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10. Exercising our legislative role to strengthen fiscal transparency through developing country by country reporting legal frameworks, global asset registries and domesticating the Common African Position on Asset Recovery.
  11. Exercising our legislative role to address inequality through development of National Inequality Reduction Plans (NIRPs) that set time-bound and ambitious targets for reducing economic inequality in income and wealth and prioritise transparency of unexplained wealth.

**ENDS**

Adopted on 15th October 2025, in Johannesburg, South Africa, by Members of the African Parliamentary Network on Illicit Financial Flows and Taxation (APNIFFT).

## Co-conveners

