

IGC Tax for Growth Launch Event

Theme: The role of tax research and evidence in developing countries' growth story

26 April 2023

13:00 – 13:10	Introductory remarks Jonathan Leape , Executive Director, International Growth Centre
13:10 – 14:00	Keynote address and policymaker remarks Adnan Khan , Chief Economist, Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO) Dingani Banda , Commissioner General, Zambia Revenue Authority (ZRA) Q and A
14:00 – 15:00	Headline panel Tax research for development: Panel discussion to launch Tax for Growth

- **Anders Jensen**, Associate Professor, Harvard University
- **Mujtaba Piracha**, Pakistan's Ambassador/ Representative, World Trade Organization
- **Ezekiel Phiri**, Director of Research and Planning, Zambia Revenue Authority
- **Naphtal Hakizimana**, Principal Professional in Charge of Research and Policy Analysis, Strategy and Risk Analysis Department, Rwanda Revenue Authority

Q and A

Moderator: Twivwe Siwale, Head of Tax for Growth

15:00 – 15:05	Break
15:05 – 16:30	Research presentations Moderator: Hina Shaikh , Country Economist, Pakistan
15:05 – 15:25	Tax Data and Research Methods for Tax Policy – Anders Jensen , Associate Professor, Harvard University
15:25 – 15:45	Ghosting the Tax Authority: Fake Firms and Tax Fraud – Dina Pomeranz , Assistant Professor University of Zurich
15:45 – 16:05	Technology and Local Tax Capacity: Evidence from Ghana – James Dzansi , Country Economist, IGC Ghana
16:05 – 16:25	Optimal Assignment of Bureaucrats: Evidence from Randomly Assigned Tax Collectors in the DRC – Gabriel Tourek , Assistant Professor, University of Pittsburgh