

Illicit financial flows in Africa: Can we track them for better policy?

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Policy action to curb illicit financial flows (IFFs) and secure resources for sustainable development require better data and better understanding of IFFs. As an illicit phenomenon, IFFs are not easy to track or measure. Common statistical concepts and methods are needed to measure IFFs regularly, and in line with the Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics. The session will share the latest progress and a conceptual framework to measure IFFs, and it will invite African countries to pilot test the measurement of IFFs, jointly with UNECA, UNCTAD and UNODC.

Speakers

- **Opening and welcome**
Bartholomew Armah, *Director, Macroeconomics and Governance, UNECA*
- **Measuring IFFs from crime**
Enrico Bisogno, *Head, Data Development and Dissemination, UNODC*
- **Measuring IFFs from tax and trade**
Steve MacFeely, *Chief Statistician & Bojan Nastav, Statistical analyst, UNCTAD*
- **Experience from South Africa**
Errol Makhubela, *Director, Financial Markets, South Africa Treasury*
- **IFFs and UN Support for statistical capacity development in Africa**
Oliver Chinganya, *Director, African Centre for Statistics, UNECA*
- **Questions and answers – Q&A**
Discussant - Allan Mukungu, *Officer in Charge, Economic Governance and Public Finance, UNECA*
- **Closing remarks – Future work in Africa**