



Introduction

The Africa Tax Symposium is the preeminent forum for discussions on international tax issues relevant to Africa. Unique among other African tax conferences, the Africa Tax Symposium takes a multi-dimensional approach, bringing together perspectives from policy, practice, administration, industry, and academia.

The Africa Tax Symposium has established a reputation for high quality discussions from a rich field of acclaimed speakers. Attendees at the Africa Tax Symposium come from all over Africa and beyond, representing a global network of tax professionals and thought leaders.

The 11th Africa Tax Symposium takes place in Rabat, Morocco, from 3 to 5 June 2026.

The theme of the Symposium is the same from year to year: **Trends in International Taxation - An African Perspective.**

This evergreen theme encompasses the latest developments in the field of international taxation, as well as the practical challenges faced by governments and taxpayers in the application of domestic law and tax treaties. The theme also covers tax-related issues arising in related fields, such as in the areas of trade and investment. The theme also encompasses broader issues such as domestic resource mobilisation and global tax governance.

This year's Symposium offers rich discussions on the following sub-themes:

- Recent international tax developments, and implications for Africa.
- Taxation of cross border services – the African experience.
- Transfer Pricing in Africa: Recent Developments, Practical Strategies, and Policy Perspectives.
- Tax Treaty Policy and Practice in Africa – Controversies, Complexities and Disputes.
- Trade and investment in Africa.
- Tax Administration of the Future - Digitalization, Artificial Intelligence and Technology.
- Global Tax Governance.

In line with our Symposium's tradition, we will hold a special session, the “Host Country Focus”. This year's session will focus on Effective Dispute Prevention and Resolution in Morocco.

Please see the following pages for the technical programme



Pre-Symposium Events: Tuesday, 2 June 2026

14:00 – 17:00

Arrival & Registration

18:00 – 21:00

Welcome Reception

Day 1: Wednesday, 3 June 2026

08:00 – 09:00

Registration of Participants (1 hour)

09:00 – 10:30

Opening Ceremony (1 hour 30 minutes)

Master of Ceremonies:

— **Wageni Kimani, HSC**

*Manager, Brand & External Communication,
Citizen Relations and Communication,
Shared Services Department, Kenya Revenue Authority*

— **Oumy Ndour**

*Freelance Journalist,
Press Relations Officer,
Master of Ceremonies,
Film Director, Producer*

National Anthem of Morocco

Welcome Address (10 minutes)

— **Belema Obuoforibo**

*Director, IBFD Knowledge Centre
Chair, IBFD Centre for Studies in African Taxation
Member, IBFD Executive Board*

Goodwill Message (5 minutes)

— **Jan Maarten Slagter**

Chief Executive Officer, IBFD

Keynote Speech: Africa at the Crossroads of Global Tax Reform: An Opportunity for the Ages (20 minutes)

— **Younes Idrissi Kaitouni**

*Director General,
General Tax Administration of Morocco*



10:30 – 11:30

Photo Session & Tea Break (1 hour)

Session 1

11:30 – 13:15

An Overview of the International Tax Landscape – Recent Developments and Implications for Africa (1 hour 45 minutes)

Session Chair:

- **Belema Obuoforibo**
*Director, IBFD Knowledge Centre
Chair, IBFD Centre for Studies in African Taxation
Member, IBFD Executive Board*

Speakers:

- **Mary Baine**
*Executive Secretary,
African Tax Administration Forum (ATAF)*

- **Tarynn Isaacs**
*Senior Associate,
Africa & the Middle East Knowledge Group, IBFD*

- **Michael Lebovitz**
*Senior Vice President, International Tax Policy,
United States Council for International Business (USCIB)*

- **TBA**

13:15 – 15:15

Lunch Break (2 hours)

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Special Address: Taxing Digital Businesses in Africa: Tools and Techniques for the Policy Maker (20 minutes)
15:15 – 15:35

Speaker:

— **Hon. Henry Musasizi**

*Minister of State for Finance, Planning and Economic Development,
Uganda*

Session 2 Taxation of Services – Practical and Policy Implications for Cross-Border Transactions (1 hour 30 minutes)
15:35 – 17:05

Session Chair:

