

## International experience in tax policy design and enforcement

### Conference programme

**Date:** 11<sup>th</sup> July, 2018

**Location:** Taj Pamodzi, Lusaka, Zambia

8.15-8.45		Registration and coffee
8.45-9.00	<b>Welcome speech</b>	<b>Anand Rajaram</b> (Country Director, IGC Zambia) <b>Emmanuel Pamu</b> (Permanent Secretary of Budget and Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance, Government of Zambia)
9.00-9.45	<b>Keynote speech</b>	<b>Adnan Khan</b> (Research and Policy Director, IGC) <i>Taxation and development: Evidence from developing countries</i>
9.50-10.50	<b>International experience in tax enforcement</b>	Chair: <b>Denis Mukama</b> (Rwanda Revenue Authority) Presenters: <b>Anders Jensen</b> (Harvard University) <i>Strengthening consumers' participation in VAT compliance strategies in Rwanda</i> <b>Justine Knebelmann</b> (Paris School of Economics) <i>Information, fiscal capacity, and tax enforcement: An experimental evaluation in Uganda</i>
10.50-11.05		Tea and coffee
11.05-11.50	<b>Business taxation</b>	Chair: <b>Dennis Chiwele</b> (Country Manager, IGC Zambia) Presenters: <b>Sharon Smulders</b> (University of South Africa) <i>The effect of tax compliance costs on SMEs/entrepreneurs: A South African perspective</i> <b>Kiflu Molla</b> (Ethiopian Development Research Institute) <i>Tax evasion in international trade: Evidence from missing imports in Ethiopia</i>
11.50-12.30	<b>Collaborating on evidence for tax design</b>	Chair: <b>Justine Knebelmann</b> (Paris School of Economics) Presenters: <b>Milly Nalukwago and Ronald Waiswa</b> (Uganda Revenue Authority) <i>Taxing high net worth individuals: Lessons from the Uganda Revenue Authority's experience</i> <b>Kelvin Mpempamoto, Evaristo Mwale</b> (Zambia Revenue Authority), and <b>Anders Jensen</b> (Harvard) <i>Reforming personal income taxation in Zambia</i>

12.30-13.15	Lunch	
13.15-14.45	<b>Experience in tax design and administration</b>	<p>Chair: <b>Sharon Smulders</b> (University of South Africa)</p> <p>Presenters: <b>Anders Jensen</b> (Harvard University) and <b>James Dzansi</b> (IGC Ghana) <i>Building tax capacity: Evidence from technology investments in Ghana</i></p> <p><b>Ross Warwick</b> (Institute of Fiscal Studies) <i>Preferential VAT rates, cash transfers, and redistribution: Evidence from six LMICs</i></p> <p><b>Ofir Reich</b> (Center for Effective Global Action, UC Berkeley) <i>Who's bogus? Machine learning to tackle VAT evasion</i></p>
14.45-15.00	Tea and coffee	
15.00-16.30	<b>Q&amp;A: Challenges and opportunities in using evidence to inform tax administration and reform</b>	<p>Chair: <b>Adnan Khan</b> (Research and Policy Director, IGC)</p> <p>Speakers: <b>Milly Nalukwago</b> (Assistant Commissioner for Research, Planning and Development, Uganda Revenue Authority) <b>Charles Addae</b> (Assistant Commissioner for Tax Analysis and Forecasting, Ghana Revenue Authority) <b>Ezekiel Phiri</b> (Director of Research and Policy, Zambia Revenue Authority) <b>Denis Mukama</b> (Head of Research, Rwanda Revenue Authority) <b>Joseph Sirengo</b> (Manager for Research, Knowledge Management and Corporate Planning, Kenya Revenue Authority)</p>
16.30-17.00	<b>Closing remarks and signing of the Memorandum of Understanding</b>	<p><b>Kingsley Chanda</b> (Commissioner General, Zambia Revenue Authority) <i>Signing of MoU between Zambia Revenue Authority and International Growth Centre</i></p>