

## STATEMENT

### Tax the rich to match global commitments with bold domestic action

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This week, as Finance Ministers of the G20 gather in KwaZulu-Natal, we call on the South African government to match its global commitments with bold domestic action to #TaxTheRich and stop tax abuse by multinational corporations.

On 1 July 2025, South Africa joined the Sevilla Platform for Action (SPA) on taxing High-Net-Worth Individuals (HNWIs) at the 4<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Financing for Development (FfD4). This signalled a significant commitment to international tax cooperation and fairer taxation of the wealthy. In addition to joining SPA, South Africa joined its partners at the recent 17<sup>th</sup> BRICS Summit in Brazil in endorsing the UN Framework Convention on International Tax Cooperation (UNFCITC), marking another historic opportunity to build a fairer global tax system with full representation for developing countries.

Between the G20, the UN Tax Convention, and the Financing for Development processes, there is increasing awareness of the need to build progressive tax systems in the world and within countries to address the multiple challenges of inequality, hunger, and resourcing for public goods. Following a successful international reform tax summit, civil society, trade unions, and other progressive organisations call on the government and National Treasury to tax the rich and not the poor.

Read the [SOUTH AFRICAN TAX JUSTICE WORKING GROUP DECLARATION](#) below.

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