— **Prof. Dr. Johann Hattingh**

*Faculty of Law, University of Cape Town, South Africa
Chief Editor, Bulletin for International Taxation, IBFD
Member, CSAT External Advisory Committee*

Speakers:

— **Asma Charki**

*Executive Partner,
Mazars, Morocco*

— **Troopti Desai**

*Head of Tax,
MTN Group*

— **Aisha Aize Isa**

*Manager, IBFD Centre for Studies in African Taxation
Manager, Africa & the Middle East Knowledge Group, IBFD*

— **Sebastine Odimma**

*Group Tax Director,
Yellow Card Financial*

17:05 – 17:10

Day 1 Closing Remarks (5 minutes)

— **Belema Obuoforibo**

*Director, IBFD Knowledge Centre
Chair, IBFD Centre for Studies in African Taxation
Member, IBFD Executive Board*



Day 2: Thursday, 4 June 2026

09:00 – 09:05

Opening Remarks (5 minutes)

— **Belema Obuoforibo**

Director, IBFD Knowledge Centre

Chair, IBFD Centre for Studies in African Taxation

Member, IBFD Executive Board

Special Address:

09:05 – 09:25

Global Mobility and Changing Demographics – the Tax Dimension

(20 minutes)

Speaker:

— **H.E. Veronique Herminie**

First Lady,

Office of the First Lady,

Republic of Seychelles

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Session 3

09:25 – 10:55

Transfer Pricing in Africa: Recent Developments, Practical Strategies, and Policy Perspectives (1 hour 30 minutes)

Session Chair:

- **Monique van Herksen**
Tax Counsel, Trafigura
Participant, United Nations Subcommittee on Transfer Pricing

Speakers:

- **Michael Hewson**
Founder & Director, Graphene Economics, South Africa
Member, Transfer Pricing Economists for Development

- **Donasia Massambo**
Director, Transfer Pricing,
Coretax Africa,
Tanzania

- **Mercy Mbithi**
Transfer Pricing Specialist,
Africa Tax Administration Forum (ATAF)

- **John Jet Tusabe**
Director, Tax,
BDO Uganda

- **Yvette Wakabi**
Principal Associate, Africa & the Middle East Knowledge Group, IBFD
Programme Manager, IBFD Centre for Studies in African Taxation

10:55 – 11:25

Tea Break (30 minutes)

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Session 4

11:25 – 12:55

**The Application of Tax Treaties in Critical Cross-Border Transactions:
Practical, Policy, and Administration Perspectives** (1 hour 30 minutes)

Session Chair:

— **Mathew Gbonjubola**

Co-Chair,

*United Nations Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in
Tax Matters*

Speakers:

— **Sara Gnzar**

*Head, Negotiations and Follow-up of Implementation of International
Tax Treaties Bureau,*

General Tax Administration of Morocco

— **Carlos Gutiérrez Puente**

Senior Principal Associate,

Capacity Building Department, IBFD

— **Redempta Maira**

Associate Director,

PwC Tanzania

— **Alpha Ngom**

Chairperson, Cross Border Technical Committee,

African Tax Administration Forum (ATAF)

12:55 – 14:25

Lunch Break (1 hour 30 mins)

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Session 5

14:25 – 15:55

Trade and Investment in Africa: Geopolitical Developments and their Impact on Africa (1 hour 30 minutes)

Session Chair:

— **Dr. Obiageli “Oby” Ezekwesili**

Founder / President, Human Capital Africa (HCA)

Founder & Chair, School of Politics, Policy and Governance (SPPG)

Senior Economic Adviser, Africa Economic Development Policy Initiative (AEDPI), Nigeria

Speakers:

— **Dr. Anna Jerzewska**

Founder,

Trade and Borders

— **Christine Kahema Muthui**

Founder and Director,

Alpha Tax and Business Advisory Services, Kenya

Member, IBFD CSAT External Advisory Committee

— **Dr. Saied Tafida Sulaiman**

Regional Programme Specialist,

UNDP Sustainable Finance Hub,

United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

— **Darlingston Talery**

Ag. Director, Directorate of Customs Union and Taxation,

ECOWAS Commission, Nigeria

Member, IBFD CSAT External Advisory Committee

— **TBA**

15:55 – 16:25

Tea Break (30 minutes)

