



## PROGRAMME

Virtual Panel Discussion

### ***Tackling illicit financial flows for sustainable development in Africa***

1 October 2020 – 2:00-4:00 p.m. Addis Ababa time (1:00-3:00 p.m. Geneva time)

#### *Context*

In the aftermath of COVID-19, African countries will need to intensify their resource mobilization efforts to achieve the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda. UNCTAD's new research adopts a multi-disciplinary methodology to tackle the relationship between illicit financial flows (IFFs) and the economic, social and environmental dimensions of sustainable development in Africa. Its inclusive approach integrates a gender lens and gives voice to multiple vantage points, from civil society to firms doing business in Africa. Building on established measures of IFFs, new insights are provided on country estimates of export misinvoicing on the continent and highlights specific characteristics of mineral commodities.

#### *Objective*

This Virtual High-level Panel Discussion aims to equip African governments with knowledge on how to identify and evaluate risks associated with IFFs, as well as solutions to curb IFFs and redirect the proceeds towards the achievement of national priorities and the Sustainable Development Goals.

#### *Panelists*

Dr. Mukhisa Kituyi, Secretary-General, UNCTAD

The Rt Hon Patricia Scotland QC, Secretary-General of the Commonwealth

H.E. Prof. Victor Harison, Commissioner for Economic Affairs, AUC

Dr. Vera Songwe, UN Under Secretary-General and Executive Secretary, ECA

#### *Speakers*

Hon. Libérat Mfumukeko, Secretary-General, EAC

Mr. Kimelabalou Aba, Director General, GIABA

Mr. Sadwick Mtonakutha, Director Finance, Investment & Customs, SADC

Moderated by Mr. Paul Akiwumi, Director, Division for Africa, LDCs and Special Programmes, UNCTAD

All Member States are invited to contribute to the discussion. A speakers' list will be established for those wishing to make an intervention. French and English interpretation will be provided.

To participate in the event, registration is mandatory. To register, please contact Mr. Rostand Ngadjie Siani [rostand.ngadjiesiani@unctad.org](mailto:rostand.ngadjiesiani@unctad.org).