

Presentation on Illicit Financial Flows

Regional workshop on the launch of the statistical measurement of Illicit Financial Flows (IFFs) for pilot countries in Africa 16 - 17 June 2021



Introduction

- IFFs are defined in several ways. They are illegal movements of money from one country to another.
- ✓ Illicit financial flows generally involve the following practices: money laundering, bribery by international companies and tax evasion, falsification of business transactions, corruption, etc..
- ✓ IFFs are estimated at \$88.6 billion per year for Africa (UNCTAD 2020 report on sustainable development in Africa). 166 million according to the Civil Forum for Senegal
- ✓ The extractive sector is the most affected in Africa (85% of resources come from the extractive sector)



Presentation outline

- I. Agencies with expertise and data on IFFs
- II. The most relevant IFFs for Senegal
- III. Expectations for the pilot project



Agencies with IFFs expertise

- * OFNAC (National Anti-Corruption Office)
 - ✓ Fight against corruption (development of a national anti-corruption strategy 2020-2024)
 - CENTIF (National Financial Information Processing Unit)
 - ✓ The adoption of the Uniform Act No. 2018-03 of 23 February 2018 on the fight against money laundering and terrorist financing (AML/CFT)
 - ✓ Decree No. 2019-1499 of 18 September 2019 creating and laying down the rules of organisation and operation of the National Committee for Combating Money Laundering
- * EITI (Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative)
 - Recommendation made in the 2019 report
 - ✓ finalise the procedure manual for the management of mining titles that is being developed at the DMG and provide for systematic controls on transactions on mining titles.
- * Other institutions (DGID, DGD, etc.)



Most relevant IFFs for Senegal

Extractive industries

The extractive industries benefit from tax breaks for the first 5 years of operation. During this period, they tend to overexploit resources to maximise their profit.

- Mining sector

In the manufacture of construction materials, in particular cement plants, the mineral resources used are largely undervalued in order to minimise the amounts payable as mining royalties

- Under-declaration (DSF)

Incorrect tax returns on turnover and business expenses of formal enterprises



Expectations for the pilot project

- Capacity building on IFFs especially for understanding capital expenditure by the mining and extractive industries
- Capacity building to understand statistics on money laundering, tax evasion, corruption and the assessment of expenditure that could be assimilated as corporate income tax
- > Capacity building on the statistical methods used to measure IFFs



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