

TRA-IGC-REPOA International Conference on Tax for Growth

DAY ONE, 15 May 2024	
07:30 – 08:30	Registration
Opening Remarks	
08:30 – 08:40	<p style="text-align: center;">Introduction to Day One</p> <p>Richard M Kayombo (Director for Tax Payer Services and Education, TRA) Stephen Mwombela (REPOA)</p>
08:40 – 09:10	<p style="text-align: center;">Welcome Remarks</p> <p>Mr Alphayo J. Kidata (Commissioner General, Tanzania Revenue Authority, Permanent Secretary – President’s Office Regional Administration and Local Government) Prof. Jonathan Leape (Executive Director, International Growth Centre) REPOA</p>
09:10 – 09:25	<p style="text-align: center;">Opening Address</p> <p>TBC</p>
Session One: Why Does Tax Matter for Development?	
09:25 – 09:45	<p style="text-align: center;">Introduction to Session One Presentation: The importance of tax for development</p> <p>Prof. Anders Jensen (Associate Professor of Public Policy, Harvard University)</p>
09:45 – 10:15	<p style="text-align: center;">Panel discussion: The tax and development landscape in Tanzania</p> <p>Chair: Prof. Nada Eissa (Associate Professor of Public Policy and Economics, Georgetown University) Prof. Anders Jensen (Associate Professor of Public Policy, Harvard University) TBC Maliki Sabato (Senior Manager, KPMG Tanzania) Dr Donald Mmari (Executive Director, REPOA)</p>
10:15 – 10:25	Q&A
10:25 – 10:30	Vote of Thanks
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee break
Session Two: Making Tax Enforcement Work	
11:00 – 11:05	<p style="text-align: center;">Introduction to Session Two</p> <p>Chair: Dr Tewodros Gebrewolde (Senior Country Economist, IGC Ethiopia)</p>
11:05 – 11:30	<p style="text-align: center;">Presentation: Consumer Incentives to Improve VAT Collection in Tanzania</p> <p>Dr Amos J Ibrahim (Head of Short Courses, Institute of Tanzania Revenue Authority’s Training Institution)</p> <p>Discussant: Jane Mpapalika (Senior Researcher, REPOA)</p>
11:30 – 11:55	<p style="text-align: center;">Presentation: Firm Relationships and Tax Policy Innovations: Experimental Evidence from Zambia</p>

	Jihye Jang (PhD student, Cornell University) Discussant: John Mulenga (Economist, ZRA)
11:55 – 12:05	Q&A
12:05 – 12:30	Presentation: Customs Tax Evasion in Uganda Prof. Nada Eissa (Associate Professor, Georgetown University) Discussant: Nicholas Musoke (Supervisor, Research, Uganda Revenue Authority)
12:30 – 12:40	Q&A
12:40 – 13:40	Lunch
Session Three: Value-Added Tax: Flawed but Best?	
14:05 – 14:10	Introduction to Session Three Chair: Abou Bakarr Kamara (Senior Country Economist, IGC Sierra Leone)
14:10 – 14:30	Presentation: Does the Value-Added Tax Add Value? Prof. Mazhar Waseem (Associate Professor, University of Manchester)
14:30 – 15:10	Panel discussion: Value-Added Tax – Flawed but Best? Chair: Twivwe Siwale (Head, Tax for Growth Initiative, IGC) Prof. Mazhar Waseem (Associate Professor, University of Manchester) Ahmed Haji Saadat (Director for Research and Planning, Zanzibar Revenue Authority) Kelvin Mpembamoto (Deputy Director, Zambia Revenue Authority) Dr Abebe Shimeles (Advisor, Ethiopian Ministry of Finance)
15:10 – 15:20	Q&A
15:20 – 15:25	Closing Remarks Abou Bakarr Kamara (Senior Country Economist, IGC Sierra Leone)

