

## TRA-IGC-REPOA International Conference on Tax for Growth

<b>DAY ONE, 15 May 2024</b>	
<b>07:30 – 08:30</b>	<b>Registration</b>
<b>Opening Remarks</b>	
	<b>Introduction to Day One</b>
<b>08:30 – 08:40</b>	MC Twivwe Siwale (Head, Tax for Growth Initiative, IGC)
	<b>Welcome Remarks</b>
<b>08:40 – 09:30</b>	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
	<b>Opening Address</b>
<b>09:30 – 09:45</b>	TBC
<b>Session One: Why Does Tax Matter for Development?</b>	
	<b>Introduction to Session One</b> <b>Presentation: The importance of tax for development</b>
<b>09:45 – 10:05</b>	Chair: Prof. Anders Jensen (Associate Professor of Public Policy, Harvard University)
	<b>Panel discussion: The tax and development landscape in Tanzania</b>
<b>10:05 – 10:35</b>	Chair: Prof. Anders Jensen (Associate Professor of Public Policy, Harvard University) TBC Prof. Kunal Sen (Director of the United Nations University Institute World Institute for Development Economics Research, UNU-Wider) Mr Alphayo J. Kidata (Commissioner General, Tanzania Revenue Authority, Permanent Secretary – President’s Office Regional Administration and Local Government) Dr Donald Mmari (Executive Director, REPOA)
<b>10:35 – 10:45</b>	<b>Q&amp;A</b>
<b>10:45 – 10:50</b>	<b>Vote of Thanks</b>
<b>10:50 – 11:15</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>
<b>Session Two: Making Tax Enforcement Work</b>	
	<b>Introduction to Session Two</b>
<b>11:15 – 11:25</b>	Chair: Dr Tewodros Gebrewolde (Senior Country Economist, IGC Ethiopia)
<b>11:25 – 11:50</b>	<b>Presentation: The Impact of Digital Tax Stamps on Firms’ Compliance Behaviour</b>

	<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>
11:50 – 12:15	<p><b>Presentation: Firm Relationships and Tax Policy Innovations: Experimental Evidence from Zambia</b></p> <p>Jihye Jang (PhD student, Cornell University)</p> <p>Discussant: TBC</p>
12:15 – 12:25	<b>Q&amp;A</b>
12:25 – 12:50	<p><b>Presentation: The Promise and Pitfall of Technology: Evidence from Tax Collection in Ghana</b></p> <p>James Dzansi (Senior Country Economist, IGC Ghana).</p> <p>Discussant: Akua Owusu-Asamoah (Head of Fiscal Decentralization Unit, Ministry of Finance, Ghana)</p>
12:50 – 13:15	<p><b>Presentation: Technology Evolution and Tax Compliance: Evidence from Rwanda</b></p> <p>Dr Fabrizio Santoro (Research Fellow, IDS and International Centre for Tax and Development)</p> <p>Discussant: Denis Mukama (Assistant Commissioner, Planning and Research, Rwanda Revenue Authority)</p>
13:15 – 13:25	<b>Q&amp;A</b>
13:30 – 14:30	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>Session Three: Value-Added Tax</b>	
14:30 – 14:40	<p><b>Introduction to Session Three</b></p> <p>Chair: Thandiwe Ng'ombe (Country Economist, IGC Zambia)</p>
14:40 – 15:00	<p><b>Presentation: Does the Value-Added Tax Add Value?</b></p> <p>Prof. Mazhar Waseem (Associate Professor, University of Manchester)</p>
15:00 – 15:40	<p><b>Panel discussion: Value-Added Tax</b></p> <p>Chair: Prof. Mazhar Waseem (Associate Professor, University of Manchester)</p> <p>Ahmed Haji Saadat (Director for Research and Planning, Zanzibar Revenue Authority)</p> <p>Dr Abebe Shimeles (Advisor, Ethiopian Ministry of Finance)</p> <p>Twivwe Siwale (Head, Tax for Growth Initiative, IGC)</p>
15:40 – 15:50	<b>Q&amp;A</b>
15:50 – 16:00	<p><b>Closing Remarks</b></p> <p>Thandiwe Ng'ombe (Country Economist, IGC Zambia)</p>

