



High-Level Panel 2: "Economic Sovereignty: Towards Financial Empowerment of African Territories"

Wednesday, November 5, 2025 – 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM GMT

Economic sovereignty refers to the ability of territories to define their own development paths, mobilize their resources, and control the production, distribution, and consumption chains. In a context marked by a significant decline in international development aid, strong dependence on external markets, and the fragility of informal economies, African cities and territories are called upon to fundamentally rethink their economic models. This panel will explore pathways to building inclusive, resilient, circular local economies rooted in endogenous resources.



Breakout Sessions

**Wednesday,
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11:30 AM to 1:30 PM
GMT**

Session 3: "Local Economies and Short Supply Chains: Towards a Revival of Territorial Production"

This session will focus on the promotion of local production. It will explore opportunities offered by urban and peri-urban agriculture, local commerce, cooperatives, local entrepreneurship, as well as innovations stemming from the circular economy and the social and solidarity economy.

Session 4: "Local Taxation, Alternative Financing, and Endogenous Partnerships: How to Build Economic Sovereignty?"

This session will provide a space to discuss various financing tools for cities and territories, including local taxes, crowdfunding, public-private partnerships, and more, aimed at supporting local productive investment.