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NEWS



Proposed Changes to Digital Service Tax and Capital Gains In Uganda

With the wave of the digital economy, countries have been attempting to find a solution by reforming the current tax rules so that income is taxed where it is earned with or without a physical presence. Uganda has been criticized for fearing to impose taxes on the non-resident companies driving the digital economy but rather focusing on consumers of digital services. However, a new bill has moved to tax companies providing digital services... Learn more

EVENTS

Forging Partnerships for Cooperation: EATGN Regional Coordinator pays a courtesy visit to Kenya's Prime Cabinet Secretary

Leonard Wanyama, EATGN's Regional Coordinator, paid a courtesy visit to Kenya's Prime Cabinet Secretary's office where he presented two reports on tax expenditures to H.E. Musalia Mudavadi. The studies provide perspectives from Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) on tax waivers in relation to national finance concerns, economic justice, and gender dynamics of current policies. Other topics of discussion included identifying opportunities for partnerships, improving skills transfer, changing practices, and improving access to relevant policy or decision-makers to advocate for fair taxes for long-term economic development. To obtain your copies please visit our website.



A Call to Action - Let's Remake Our Broken Economies

Across the world, Governments and International Financial Institutions continue to follow an economic model that has left devastating impacts on people's lives as the cost of living rises, public services are underfunded, and debt repayments are prioritised over the rights and needs of the people. This event brought together a wide range of activists, artists, social movements, unions, and civil unions to call on Governments and International Financial Institutions like the IMF and World Bank to cease the economic model that has been driving the inequality crisis by slashing the taxes on the rich, imposing austerity, underfunding public services and pushing countries into a debt trap.



PUBLICATIONS



HANGING ON A PRECIPICE: Public Debt Management Research in Kenya

Kenya, like every other country across the globe, faces multiple policy choices concerning public debt and public finance management objectives. The country continues to grapple with debt management policies that can promote economic development into the future whilst guaranteeing equity, respect and realisation of the human rights of citizens. This study assesses the implications of Kenya's debt management on the advancement of human rights, the 2030 Agenda and different facets of Kenya's public finance space. Access your copy here

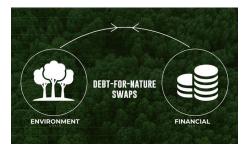
BLOG

Guide to good governance: First, do no harm, the rest will follow

We are still in mark-time mode, and many of our erstwhile comrades have seriously beaten the retreat, embracing corruption and venality that has covered the entire continent, almost without exception. Primum non nocere, as the medical practitioners are taught: First do no harm. Is this too hard for our rulers to comprehend? First, do not steal from your people, who are paying you handsomely. Their taxes are meant for their development, not for the enrichment of you and your spouses and children to grow fat on. Read more



TAX GLOSSARY



Debt for Nature Swaps

Debt-for-nature swaps are typically voluntary transactions in which an amount of debt owed by a developing country government is cancelled or reduced by a creditor, in exchange for the debtor making financial commitments to conservation. Swaps typically involve countries that are financially distressed and experiencing difficulties in repaying foreign debts. The earnings generated through swaps are often administered by local conservation or environmental trust funds.

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