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NEWS



Joint Submissions by Civil Societies in the context of the Finance Bill FY 2021/22

The East African Tax and Governance Network (EATGN), National Taxpayers Association (NTA), The Institute for Social Accountability (TISA), Tax Justice Network Africa (TJNA) and Oxfam Kenya worked to analyse the bill, giving their proposals in a joint memorandum to the National Assembly's Departmental Committee on Finance and National Planning. [Read more](#)



MPs reject taxes on Ugali, Bread and motorcycles.

Following consideration of the Finance Bill, the finance committee, chaired by Homa Bay woman representative Gladys Wanga, held back on proposals by the Treasury arguing that it would raise the cost of living on Kenyans at a time when the economy has been battered by the COVID19 pandemic. They tabled their counterproposals during the second reading of the 2021 Finance Bill. [Read the full report](#)

MEETINGS & EVENTS



The Post EAC Tax and Budget Dialogue FY 2021/22

Tue | 22 | June

The National Budget Month Partners including Ministry of Finance Planning and Economic Development, Uganda Revenue Authority (URA), SEATINI Uganda, East African Tax and Governance Network (EATGN), among others organised the Post EAC Tax and Budget Dialogue under the theme: *"Moving Towards a Harmonised Fiscal Regime in the EAC Region"*. The dialogue provided an understanding of the tax measures which have been adopted by countries within the EAC region... [Watch full session](#)

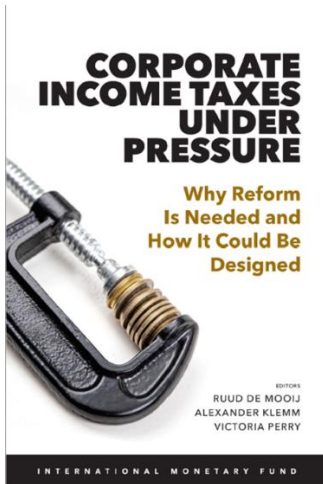
Virtual Forum on CSOs and Citizen Engagement in World Bank Country Partnership Framework for Kenya.

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The World Bank Country Engagement process is a vital opportunity for CSOs and other actors to influence how the World Bank positions its activities in a borrower country. TISA, under the umbrella of the Okoa Uchumi Coalition has commissioned a research on the World Bank Country Partnership Framework for Kenya to identify gaps and opportunities for citizen and civil society engagement in the process... [Read more](#)

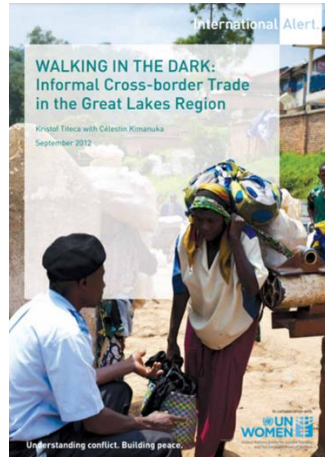


WHAT WE'RE READING



BOOK REVIEW: Corporate Income taxes under pressure

Many governments struggle with taxing large corporates. Big business organizations have the capacity to resist or undermine government efforts to have them pay what would be seen as fair tax by smaller businesses or the ordinary taxpayer. But why should big corporations be expected to pay more taxes? After all, aren't they just like any other taxpayer, just that they are a larger body? [Read more](#)



BOOK REVIEW: Walking in the dark: Informal cross-border trade in the Great Lakes region

Kenyans today use the term *boda boda* quite conveniently. The *boda* guy (trust Kenyans to even tax a phrase) is the local solution to quick human transport needs, delivery of parcels, delivery of foodstuff etc. Yet many Kenyans would be surprised if they were told that one of the reasons *boda boda* came about is because of taxes and taxation...[Read more](#)

PUBLICATIONS

Civil Society Views and Voices on Domestic Resource Mobilisation and Tax Harmonisation in the EAC Region



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Source: The East African

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PRESS RELEASE

Tax Expenditures

Tax expenditures are special provisions of the tax code such as exclusions, deductions, deferrals, credits, and tax rates that benefit specific activities or groups of taxpayers. Thus, tax expenditures often are alternatives to direct spending programs or regulations to accomplish the same goals. As with any other expenditure, it should be considered as an investment and evaluated on the basis of cost and benefit. [See more](#)



TAXGLOSSARY

Equitable taxation – Equitable taxation refers to tax policies that reduce income, wealth or other social inequalities. Horizontal equity refers to persons and businesses in similar circumstances in terms of their welfare who should be treated in a similar manner, while vertical equity refers to the idea that people with a greater ability to pay taxes should pay more.



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