DAY TWO, 16 May 2024	
07:30 – 08:30	Registration
08:30 – 08:40	Introduction to Day Two Twivwe Siwale (Head, Tax for Growth Initiative, IGC)
Session Four: Technology for Better Enforcement and Compliance	
08:40 – 08:45	Introduction to Session Four Chair: Dr Nhial Kuch (Country Economist, IGC Uganda)
08:45 – 09:10	Presentation: The Promise and Pitfall of Technology: Evidence from Tax Collection in Ghana Dr James Dzansi (Senior Country Economist, IGC Ghana). Discussant: Akua Owusu-Asamoah (Head of Fiscal Decentralization Unit, Ministry of Finance, Ghana)
09:10 – 09:35	Presentation: Technology Evolution and Tax Compliance: Evidence from Rwanda Dr Fabrizio Santoro (Research Fellow, IDS and International Centre for Tax and Development) Discussant: Denis Mukama (Assistant Commissioner, Planning and Research, Rwanda Revenue Authority)
09:35 – 09:45	Q&A
Session Five: Tax Policy and the Climate Transition	
09:45 – 09:50	Introduction to Session Five Chair: Prof. Jonathan Leape (Executive Director, IGC)
09:50 – 10:10	Presentation: The Role of Tax Policy in Promoting an Effective Climate Transition in Developing Countries Prof. Kim Clausing (Eric M. Zolt Chair in Tax Law and Policy, UCLA)
10:10 – 10:40	Panel discussion: Tax Policy and the Climate Transition: Challenges and Opportunities Chair: Prof. Jonathan Leape (Executive Director, International Growth Centre) Prof. Kim Clausing (Eric M. Zolt Chair in Tax Law and Policy, UCLA) Ahmed Ndyeshobola (REPOA) Dr. Philip Kargbo (Director of Research, Sierra Leone National Revenue Authority)
10:40 – 10:50	Q&A
10:50 – 11:20	Coffee break
Session Six: Engaging Citizens in State Building	
11:20 – 11:25	Introduction to Session Five Chair: Felix Mambo (Country Economist, IGC Mozambique)
11:25 – 12:15	Presentation: Maybe Citizens Should Pay Tax After All? 20 mins. Dr Jamal Msami (Director of Strategic Research, REPOA)

	<p>Presentation: Leveraging Religious Leaders to Increase Voluntary Tax Compliance: Experimental Evidence from Tanzania, 20 mins.</p> <p>Jasmin Vietz (PhD student, University of Hohenheim)</p> <p>Discussant: Dr Donald Mmari (Executive Director, REPOA), 10 mins.</p>
12:15 – 12:25	Q&A
12:25 – 12:55	<p>Presentation: Public disclosure and tax compliance: Evidence from Uganda</p> <p>Priya Manwaring (PhD student, University of Oxford)</p> <p>Discussant: Robert Nowere (Director of Revenue Collection, Kampala Capital City Authority)</p>
12:55 – 13:05	Q&A
13:05 – 13:35	<p>Presentation: The Social Compact and Citizen Preferences for Redistribution in Mozambique</p> <p>Prof. Pedro Vicente (Professor of Economics, Nova School of Business and Economics)</p> <p>Discussant: Manuel de Araújo (Mayor of Quelimane)</p>
13:35 – 13:45	Q&A
13:45 – 14:45	Lunch
Closing	
14:45 – 15:35	<p>Panel discussion: Experimentation and Learning-by-Doing</p> <p>Chair: Massaga Fimbo (TRA)</p> <p>Prof. Nada Eissa (Associate Professor, Georgetown University)</p> <p>Ephraim Mdee (TRA)</p> <p>Prof. Anders Jensen (Harvard)</p> <p>Dr Lucas Katera (REPOA)</p>
15:35 – 15:50	Q&A
15:50 – 16:00	<p>Closing Remarks</p> <p>Mr Alphayo J. Kidata (Commissioner General, Tanzania Revenue Authority, Permanent Secretary – President’s Office Regional Administration and Local Government)</p> <p>Prof. Jonathan Leape (Executive Director, International Growth Centre)</p>