'Tax and Informal Economies in Africa: Charting Ways Forward' workshop

Session Notes

Session 6: Registration

Panel Session: 20 February, 13:00-14:30

Breakout Groups: 20 February, 14:45- 15:45

Registration presents one of the primary challenges of tax engagement with informal economies - tax registers are often imperfect with respect to informal operators, but large registration exercises have proved costly and can further dilute the quality of tax registers. This session reflects on previous experience and suggests ways forward.

Participant Bios:

Idrissa Kanu is the Director of Revenue and Tax Policy at the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development in Sierra Leone.

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Ronald Waiswa is Applied Research and Statistics Specialist at ATAF.

Denis Mukama is the Interim Commissioner for Strategy and Risk Analysis at the Rwandan Revenue Authority.

Juergen Ehrke is Head of Public Finance Component of the PAIReD (Participation, Accountability and Integrity for a Resilient Democracy) programme at GIZ Ghana.

Justine Gerald Mlewa is the Principal Finance Management Officer at the Ministry of Finance of Tanzania

Essowe Padembana is the Head of the Research Division of the Office Togolais des Recettes.

Name	Role	Time	Notes
Idrissa Kanu	Chair	5 min	h 🗤 🖓 🕂 h 🕂 h 🖞 h 🕈 h 🖓 h h h h h h h h h h h h h h h h h
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Vanessa van den	Presenter	10 min	
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Ronald Waiswa	Presenter	10 min	°offyffj cãc⊋ [°] ₄2c0ffj °ãc0≬ã∆₄ Ź c₄ c0ffjæã∑ [°] ffj ⁻ã⁻ffy
Denis Mukama	Presenter	10 min	ૃffŘfffτεą [¢] ₄₄2, <u>GΣ</u> ff ₀ £ff Ŧff₃
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Essowe Padembana	Discussant	8 min	Reflection of OTR Experiences
Q&A	Q&A	20 min	Moderated by the chair, grouping multiple questions from the audience before handing back to the presenters and discussants.

Breakout Groups

The session will be followed by breakout groups, to be announced by the chair. There will be a list in the meeting room that indicates which breakout group everyone is in, who is the respective breakout group leader and assigned note-taker.

14:45 - 15:25 Breakout Group Discussions

Questions:

- 1) What could a risk-based registration approach look like?
- 2) If registration is partly about building future taxpayers, how can this be supported more effectively?
- 15:25 15:45 Feedback from Breakout Groups