

# Domestic Revenue Mobilisation at the heart of Sustainable Development: the Seville Declaration

*Side-event at the Fourth Financing for Development Conference (FFD4),  
co-hosted by the South Centre, European Commission, Germany, and Nigeria*

1 JULY 2025 | 4:30PM TO 6:00PM | ONSITE | ROOM SIDE EVENT 2

## Background

As the global community convenes at the FFD4 to address the urgent need to step up financing for the 2030 Agenda, strengthening domestic revenue mobilisation (DRM) is ever more crucial for achieving sustainable development. Effective and progressive fiscal systems play a pivotal role in expanding fiscal space, fostering investment and economic growth, addressing inequalities, supporting climate change adaptation and mitigation efforts, and fortifying the social contract between governments and their citizens.

Since its establishment in 2015, the Addis Tax Initiative (ATI) has driven political momentum for DRM, advancing the implementation of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda, and fostering cooperation among development partners, partner countries and supporting organisations to strengthen tax systems. In a renewed pledge to scaling up DRM efforts, ATI members are proposing the introduction of the **“Seville Declaration on Domestic Revenue Mobilisation”** – a new initiative aimed at mobilising the international community around an ambitious agenda to strengthen tax systems in support of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The Declaration outlines new actions to advance fair and effective DRM, policy coherence, and reinforce the social contract through collaborative partnerships and knowledge-building.

To mark this milestone, the ATI is convening a high-level event to introduce the Seville Declaration, discuss its key messages and actions proposed, and encourage its endorsement by various countries and stakeholders, including ATI and non-ATI members. The event will bring together policymakers, representatives of international organisations, civil society, and all participants of the FFD4 to engage in discussions on collective actions to promote DRM in partner countries.

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## Agenda

The session will be moderated by *Chenai Mukumba*, Executive Director at the Tax Justice Network Africa (TJNA)

| Time        | Item                                                                                                | Speaker                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
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| 4:30 – 4:35 | <b>Welcome and introduction</b>                                                                     | Welcoming remarks by the Co-Chair of the ATI Steering Committee. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>H.E. Åsmund Grøver Aukrust, Minister of International Development, Norway</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 4:35 – 4:55 | <b>Opening remarks</b>                                                                              | High-level statements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>H.E. Seedy Keita, Minister of Finance and Economic Affairs, The Gambia</li> <li>Dr. Bärbel Kofler, Parliamentary State Secretary to the German Federal Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)</li> <li>Antti Karhunen, Director Sustainable Finance, Investment and Jobs; Economy that works for the People, European Commission</li> <li>Dr. Carlos Correa, Executive Director, South Centre</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 4:55 – 5:15 | <b>Presentation of the Seville Declaration</b>                                                      | Presentation of the ATI Seville Declaration on DRM by representatives of the Post-2025 Task Force. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Christoph Rauh, Africa Director, German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)</li> <li>H.E. Seedy Keita, Minister of Finance and Economic Affairs, The Gambia</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 5:15 – 5:45 | <b>Panel discussion: How can a renewed focus on DRM propel progress towards achieving the SDGs?</b> | High-level representatives from ATI partner countries, supporting organisations, and development partners. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discussion around the key features of the Seville Declaration, focusing on DRM priorities for partner countries, capacity-building needs, and the actions proposed by ATI members.</li> </ul> Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Daniel Atwere Nuer, Head of Tax Policy Unit, Ministry of Finance, Ghana</li> <li>Oyekuodi John Ikata, Deputy-Director, Federal Inland Revenue Service (FIRS), Nigeria</li> <li>Toril-Irén Pedersen, Head of Section, Governance, Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (Norad)</li> <li>Logan Wort, Outgoing Executive Secretary, African Tax Administration Forum (ATAF)</li> </ul> |
| 5:45 – 5:55 | <b>Open discussion</b>                                                                              | Audience and all speakers                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 5:55 – 6:00 | <b>Closing remarks</b>                                                                              | Closing remarks by the Co-Chair of the ATI Steering Committee. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Toril-Irén Pedersen, Head of Section, Governance, Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (Norad)</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |

The event will be held in English, with simultaneous interpretation available in French.

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