

INVITATION

to Research Webinar Series

Government fiscal measures during and after an economic crisis: Africa's response to the impact of COVID-19

TOPIC:	<i>Government fiscal measures during and after an economic crisis: Africa's response to the impact of COVID-19</i>
WHEN:	25–26 November 2020
TIME:	12:00–14:30 (CAT) (SAST)
WHO:	The African Tax Administration Forum (ATAF), The University of Pretoria and The University of the Witwatersrand
WHERE:	ZOOM EVENT (registration is required in advance, see link below)

DESCRIPTION

The impact of the current tax policy responses to COVID-19 will be noticed long after the pandemic has passed. But still, fiscal measures have to be developed, some without precedence, to respond to the pandemic and prepare for the recovery. Exchange of good practice and peer learning among revenue authorities, policymakers, the academia, private sector and civil society is essential.

Against this background, the African Tax Administration Forum (ATAF) under the African Tax Research Network (ATRN), in collaboration

with the University of Pretoria (UP) and the University of the Witwatersrand (WITS) cordially invites you to a research webinar on **25 and 26 November 2020 at 12h00 to 14h30** (Central African Time - CAT) [South African Standard Time (SAST)] on the main theme: *Government Fiscal Measures during and after an Economic Crisis: Africa's Response to the impact of COVID-19*.

Through the webinar and the subsequent webinar proceedings that will be developed, tax policymakers, revenue authorities and government officials will be well informed on how to craft policies to efficiently respond to COVID-19 and similar crises in future.

SUB-THEMES

1. Income Tax Relief Measures
2. VAT Relief measures
3. Tax compliance / administration relief measures
4. The role of fiscal policy (fiscal stimulus) in the economic recovery and people's welfare post catastrophe

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DAY 1: 25 NOVEMBER 2020 (12:00–14:30 CAT/SAST)

12h00–12h10	Mr Logan Wort , Executive Secretary, ATAF Mr Philippe K. Tchodie , ATAF Chairperson Commissioner General, L'Office Togolais des Recettes (OTR)	Opening and welcome
Facilitator: Prof Carika Fritz (University of the Witwatersrand)		
Time	Presenter	Paper/Discussion
12h10–12h30	Dr I du Plessis (University of Stellenbosch) South Africa	The impact of COVID-19 on the residence of persons other than individuals: A South African Perspective
12h30–12h50	Kodzo Adjeyi (University of Lomé) Togo	Accompanying measures and respect of tax declaration deadlines during the COVID-19 crisis in Togo
12h50–13h10	Dr Jesse Lastunen (United Nations University World Institute for Development Economics Research – UNU-WIDER) Finland	To the rescue? The mitigating role of tax and benefit rescue packages for poverty and inequality in Africa amid the COVID-19 pandemic
Panel Discussion		
13h10–13h50	Ms Jane Nalunga (Southern and Eastern Africa Trade Information and Negotiations Institute-SEATINI) Uganda Mr Egbiri Egbiri (African Development Bank – AfDB) Cote D'Ivoire Dr Pia Rattenhuber (United Nations University World Institute for Development Economics Research – UNU-WIDER) Finland Dr Nohoua Traore (Université Alassane Ouattara de Bouaké) Côte d'Ivoire	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Response in respect of the feasibility of the recommendations by presenters Discussion of further recommendations / own suggestions Questions to presenters
13h50–14h15	Facilitator	Questions and Answers

DAY 2: 26 NOVEMBER 2020 (12:00–14:30 CAT/SAST)

12h00–12h10	Dr Nara Monkam , Director: Research, ATAF	Opening and welcome
Facilitator: Prof SP van Zyl (University of Pretoria)		
Time	Presenter	Paper/Discussion
12h10–12h30	Tanguy Agbokpanzo (University of Abomey-Calavi) Benin	Financing the Economic Development of WAEMU Countries in the era of COVID-19: Taxes or Debt?
12h30–12h50	Dr Bidossessi Alakonon (University of Abomey-Calavi) Benin	Tax reforms: How sensitive are they to the COVID-19 shock?
12h50–13h10	Prof PP Gendron (Humber College) Canada	VAT Gaps in Africa: Administration and Politics
Panel Discussion		
13h10–13h50	Muyangwa Muyangwa (International Monetary Fund – IMF) U.S.A. Hamadou Kabore (Direction Générale des Impôts) Burkina Faso Dr Fanwell Bokosi (UNECA), Zambia (TBC) Ms W Steyn (South African Revenue Service – SARS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Response in respect of the feasibility of the recommendations by presenters Discussion of further recommendations / own suggestions Questions to presenters
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14h15–14h25	Mr Logan Wort , Executive Secretary: ATAF	Thanks and closure