

## African Fiscal Forum – Building Sustainable Public Finances in an Uncertain World

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I would like to take this opportunity to extend my gratitude and appreciation for your attendance at the 2013 African Fiscal Forum, which helped realise another successful Forum of this nature.

The presentations, panel discussions and concluding roundtable provided a broad range of perspectives and sharing of lessons in this post-crisis environment in which we as policy makers find ourselves in. The conference concluded with participant countries and international organisations, sharing their concerns on key fiscal challenges facing Africa over the next few years.

Many agreed that the Forum provided a useful platform for engagement with peers on ideas on fiscal development and management. We are grateful for being given this opportunity to host this Forum and hope to pursue such engagements again in the future, with your support and attendance.

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