



**AFRICAN TAX RESEARCH NETWORK (ATRN)**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Annual Congress**  
***Contemporary Tax Challenges for African Countries***

**CALL FOR PAPERS**

**02 – 04 September 2015**  
**Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe.**

The African Tax Research Network (ATRN) is a newly established platform for African inspired dialogue, research and collaboration mainly among researchers, policy makers and tax administrators. Its establishment results from the need to identify potential synergies and linkages, in areas of research, between academics, policymakers, researchers and tax officials from the African Tax Administration Forum's (ATAF) member countries. Launched in 2009, the African Tax Administration Forum is a platform to promote efficient, effective and service-oriented tax administrations and currently consists of 38 African member states. The ATRN, which is housed in the ATAF Secretariat in South Africa, is pleased to announce its **1<sup>st</sup> Annual Congress from 02 – 04 September 2015 in Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe.**

This congress presents an opportunity for **academics, researchers, tax administrators, students, tax practitioners, consultants and decision-makers** on fiscal and tax policy to gather and discuss different aspects relating to national, regional and international tax matters.

**INVITED SPEAKERS**

**Former President Thabo Mbeki**

Thabo Mvuyelwa Mbeki: is a South African politician who served nine years as the second post-apartheid president of South Africa from 14 June 1999 to 24 September 2008. From 1994 Mr. Mbeki was the executive face of government in South Africa and during his term in office the economy grew at an average rate of 4.5% per year. He was the architect of the New Partnership for Africa's Development New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) whose aim is to develop an integrated socio-economic development framework for Africa. In 2012 Mr. Mbeki was appointed as chairman of the panel set up by the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) to investigate the nature of illicit funds on the African continent.

**Mr Makhtar Diop**

Makhtar Diop, a Senegalese economist and politician, served as Minister of Economy and Finance from 2000 to 2001. He is the first francophone African to hold the post Vice President of the World Bank for Sub-Saharan Africa and since May 2012, has been responsible for defining the World Bank's strategy and corporate priorities in sub-Saharan countries. His primary goal is the reduction of poverty through good governance. He served as the World Bank country director of Brazil between 2009 and 2012.

**Mrs Allen Kagina**



Allen Kagina is a former Commissioner General of the Uganda Revenue Authority (URA). She started her career, as a Teaching Assistant, at Makerere University in 1985. In 1992, she joined the Uganda Revenue Authority as a Senior Principal Revenue Officer until 1998. In 2000, she was promoted to Deputy Commissioner for Customs at URA, serving in that capacity until 2001. She was appointed Commissioner General of URA in 2004. She is credited with improving the financial performance at URA.

### **Prof. Leonce Ndikumana**

Léonce Ndikumana is the Director of PERI's (Political Economy Research Institute) African Development Policy program, which combines applied research and capacity building. In collaboration with African institutions, notably the African Development Bank, the Program provides training for African policy makers on structural and emerging issues in African development. The Program also coordinates research on various issues in African economic development. He is a member of the UN Committee for development policy.

## **CALL FOR PAPERS**

The theme of the Annual Congress is “**Contemporary Tax Challenges for African Countries**”.

Prospective authors, both academics and practitioners, are invited to submit original and innovative papers on any topic related to this broad theme. Suggested topics of interest to be covered under the main theme include:

- Natural resources taxation
- Local taxation and fiscal decentralisation
- International taxation
- Customs & domestic taxation
- Indirect taxation
- Taxation in the digital economy
- Tax treaties
- Taxation in banking, telecommunication, insurance
- Environmental tax
- Taxation and regional integration
- Tax compliance
- Taxation & the distribution of income & wealth
- Taxation and Human Rights (including taxation & gender)
- Tax incentives

We seek high-quality submissions that further the knowledge and understanding of national, regional and international tax matters.

### **Types of Submissions**

The ATRN scientific committee invites submissions of papers for oral presentation at the Annual Congress in two major categories:

- **Academic peer-reviewed papers:** These papers will be peer-reviewed by members of the Scientific Committee and independent reviewers and if accepted, will be published



in the Conference Proceedings of the ATRN Annual Congress and the ATRN Working Paper Series. These papers may also be published in peer-reviewed journals.

- **Presentations based on non-academic papers:** These papers will not be peer reviewed. They will be selected on merit by the Scientific Committee and will be published in the Annual Congress Proceedings. This category covers Policy Briefs, Best Practices, and Short Case Studies.

### Important dates and Deadlines

**1 March 2015:** Registration opens

**31 March 2015:** Early bird registration fee ends

**31 March 2015:** Deadline for abstract submissions

- Please submit the provisional title of your proposed paper and an extended abstract of the paper by **31 March 2015**.
- The abstracts will be reviewed by the Scientific Committee and the notification of acceptance will tentatively be sent to authors by **30 April 2015**.
- A short CV must accompany each submission.
- ***Researchers based in Africa are especially encouraged to respond.***

Abstracts should be submitted through: <http://bit.ly/1yGpelf>

**01 July 2015:** Deadline for registration. Please note that all conference fees must be paid by this date to ensure publication of the paper.

**15 July 2015:** Deadline for final submission of full research papers

- Notification of acceptance of full-length papers will be provided to authors via email as soon as possible after the double-blind peer-review process.
- All papers selected for presentation at the Annual Congress will be required to meet the formatting guidelines for manuscripts as set out on the upcoming ATRN web page.
- A special recognition for high-quality research papers will be conferred through a Best Paper Award Program.

### Conference fees

- Early-bird registration fee: **US\$ 240**
- Standard registration fee: **US\$ 300**
- Post-graduate student registration fee: **US\$ 130**

For information on the Scientific Committee, the Annual Congress Venue and Congress Fees, or if you are interested in attending the Annual Congress without delivering a paper, please visit the upcoming ATRN web page.



**We look forward to welcoming you to our ATRN Annual Congress on Contemporary Tax Challenges for African Countries.**

Dr Nara Monkam  
ATAF Director of Research, ATRN Board Member

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