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WEDNESDAY 5 JULY

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08:15-09:00	Registration and coffee – Main lobby			
09:00-11:00	Plenary 1 – Welcome and keynote Plenary room			
11:00-11:30	Coffee – Cafeteria			
11:30-13:00	1.1 SOUTHMOD tax-benefit microsimulation	1.2 State capacity	1.3 Social protection I	1.4 Local public sector and effectiveness
13:00-14:30	Lunch – Marquee			
14:30-15:30	Poster session			
15:30-16:00	Coffee – Cafeteria			
16:00-17:30	2.1 Employment and labour income	2.2 Political economy	2.3 Social protection II	2.4 Local government and decentralization
19:00-21:00	Dinner – VIP Grand Maputo Hotel			

THURSDAY 6 JULY

ROOM	PLENARY ROOM	ROOM 2	ROOM 3	ROOM 4
09:00-10:30	3.1 Using revenue authorities' administrative data for research purposes	3.2 Labour market and household welfare impacts of cash transfer programmes	3.3 Nutritional and health incomes	3.4 Income and wellbeing
10:30-11:00	Coffee – Cafeteria			
11:00-12:30	4.1 Taxation: the data and research agenda	4.2 Commitment to equity: distributional impact of fiscal policies in Africa	4.3 Taxation of firms	4.4 Experimental approaches
12:30-14:00	Lunch – Marquee			
14:00-15:30	5.1 Multinationals	5.2 Informality and taxation	5.3 Social protection III	5.4 Transfers
15:30-16:00	Coffee – Cafeteria			
16:00-17:30	Plenary 2 – Keynote and closing Plenary room			

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09:00-11:00	Plenary 1 – WELCOME AND KEYNOTE Chair: Finn Tarp H.E. LAURA TORVINEN, Ambassador of Finland to Mozambique H.E. ADRIANO AFONSO MALEIANE, Minister of Economy and Finance of Mozambique (TBC) Keynote: Thinking about tax administration MICHAEL KEEN			PLENARY ROOM
11:00-11:30	Coffee break – Cafeteria			
11:30-13:00	Parallel 1.1 SOUTHMOD TAX-BENEFIT MICROSIMULATION Chair: Pia Ruttenhuber JUKKA PIRTILÄ and PIA RATTENHUBER: Quantifying the impacts of expanding social protection on efficiency and equity: evidence from a behavioural microsimulation model for Ghana GEMMA WRIGHT and VINCENT LEYARO: Policy transparency in the public sector: the case of social benefits in Tanzania mainland MAURICIO CUESTA: Poverty and vulnerability to poverty in Ecuador: a microsimulation estimation GEMMA WRIGHT: Exploring options for delivering and financing a universal child benefit in South Africa	Parallel 1.2 STATE CAPACITY Chair: Antonio Cruz ROEL DOM: Semi-autonomous revenue authorities in sub-Saharan Africa: silver bullet or white elephant SANJAY JAIN: Reforming the public sector: state capacity and special interests ANNA KOCHANOVA: Does e-government improve government capacity? Evidence from tax compliance costs and public procurement competitiveness	Parallel 1.3 SOCIAL PROTECTION I Chair: Rachel Gisselquist DAMIAN CLARKE: Growing together: the importance of a large early-life social inclusion programme on neonatal health outcomes in Latin America KELLY KILBURN: Short-term impacts of an unconditional cash transfer programme on child schooling: experimental evidence from Malawi MIGUEL NIÑO-ZARAZÚA: Natural resources, electoral behaviour, and social assistance in Latin America	Parallel 1.4 LOCAL PUBLIC SECTOR AND EFFECTIVENESS Chair: Sam Jones MIN HEIN: Myanmar real estate holding tax: a modest proposal for municipal finance in Myanmar MATY KONTE: How do education resources respond to the quality of local governance? Evidence from Africa SAM JONES: Who benefits from public services? Decomposing inequalities in Mozambique
13:00-14:30	Lunch – Marquee			
14:30-15:30	Poster session – Location TBC Chair: Kyle McNabb SOCIAL PROTECTION 1A LAURA SCHMITZ: Integrated micro-macro modelling of social protection reform in Zambia 1B THOMAS SOHNESEN: Enhancing public policy from space 1C ANJANA THAMPI: State intervention in food provisioning in India: impact on nutrition 1D SOAZIC ELISE WANG SONNE: From safety to productive net: unconditional cash transfer and agricultural outcomes in Cameroon CORPORATE TAXATION (AVOIDANCE) AND INVESTMENT AND LABOUR MARKET EFFECTS OF PUBLIC POLICIES 2A BELAL FALLAH: The effect of public sector on private jobs: evidence from Palestine 2B ELIZABETH GAVIN: Tracking early employment tax incentive impact through a tax administrative panel (2013-2015) 2C VENGADESHVARAN JAGATHEESWARA SARMA: Special economic zones and livelihood changes: Evidence from India 2D JOÃO MORGADO: Mozambique's investment acceleration (2007-2015): dynamics and structural effects 2E CAROLINE SCHIMANSKI: Do multinational companies shift profits out of developing countries? New evidence 2F BELMONDO TANANKIEM VOUFU: Incentives and firms' productivity: exploring multidimensional fiscal incentives in a developing country ENERGY TAXES AND SUBSIDIES 3A HABTAMU NEDA FUJE: Fossil fuel subsidy reforms, spatial market integration, and welfare: Evidence from a natural experiment in Ethiopia 3B SUPAWAN SAELIM: Distributional impact of carbon taxation on household welfare, income inequality, and poverty in Thailand 3C IMELDA: Fuel subsidy, neighbourhood effect, and household's fuel consumption choices: evidence from Indonesia POLITICAL ECONOMY, INEQUALITY, AND DOMESTIC RESOURCE MOBILIZATION/ALLOCATION 4A INES AFONSO ROQUE FERREIRA: An empirical analysis of state fragility and growth: The impact of state ineffectiveness and political violence 4B ABRAMS MBU ENOW TAGEM: The economics and politics of foreign aid and Domestic Resource Mobilization (DRM) 4C ALMEDINA MUSIC: Ethnic favouritism and trust: evidence from Indonesia 4D SAMUEL KOFI TETTEH-BAAH: Measuring group inequality across developing countries PRIVATE PERSON (IN)DIRECT TAXATION 5A MAHUNAN THIERRY HOUNSA: The redistributive effects of fiscal policy in Mali 5B INES JANINA HUNDENBORN: income inequality and taxation: the case of South Africa 5C AHMED SALIM NUHU: Asymmetric information and tax morale in Africa 5D KWADWO OPOKU: Optimal income taxation in developing economies			

