



# **Webinar Invitation: Illicit financial flows, drivers of poverty and vulnerability: a sustainable development quagmire**

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This [webinar](#) explores the critical issue of illicit financial flows (IFFs) and their impact on poverty and vulnerability. IFFs significantly undermine efforts towards sustainable development by diverting resources away from public services and infrastructure, exacerbating economic inequality, and perpetuating cycles of poverty. Expert speakers from diverse fields, including

academia, policy-making space, and private practice, will explore the mechanisms through which IFFs operate and their detrimental effects on economic stability and social equity. The discussion will feature case studies from various regions, illustrating the real-world consequences of IFFs on communities and nations. The aim is to critically unpack how illicit activities hinder progress toward the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly Goal 1, which champions ending poverty.

**Moderator:**

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