



### **The Lusaka APNIFFT Commitments to IFF's 2022**

We Members of Parliament from 21 African countries including Angola, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Democratic Republic of Congo, Eswatini, Ghana, Kenya, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mozambique, Nigeria, Rwanda, South Africa, South Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe, gathered under the African Parliamentary Network on Illicit financial Flows and Taxation (APNIFFT) conference in Lusaka, Zambia from 26<sup>th</sup> Sep to 27<sup>th</sup> Sep 2022:

**Concerned** about the devastation on African economies by the effects of multiple crises including the Covid-19 pandemic, the conflicts around the continent and the adverse effects of climate change,

**Deeply concerned** by the 30 million African citizens pushed into poverty by the worsening triple crises that continues to widen the inequality gap both within and beyond our borders,

**Aware** that our citizens are deeply affected by the rising cost of goods, food and energy which is hindering and undermining the continent's ability to meet its people's most basic human right, access to food,

**Aware** that domestic resource mobilization remains the most sustainable way through which we can viably and securely finance the development of our countries,

**Acknowledging** that the common prosperity of African nations is dependent only on our collective will to take key steps towards enhancing reforms in our taxation system,

**Acknowledging** that in this endeavour, our role as parliamentarians is crucial in contributing to the reduction and elimination of Illicit financial flows from Africa and the post COVID-19 economic recovery,



**We the Honourable members gathered here now** reaffirm our individual and joint commitment towards reducing and eventually eliminating IFF's from Africa,

We therefore individually and collectively make the commitment to:

- 1.** Promote progressive taxation reforms in our countries to improve the resilience of our countries as well as our response to the emerging multiple crises.
- 2.** Support the reforms of the international financial architecture to eliminate the dominance of the OECD countries in global tax rule making processes.
- 3.** Champion the position that it is high time Multinational enterprises (MNEs) should pay their fair amount of tax within our countries.
- 4.** Individually and collectively champion the fight against illicit financial flows and the promotion of tax justice at the national, regional and continental levels.
- 5.** Promote meaningful transparency in our countries financial and economic governance.
- 6.** Promote the sustainable effective governance of Africa's extractive sector to leverage tax revenue collection and to root out IFFs to finance our development.
- 7.** Advocate for contract transparency in Africa's extractive sector for enhanced scrutiny, corporate compliance, community continuous informed consent and accountability.
- 8.** Call for an end to tax competition among African countries that is leaving the continent poorer and without the resources required to finance development across the continent.
- 9.** Advocate for a statement on measures taken to address illicit financial flows including tax expenditure reports to be published before public budget consultations or as part on the national budget proposal for public debate, scrutiny and approval by Parliament
- 10.** Encourage the continual exchange of information, lessons learnt and opportunities with each other.