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NEWS



Civil Societies take Rwanda to Court Over New Investment Promotion Code

The Tax Justice Network Africa (TJNA) and the East African Tax and Governance Network (EATGN) filed a case at the East African Court of Justice (EACJ) on 7 April 2021 challenging the enactment of a new Investment Promotion Code gazetted in February 2021 on the basis that it violates the East African Community (EAC) Treaty as well as other EAC laws. The Rwandan government has established the Kigali International Financial Centre (KIFC), which provides preferential treatment to investors through this law... [Read full press release](#)

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Enhancing Domestic Revenue Through Curbing Harmful Tax Incentives in the East African Community

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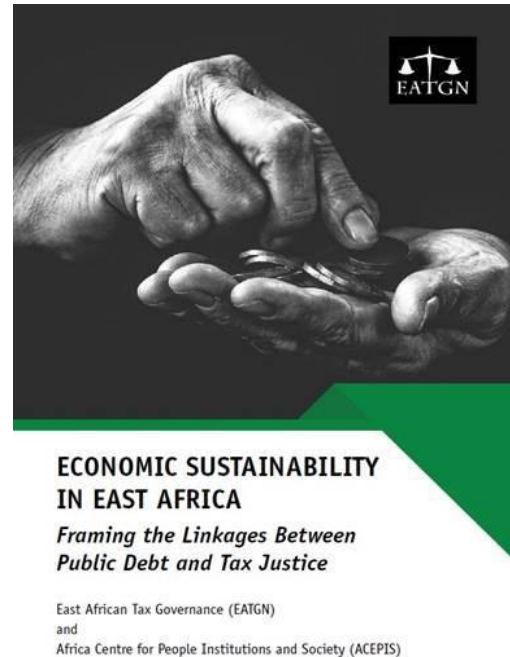
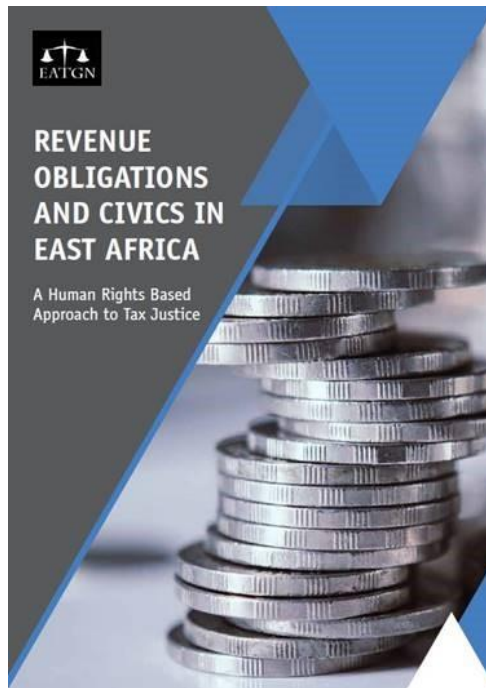
SEATINI Uganda, East African Tax and Governance Network (EATGN) and the Stop the Bleeding (STB) Campaign held a multi-stakeholder online dialogue under the theme "Enhancing Domestic Revenue through Curbing Harmful Tax Incentives in the East African Community." The COVID-19 pandemic has elevated the significance of DRM by additionally stretching the fiscal capabilities of the global south, especially in Africa. It is against this background that the dialogue was held to chat ways of closing the loopholes that allow for siphoning out government revenue due to governance of tax incentives.

Workplan Retreat with the Office of the Controller of Budget

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Civil Society groups in collaboration with the office of the Controller of Budget (OCOB) held an engagement meeting to develop a joint workplan plan between the key organizations. This comes after NTA signed an MoU with the Office of the controller of budgets which commits them to work together with the OCOB to monitor use of public funds in-year; to strengthen the existing frameworks for budget monitoring and ensure that the national, county governments and their related agencies are held accountable to members of the public; as well as to contribute to the effectiveness in the provision of public service delivery.

NEW PUBLICATIONS



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BOOK REVIEW

FRAMING FEMINIST TAXATION

With examples from Uganda



Feminists Need to Talk More About Taxes as a Women's Rights Issue

When one speaks the word 'feminist' it often conjures images of a woman or women who are ready to fight 'patriarchy', in a manner of speaking. In fact, in many parts of Africa the word is taken to mean women who are ready for a confrontation with men and other women in any subject that touches on women's rights or lives. To claim to be a feminist suggests a battle, a war, a cause to fight for. In many cases, African feminists – women or men – tend to speak eloquently and act stoically about the rights of women in the society in which they live... [Read more](#)

TAX GLOSSARY

Automatic tax information exchange

A system of tax information exchange whereby jurisdictions automatically share information on a taxpayer's assets with the home jurisdiction of that taxpayer. Civil society organisations want to see a multilateral agreement for tax havens to share information automatically with all other jurisdictions.

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