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TJNA and ATAF renew cooperation to strengthen domestic resource mobilisation in Africa

Gaborone, Botswana, 5th September 2024: Tax Justice Network Africa (TJNA) and the African Tax Administration Forum (ATAF) have renewed their commitment to continue working together in advancing, promoting and strengthening domestic resource mobilisation in Africa. This is after the two institutions signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on areas of mutual collaboration and cooperation at the 9th African Tax Research Network (ATRN) Annual Congress in Gaborone, Botswana.

The renewed MoU seeks to promote collaboration on areas including capacity building, technical expertise, development of tax policies, the implementation of the High-level Panel discussions on illicit financial flows and the promotion of progressive taxation systems across the continent.

The partnership also includes technical assistance, exchange of information, and co-organisation of national, regional, continental, and international events. These efforts will further advocacy at all levels for the improvement of domestic resource mobilization, research, knowledge generation, and the dissemination of intelligence on emerging funding and policy-related opportunities.

TJNA and ATAF have a longstanding partnership in working towards enhancing regional collaboration, providing crucial data for evidence-based decision-making, and amplifying Africa's voice in global tax reforms. The MoU comes at a critical moment after United Nations (UN) Member States adopted, by an overwhelming majority, the Ad Hoc Committee's Draft Terms of Reference for a United Nations Framework Convention on International Tax Cooperation.

This historic vote comes almost a decade after the High-Level Panel on Illicit Financial Flows from Africa (HLP), chaired by former South African President Thabo Mbeki, called on Africa to step up efforts to ensure that the UN plays a more prominent role in tackling illicit financial flows.

The partnership also entails collaboration on flagship events and projects such as such as the Pan-African Conference on Illicit Financial Flows and Taxation (PAC) and contributing to the stewardship of the High-Level Panel Report on Illicit Financial Flows follow-up process.

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About the Tax Justice Network Africa

The Tax Justice Network Africa (TJNA) is a pan-African organisation and a member of the Global Alliance for Tax Justice. Launched in January 2007 during the World Social Forum held in Nairobi, TJNA promotes socially just, accountable and progressive taxation systems in Africa. It advocates for tax policies with pro-poor outcomes and tax systems that curb public resource leakages and enhance domestic resource mobilisation. For more information: <https://taxjusticeafrica.net/>

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