

NEWS



East Africa Community partner states Budgets for FY23/2024

According to the [EAC Treaty](#), finance ministers of the partner states should read their budgets simultaneously, under a common theme. Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, and Rwanda presented their 2023/2024 budgets before their respective parliaments on Thursday 15 January 2023. Most states expect overall national government spending to rise in the upcoming financial year (July 1 to June 30).

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EVENTS

CSO-EALA Dialogue on Domestic Resource Mobilization (DRM) in East Africa: Advancing Equitable Regional Integration

The [East African Legislative Assembly's \(EALA\) Committee on Communication, Trade and Investment](#) is mandated to engage with the private sector and civil society in monitoring and receiving reports on the implementation of certain provisions of the regional integration initiative. In light of this, SEATINI-Uganda in collaboration with the East Africa Civil Society Organisation Forum (EACCSOF) and supported by Diakonia, organized a CSO-EALA Dialogue on DRM in East Africa. The purpose of this meeting was to establish a collaborative platform for further discussions on fair trade, fiscal policies, and related matters to contribute to regional integration efforts.



The EAC Post Budget Dialogue for FY 2023/2024 on Tax and Debt

This year's post-budget dialogue was organized by the Ministry of Finance Planning and Economic Development, Uganda Revenue Authority, SEATINI Uganda, and the Ministry of East Africa Community Affairs. The dialogue's primary focus was to provide participants with a comprehensive understanding of the East African Community (EAC) budget for the fiscal year 2023/24. It presented an excellent opportunity for citizens, policymakers, and stakeholders to engage in meaningful discussions on crucial fiscal matters that affect the region's economies.



PUBLICATIONS



Citizens' views on the Finance Bill 2023

To address the need for more tax revenue, the government of Kenya introduced the Finance Bill 2023. The bill proposes several tax changes, including a higher income tax rate for high earners, a contribution to affordable housing projects, a withholding tax on digital content creators, and an increase in the VAT rate on petroleum products. This brief surveys citizens' views and opinions regarding the Finance Bill 2023. How was the public participation process surrounding the bill? Are they satisfied with the process? Do they support the Bill? [Access your copy](#)

BLOG

The Global Minimum Corporate Tax Needs More Work

Rich countries have a history of blocking developing countries' efforts to play an active role in shaping the international rules of the game. It is not enough simply to give representatives from Global South a seat at the table. World leaders should take heed of developing countries' demands and agree to a new, more inclusive round of negotiations to deliver a more equitable and sustainable global tax reform. [Read more](#)



TAX GLOSSARY



Tax harmonization

Tax harmonization can generally be described as the process of adjusting tax systems of different jurisdictions to achieve a common tax as an economic policy objective. It has been hailed as one of the key adoptions needed in the minimization and removal of tax distortions that affect the efficient allocation of resources within an integrated market. [Learn more about tax harmonization in the East African Community](#)

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