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Session 6

16:25 – 17:55

**Host Country Focus: Effective Dispute Prevention and Resolution
in Morocco** (1 hour 30 minutes)

Session Chair:

- **Mohamed Amine Hajoub**
*Head of Tax,
OCP Group, Morocco*

Speakers:

- **Crystal Kabajwara**
*Chairperson,
The Tax Appeals Tribunal, Uganda*
- **Fahd Loubaris**
*Head of International Tax Unit,
General Tax Administration of Morocco*
- **Yanga Mputa**
*Tax Ombud,
Office of the Tax Ombud, South Africa*

17:55 – 18:00

Day 2 Closing Remarks (5 minutes)

- **Belema Obuoforibo**
*Director, IBFD Knowledge Centre
Chair, IBFD Centre for Studies in African Taxation
Member, IBFD Executive Board*

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Symposium Gala Dinner

- *Dress Code: Evening Dress / Traditional African Dress*

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Day 3: Friday, 5 June 2026

09:00 – 09:05

Opening Remarks *(5 minutes)*

— **Belema Obuoforibo**

Director, IBFD Knowledge Centre

Chair, IBFD Centre for Studies in African Taxation

Member, IBFD Executive Board

Special Address

09:05 – 09:25

Tax Administration in Africa – Past, Present, and Future

(20 minutes)

Speaker:

— **Sam Shivute**

Commissioner,

Namibia Revenue Authority

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Session 7

09:25 – 10:55

**The Tax Administration of the Future: Modernization and Reform
for the Next Decade** (1 hour 30 minutes)

Session Chair:

— **Laila Benchekroun**

*Head of International Taxation and Cooperation Division,
General Tax Administration of Morocco
Member, IBFD CSAT External Advisory Committee*

Speakers:

— **Hajara Batumuliza**

*Commissioner, Domestic Taxes,
Rwanda Revenue Authority*

— **Dr. Tjerk de Greef**

*Director, IBFD Tech and Data
Member, IBFD Executive Board*

— **Prof. Dr. Victor van Kommer**

*Director, IBFD Capacity Building
Member, IBFD Executive Board*

— **Dr. Esther A. P. Koisin**

*Executive Director,
Commonwealth Association of Tax Administrators (CATA)*

— **Emily Muyaa**

*Chief, Capacity Development Unit,
UNDESA-FSDO, United Nations*

— **Jules Tapsoba**

*Executive Secretary,
West African Tax Administration Forum (WATAF)*

10:55 – 11:25

Tea Break (30 minutes)

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Session 8

11:25 – 12:55

**Global Tax Governance and the Multilateral Experience – the
Emerging Tax Landscape (1 hour 30 minutes)**

Session Chair:

- **Ignatius Mvula**
*Director, Specialised Tax Office,
Zambia Revenue Authority*

Speakers:

- **Kehinde Kajesomo**
*Ag. Director, Competent Authority Department,
Nigeria Revenue Service*
- **Prof. Annet Oguttu**
*Professor of Taxation,
Director of the African Tax Institute,
University of Pretoria, South Africa*
- **Luckystar Miyandazi**
*Tax and Domestic Resource Mobilisation Adviser,
African Union*
- **Prof. Dr. Zach Poug**
*Partner, Ernst & Young LLP, New York City
Law Professor, NYU School of Law, USA*
- **Prof. Craig West**
*Principal Associate,
Academic Department, IBFD*
- **TBA**

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Closing Ceremony (35 minutes)

Outcome Statement (10 minutes)

— **Aziz Son**

Senior Associate,

Africa & the Middle East Knowledge Group, IBFD

Vote of Thanks (10 minutes)

Closing Remarks (15 minutes)

Speakers:

— **Prof. Dr. Victor van Kommer**

Director, IBFD Capacity Building

Member, IBFD Executive Board

— **Younes Idrissi Kaitouni**

Director General,

General Tax Administration of Morocco

— **Belema Obuoforibo**

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Member, IBFD Executive Board

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Post-Symposium Activities

- *Lunch*
- *Tours (Privately arranged)*