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15:30-16:00	Coffee – Cafeteria			
16:00-17:30	<p>Parallel 2.1 EMPLOYMENT AND LABOUR INCOME Chair: Ricardo Santos</p> <p>ALBRECHT BOHNE: Learning dynamics in tax bunching at the kink: evidence from Ecuador</p> <p>CLEMENTE PIGNATTI: Do public employment services improve employment outcomes? Evidence from Columbia</p> <p>DARIO TARTAROLO: The response of salaried workers to the personal income tax: evidence from a regression discontinuity design in Argentina</p>	<p>Parallel 2.2 POLITICAL ECONOMY Chair: Jorge Matine</p> <p>BINIAM BEDASSO: Remittances and taxation in developing countries</p> <p>ROBERTO RICCIUTI: How do political institutions affect fiscal capacity? Explaining taxation in developing countries</p>	<p>Parallel 2.3 SOCIAL PROTECTION II Chair: Luca Pellerano</p> <p>NOEMI PACE: Making the right livelihood choice: how do cash transfers help?</p> <p>ERVIN PRIFTI: Risk-related effects of cash transfers on modern inputs demand</p> <p>ALMA SANTILLAN: The electoral impact of a conditional cash transfer: the case of Mexico's Progresa-Oportunidades programme</p>	<p>Parallel 2.4 LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND DECENTRALIZATION Chair: Manuel Araujo</p> <p>PABLO EVIA: Increased decentralization, basic services, and nutrition: evidence from Bolivia</p> <p>TEWODAJ MOGUES: Decentralization without representation (or mobility): implications for rural public services delivery</p>
19:00-21:00	Dinner – VIP Grand Maputo Hotel (Avenida 25 Setembro, nº 692) – Note: transportation for presenters has been pre-arranged; others will need to make their own arrangements.			

