

## **AFRICAN ORGANISATION OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEES (AFROPAC) CONFERENCE 2016 DECLARATION**

### **PREAMBLE**

We, the delegates of the 2<sup>nd</sup> African Organisation of Public Accounts Committees (AFROPAC) Conference and General Meeting assembled at the Safari Park Hotel in Nairobi, Kenya from 29<sup>th</sup> August to 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2016, representing the following countries:

Botswana  
Ethiopia  
Ghana  
Kenya  
Lesotho  
Liberia  
Malawi  
Namibia  
Sierra Leone  
South Africa  
South Sudan  
Sudan  
Swaziland  
Tanzania  
Uganda  
Zambia

### **RECOGNISE:**

- The important work done by former President Thabo Mbeki in bringing broader awareness to the challenge of Illicit Financial Flows (IFF).
- That IFF poses a serious threat to Africa's socio-economic transformation and the achievement of United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) (Agenda 2030).

- That accountability is critical in the attainment of Africa Agenda 2063 which provides impetus and direction to Africa's development.
- The strategic value of Supreme Audit Institutions (SAIs) in enabling oversight and public accountability.
- The significant work by PAC regional bodies (EAAPAC, SADCOPAC, WAAPAC) in ushering the birth of AFROPAC.
- The support by the Government and the National Assembly of Kenya for organising the 2<sup>nd</sup> AFROPAC Conference.

#### **WELCOME:**

- Presentations and contributions made by prominent personalities (H.E. Uhuru Kenyatta, CGH, President and Commander in Chief of the Defence Forces of the Republic of Kenya and the Rt. Hon. Raila Odinga, EGH, former Prime Minister of the Republic of Kenya), partner institutions and other stakeholders.
- Messages of support made by various PAC regional associations.

#### **EMPHASIZE:**

- The need for AFROPAC to continue mobilising other nations that are not yet members of AFROPAC.
- The importance of PAC regional associations to continue playing a facilitative role in ensuring successful implementation of AFROPAC programmes.
- The need for AFROPAC to continue to seek strategic partners to assist in the achievement of its strategic objectives.
- The need for Member Countries to take ownership and demonstrate commitment for the pursuance of AFROPAC's

objectives in line with Africa Agenda 2063 (Continental Resource Mobilisation).

**VALUE:**

- The need for deepened institutionalisation of political accountability as a launching pad for greater oversight and good governance in Africa.
- The desire for a coordinated continental approach to find solutions to Africa's problems and challenges.
- The need for continued collaboration between PACs and SAIs towards enhanced democracy and accountability.
- The need for legislative reforms to empower oversight institutions in dealing with diverse challenges experienced in different countries.

**WE THEREFORE DECLARE:**

- That all member countries shall institute processes to take forward the debate on IFFs to increase awareness.
- That AFROPAC prepares a draft resolution on IFF which member Parliaments must adopt.
- That AFROPAC coordinates the development of a continental framework to deal with matters of IFF.
- That AFROPAC engages AFROSAI in developing audit methodology for dealing with IFF.
- That AFROPAC and AFROSAI jointly identify possible cross-border projects for audit collaboration.
- That all member countries establish and strengthen mechanisms for prioritising performance audits.

- That all member Parliaments develop legislative reforms that will enhance public financial management systems and enable surveillance, detection and recovery of IFFs.
- That AFROPAC aggressively pursues a recruitment drive to ensure that all Parliaments of Africa become members.
- That AFROPAC produces a progress report advising on progress in implementation of resolutions in six month's time.
- That AFROPAC shall establish a permanent Secretariat in Nairobi Kenya.
- That this General Meeting approves and adopts the Constitution of AFROPAC.
- That all member countries of AFROPAC pay an annual subscription fee of USD 5,000.
- That the next General Meeting be held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia in August 2018.