<b>DAY TWO, 16 May 2024</b>	
<b>07:30 – 08:30</b>	<b>Registration</b>
<b>08:30 – 08:40</b>	<b>Introduction to Day Two</b>  Twivwe Siwale (Head, Tax for Growth Initiative, IGC)
<b>Session Four: Taxing Sustainably</b>	
<b>08:40 – 08:50</b>	<b>Introduction to Session Four</b>  Chair: Nhial Kuch (Country Economist, IGC Uganda)
<b>08:50 – 09:40</b>	<b>Presentation: Customs Tax Evasion in Uganda</b>  Prof. Nada Eissa (Associate Professor, Georgetown University)  <b>Presentation: Leveraging Trading Networks to Improve Tax Compliance: Experimental Evidence from Uganda</b>  David Henning (PhD student, UCLA)  Discussant: Tina Kaidu (Manager of Research and Revenue Modelling, Uganda Revenue Authority)
<b>09:40 – 09:50</b>	<b>Q&amp;A</b>
<b>09:50 – 10:10</b>	<b>Presentation: How Can Developing Countries Benefit from the Climate Transition – Are CBAMs the Answer?</b>  Prof. Kim Clausing (Eric M. Zolt Chair in Tax Law and Policy, UCLA)
<b>10:10 – 10:40</b>	<b>Panel discussion: Where Will Revenue Mobilisation Be in 10 Years?</b>  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) KPMG Dr. Philip Kargbo (Director of Research, Sierra Leone National Revenue Authority)
<b>10:40 – 10:50</b>	<b>Q&amp;A</b>
<b>10:50 – 11:20</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>
<b>Session Five: Engaging Citizens in State Building</b>	
<b>11:20 – 11:30</b>	<b>Introduction to Session Five</b>  Chair: Felix Mambo (Country Economist, IGC Mozambique)
<b>11:30 – 12:20</b>	<b>Presentation: Maybe Citizens Should Pay Tax After All?</b>  Dr Jamal Msami (Director of Strategic Research, REPOA)  <b>Presentation: Leveraging Religious Leaders to Increase Voluntary Tax Compliance: Experimental Evidence from Tanzania</b>  Jasmin Vietz (University of Hohenheim)  Discussant: Dr Donald Mmari (Executive Director, REPOA)
<b>12:20 – 12:30</b>	<b>Q&amp;A</b>

<p><b>12:30 – 13:00</b></p>	<p><b>Presentation: Public disclosure and tax compliance: Evidence from Uganda</b></p> <p>Priya Manwaring (PhD student, University of Oxford)</p> <p>Discussant: Robert Nowere (Director of Revenue Collection, Kampala Capital City Authority)</p>
<p><b>13:00 – 13:10</b></p>	<p><b>Q&amp;A</b></p>
<p><b>13:10 – 13:40</b></p>	<p><b>Presentation: The Social Compact and Citizen Preferences for Redistribution in Mozambique</b></p> <p>Prof. Pedro Vicente (Professor of Economics, Nova School of Business and Economics)</p> <p>Discussant: Manuel de Araújo (Mayor of Quelimane)</p>
<p><b>13:40 – 13:50</b></p>	<p><b>Q&amp;A</b></p>
<p><b>13:50 – 14:50</b></p>	<p><b>Lunch</b></p>
<p><b>Closing</b></p>	
<p><b>14:50 – 15:40</b></p>	<p><b>Panel discussion: Experimentation and Learning-by-Doing</b></p> <p>Chair: Massaga Fimbo (TRA)</p> <p>Prof. Nada Eissa (Associate Professor, Georgetown University)</p> <p>Ephraim Mdee (TRA)</p> <p>Prof. Santiago Garriga (UNLP)</p> <p>Dr Lucas Katera (REPOA)</p>
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