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NEWS



Rwanda proposes VAT tax incentive for consumers

Consumers in Rwanda could start getting a share of the 18 percent value-added tax levied on taxable goods and services once a bill proposed by the Rwanda Revenue Authority (RRA) is enacted into law. In order to encourage people to request electronic receipts issued by the electronic billing machine (EBM), RRA Commissioner General, Pascal Bizimana Rujanintwali, told lawmakers that there is a tax bill in the pipeline that seeks to introduce the provision of a VAT share to consumers. [Learn more](#)

EVENTS

The 2022 Fight Inequality Alliance Pan-African Gathering

12 – 15 October 2022 – Naivasha, Kenya.

The 2022 Pan-African Gathering, organized by the Fight Inequality Alliance Pan Africa, brought together African activists from movements and organizations engaged in the fight against inequality and who are building the Alliance in their countries and across Africa – as part of a global effort. The global gathering aimed to set direction for the alliance for 2022 onwards, build the continental level alliance campaigning, and identify diverse ways of working together within the alliance.



POLICY BRIEF



Beneficial Ownership Laws Under the Kigali International Financial Centre

In recent years, there have been increased efforts to set up International Financial Centres (IFCs) in Africa as a means of attracting foreign investment. In East Africa, two IFCs have been established, namely the Kigali International Financial Centre (KIFC) and the Nairobi International Financial Centre (NIFC). This policy brief will focus on the KIFC, which has been hailed as one of the IFCs likely to become a significant African business facilitator in the next 2 to 3 years. It looks at potential areas of concern and provides recommendations to the Rwandan authorities to seal any loopholes for illicit financial activities. [Access your copy here](#)

BLOG

Kenya should critically assess the foregone revenues in tax incentives

When a government wishes to financially support a vulnerable sector or community, it does so in various ways. Tax expenditures are the revenues foregone by a government through tax exemptions, incentives, deferrals, or allowances. Essentially, any deviation from what the actual tax rate should be, is a tax waiver. Despite the importance of tax expenditure reports, many African countries still lag in publishing them. [Read more...](#)



TAX GLOSSARY



Treaty shopping

Treaty shopping is defined as the routing of income arising from the source country to a person in another country (country of residence), through an intermediary country, to obtain an unintended tax advantage, through the interpretation of tax treaties between the three countries. It involves a situation where a person who is not entitled to benefits of a tax treaty makes use - in the widest sense of the word of an individual or of a legal person, in order to obtain those treaty benefits that are not available to them directly.

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