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### African Public Accounts Committees Convene for the 5<sup>th</sup> AFROPAC Conference to Strengthen Legislative Action Against Illicit Financial Flows.

**Date:**

**Location:** Kampala, Uganda

The African Organization of Public Accounts Committees (AFROPAC) is set to host its Conference on Illicit Financial Flows under the theme “**Strengthening Legislative Action to Combat Illicit Financial Flows and Foster Public Financial Resilience.**” Scheduled to take place from **March 17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup>**, it will bring together legislators, policy experts, civil society representatives, and international stakeholders to address the pressing challenge of Illicit Financial Flows (IFFs) and their impact on Africa’s economic sustainability.

#### The Conference Overview

The conference will provide a platform for African parliamentarians, public finance experts, and stakeholders to:

- **Assess the major trends and the progress** made over the past decade in combating IFFs.
- **Review legislative opportunities** and discuss the role of Public Accounts Committees (PACs) and Supreme Audit Institutions (SAIs) in strengthening financial oversight.
- **Explore innovative solutions** to curb illicit financial flows, including **digital tools for financial monitoring, sector-specific strategies**, and regional policy frameworks.
- **Foster collaboration** between governments, civil society organizations, international bodies, and the media to reinforce transparency and accountability.

#### Key Objectives

- **Enhancing Knowledge and Capacities** - Equip PAC members with the knowledge and tools to better understand and improve their role in fighting IFFs and other PFM issues.
- **Sharing Best Practices** - Learn from existing methods and tools: legislation, oversight mechanisms, etc.



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- **Strengthening Regional Cooperation and Partnerships**—Foster relationships among PACs to facilitate collaborative efforts, data sharing, and harmonized policy frameworks across borders.

## The Agenda

Over the course of three days, participants will engage in a series of activities designed to address the challenges of illicit financial flows (IFFs) and enhance financial governance. The agenda includes **plenary discussions** on the latest trends in IFFs, alongside **breakout sessions** that delve into issues such as public debt sustainability, financial transparency in extractive industries, and the vital role of Public Accounts Committees (PACs) in enforcing anti-corruption measures.

Additionally, **engagements designed to address policy**, as well as **panel discussions** that showcase in-country experiences in tackling IFFs while promoting effective public finance management.

The event will culminate in the validation of the 2025 AFROPAC Declaration, reaffirming commitments and establishing future legislative priorities.

## Speakers and Partners

Keynote speakers shall be gracing the conference alongside experts from the **African Union Commission (AUC)**, **AFROSAI-E**, **AFRODAD**, **Tax Justice Network Africa (TJN-A)**, **APNIFT**, **ATAF**, **Code for Africa**, **SADC PF**, **Civil Society Coalition on Kimberly Process**, **SADCOPAC**, **GIZ GFG-Uganda**, the **Global Fund**, and other regional and international organizations committed to financial transparency.

## A Decade of Progress and the Road Ahead

AFROPAC marks almost a decade since the landmark Nairobi, Yaoundé, Kampala, and Monrovia Declarations. This conference will take stock of achievements while charting the next steps toward a **robust legislative framework** that ensures Africa's wealth benefits its people. Together, let us build a **Proudly, Prosperous Africa**.

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