

**81st Annual Congress of the International Institute of Public Finance (IIPF)  
at United States International University – Africa in Nairobi, Kenya  
Program Overview (Status 1 August 2025)**

|               | Tuesday August 19, 2025                               | Wednesday August 20, 2025      | Thursday August 21, 2025                                    | Friday August 22, 2025              |   |
|---------------|---|--------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|---|
| 08:00 - 08:30 |   | Registration opens             | Excursions  | Board meeting II<br>(on invitation) |   |
| 08:30 - 09:00 |   | Opening Ceremony               |   |                                     |   |
| 09:00 - 09:30 |   | Keynote I                      |   | E: Mentoring sessions               |   |
| 09:30 - 10:00 |   | Coffee Break                   |   | Coffee Break                        |   |
| 10:00 - 10:30 |   | Parallel Sessions A            |   | Parallel Sessions F                 |   |
| 10:30 - 11:00 |   |                                |   |                                     |   |
| 11:00 - 11:30 |   |                                |   |                                     |   |
| 11:30 - 12:00 |   |                                |   |                                     |   |
| 12:00 - 12:30 |   | Keynote III                    |   |                                     |   |
| 12:30 - 13:00 |   | Lunch (and panel discussion I) | Lunch   | Lunch (and panel discussion II)     |   |
| 13:00 - 13:30 |   |                                |   |                                     |   |
| 13:30 - 14:00 |   |                                |   |                                     |   |
| 14:00 - 14:30 |   |                                |   |                                     |   |
| 14:30 - 15:00 |   | Parallel Sessions B            | Parallel Sessions C<br>(parallel: event for local students) | Parallel Sessions G                 |   |
| 15:00 - 15:30 | IIPF Board of<br>Management I (on<br>invitation)      |                                |   |                                     |   |
| 15:30 - 16:00 |   |                                |   |                                     |   |
| 16:00 - 16:30 |   |                                |   |                                     |   |
| 16:30 - 17:00 |   |                                |   |                                     |   |
| 17:00 - 17:30 | Registration opens                                    | Keynote II                     | Parallel Sessions D   | Keynote IV                          |   |
| 17:30 - 18:00 |   | General Assembly of Members    |   | Closing Ceremony                    |   |
| 18:00 - 18:30 | IIPF Board of<br>Management Dinner<br>(on invitation) |                                |   |                                     | Break to move to dinner                     |
| 18:30 - 19:00 |   |                                |   |                                     | Welcome Reception (at Safari<br>Park Hotel) |
| 19:00 - 19:30 |   |                                |   |                                     |   |
| 19:30 - tbd   |   |                                |   |                                     |   |

Theme: **"Public Sector Capacities"**

Keynote Lectures:

Keynote I: Ravi Kanbur (Cornell University): "New Developments in the Theory and Practice of Targeting for Poverty Reduction"

Keynote II: Rema Hanna (Harvard University) - "Strengthening State Capacity Through Research Engagements"

Keynote III: Niels Johannesen (Oxford University): "Tax Enforcement with Imperfect Information"

Keynote IV: Oyebola Okunogbe (World Bank): "State Capacity and Taxation"

Panel discussions (during lunch):

Panel I: "How to Build Successful Research Collaborations with Government Agencies"

Panel II: "Tax Policy Challenges in Africa and How Research Can Help"

Mentoring sessions:

Mentoring I: Preparing for and navigating the job market

Mentoring II: Navigating the first few years as an assistant professor

Mentoring III: Rewarding careers outside academia

Mentoring IV: Publishing in economics journal

full program at <https://www.conftool.pro/iipf2025/sessions.php>

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