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NEWS



Transparency International Releases the 2021 Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI)

The CPI ranks 180 countries and territories around the world by their <u>perceived levels of public sector corruption</u>. The results are given on a scale of 0 (highly corrupt) to 100 (very clean). This year's Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI) revealed that corruption levels are at a worldwide standstill. The global average remained unchanged for the tenth year in a row, at just 43 out of a possible 100 points. Despite multiple commitments, 131 countries have made no significant progress against corruption in the last decade. Two-thirds of countries scored below 50, indicating that they have serious corruption problems, while 27 countries are at their lowest score ever. Learn more...

EVENTS

Global Protest to Fight Inequality

Whilst world leaders and corporate execs convened for the Davos State of the World sessions during the week of 15th – 22nd January 2022, citizens around the world rose up as part of the Fight Inequality Alliance for the Global Protest to Fight Inequality. A wide range of social movements, grassroots and community-based organisations, civil society organisations, trade unions, artists and individual activists from across the world united to call for a People's Recovery Plan and an end to the spiralling inequality crippling our societies.



PUBLICATIONS



WEAVING WEBS FOR TAX AVOIDANCE: Identifying and Mapping Treaties in the East African Community (EAC)

Over the last decade there has been a mad rush by East African economies to negotiate tax treaties. This publication conducts a general mapping of the tax treaty network in the East African region to understand the general number of double taxation agreements (DTAs) in each of the EAC member States. It is a cursory attempt to begin efforts to build contextual evidence, build capacity and publicise the issues surrounding DTAs in East Africa Access your copy here...

Imposing Standards: The North-South Dimension Global Tax Politics

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In today's globalizing world, it is near impossible for any country not to have some kind of business with some other country. The countries of the Global South are more or less forced into relationships with countries of the Global North because of the flow of money for investment down south. Bilateral tax treaties, therefore, are written because the investing country desires to protect the economic rights or benefits of their citizens in the global south countries. *Imposing Standards* reminds everyone who is concerned about the nature and methodology of bilateral tax treaties that they are historically and innately skewed against poor countries of the Global South, especially African ones. Read more...



THE NORTH-SOUTH DIMENSION To global tax politics

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TAX GLOSSARY



Kleptocracy

A kleptocracy is a form of government in which the leaders, known as kleptocrats, use their political positions of power to gain or increase their personal wealth by stealing money and valuable resources from the countries they rule. Through acts of embezzlement, bribery, or outright misappropriation of public funds, kleptocrats enrich themselves and their families at the expense of the general population. In anticipation of losing their power, kleptocrats typically devise intricate illegal international money laundering networks to protect their stolen assets by hiding them in secret foreign bank accounts. <u>See more...</u>

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