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09:00-10:30	<p>Parallel 3.1 – In collaboration with ICTD USING REVENUE AUTHORITIES' ADMINISTRATIVE DATA FOR RESEARCH PURPOSES Chair: Giulia Mascagni</p> <p>ELIZABETH GAVIN AND JUKKA PIRTILÄ: UNU-WIDER research programme on using administrative data: lessons learnt and the way forward</p> <p>RONALD WAISWA: Using revenue administration data for research: practical experiences and research in the Ugandan context</p> <p>GIULIA MASCAGNI: Rules for engagement: African revenue administrations and tax researchers</p>	<p>Parallel 3.2 LABOUR MARKET AND HOUSEHOLD WELFARE IMPACTS OF CASH TRANSFER PROGRAMMES Chair: Miguel Niño-Zarazúa</p> <p>SILVIO DAIDONE: A dose-response function approach for labour supply and cash transfers: the case of Zambia</p> <p>MARÍA GABRIELA PALACIO: Institutionalizing segregation: conditional cash transfers and employment choices</p> <p>GUIDO NEIDHÖFER: The long-lasting effects of a conditional cash transfer of children's human capital</p> <p>CARLA CANELAS: Schooling and labour market impacts of Bolivia's Bono Juancito Pinto</p>	<p>Parallel 3.3 NUTRITIONAL AND HEALTH OUTCOMES Chair: Vincenzo Salvucci</p> <p>TEMIDAYO APATA: Can social assistance programmes stimulate fairness of access to Agricultural Inputs Acquisition and reduce poverty among small-scale farmers in southwestern Nigeria?</p> <p>ANDREA GUARISO: Reducing child mortality in the last mile: a randomized social entrepreneurship intervention in Uganda</p> <p>TARA KAUL: Household responses to food subsidies: evidence from India</p>	<p>Parallel 3.4 INEQUALITY AND WELLBEING Chair: Carlos Gradín</p> <p>IRA NEAL GANG: Inequality, good governance, and endemic corruption</p> <p>ARMAND MBOUTCHOUANG KOUNTCHOU: The impact of oil exploitation on wellbeing in Chad</p> <p>CARLOS GRADÍN: Occupational gender segregation in post-apartheid South Africa</p>
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11:00-12:30	<p>Parallel 4.1 TAXATION: THE DATA AND RESEARCH AGENDA Chair: Tony Addison</p> <p>KYLE MCNABB: Towards closer cohesion of international tax statistics: the ICTD/UNU-WIDER Government Revenue Dataset 2017</p> <p>TONY ADDISON and JÖRGEN LEVIN: Taxation and development</p>	<p>Parallel 4.2 – In collaboration with World Bank COMMITMENT TO EQUITY: DISTRIBUTIONAL IMPACT OF FISCAL POLICIES IN AFRICA Chair: Tomomi Tanaka</p> <p>ALEJANDRO DE LA FUENTE: Impact of fiscal policy on inequality and poverty in Zambia</p> <p>TOMOMI TANAKA: income tax policy, non-compliance, and its distributive effects in Ghana</p> <p>RYOKO SATO: The impacts of external funding for district governments on tax collection and public goods provision in Ghana</p> <p>SANDRA MARTINEZ: The distributional impact of taxes and social spending in Senegal</p>	<p>Parallel 4.3 TAXATION OF FIRMS Chair: Horácio Simão</p> <p>XIAOGUAN CHEN: Taxation like predation: the case in China</p> <p>GIULIA MASCAGNI: One size does not fit all: a field experiment on the drivers of tax compliance and delivery methods in Rwanda</p>	<p>Parallel 4.4 EXPERIMENTAL APPROACHES Chair: Faizal Carsane</p> <p>KARINE MARAZYAN: Income hiding and informal redistribution: a lab-in-the-field experiment in Senegal</p> <p>KARIM KHAN: Moral hazard, monitoring, and punishment: evidence from a field experiment</p> <p>ARNE WIIG: How do voters respond to information on self-serving elite behaviour? evidence from a randomized survey experiment in Tanzania</p>
12:30-14:00	Lunch – Marquee			
14:00-15:30	<p>Parallel 5.1 MULTINATIONALS Chair: Michael Keen</p> <p>PAMINA KOENIG: The geography of NGO activism against multinational corporations</p> <p>MIROSLAV PALANSKÝ: Estimating the scale of corporate profit shifting: Tax revenue losses related to foreign direct investment</p> <p>LUDVIG WIER: Tax-motivated transfer price manipulation in South Africa</p>	<p>Parallel 5.2 INFORMALITY AND TAXATION Chair: Jörgen Levin</p> <p>PIERRE NGUYMKEU: The politics of social fund allocation: evidence from Kenya</p> <p>RUDI ROCHA DE CASTRO: Do lower taxes reduce informality? evidence from Brazil</p> <p>BASSIROU SARR: Value-added tax remittance responsibility, firm compliance, and production decisions</p>	<p>Parallel 5.3 SOCIAL PROTECTION III Chair: Novella Maugeri</p> <p>SILVIO DAIDONE: Does ‘soft conditionality’ increase the impact of cash transfers on desired outcomes? Evidence from a randomized control trial in Lesotho</p> <p>RICHARD DE GROOT: Overview of transfer project research in sub-Saharan Africa and highlight from ‘From Evidence to Action’</p> <p>CAROLINE TASSOT: Can investments in social protection contribute to subjective wellbeing? A cross-country analysis</p>	<p>Parallel 5.4 TRANSFERS Chair: Gemma Wright</p> <p>MARINA DODLOVA: The politics of social fund allocation: evidence from Kenya</p> <p>ABEL FUMEY: Intergovernmental fiscal transfers and tactical political maneuverings: evidence from Ghana’s district assemblies common fund</p> <p>ANUBHAB GUPTA: Heterogenous spillovers from SCTs: evidence from Lesotho</p>
15:30-16:00	Coffee – Cafeteria			
16:00-17:30	<p>Plenary 2 – KEYNOTE AND CLOSING Chair: Jukka Pirttilä</p> <p>Keynote: ‘How to spend it’: Financing Africa’s infrastructure gap JOHN PAGE</p> <p>Final remarks FINN TARP</p>			PLENARY ROOM

Friday 7 July 2017 08:30-12:30

All conference participants are welcome to join our side event, Tax and development: what can we learn from the Finnish experience? The seminar is co-organized with the Embassy of Finland in Maputo, the Ministry of Economy and Finance, and the Tax Authority of Mozambique.