**Second research congress to focus on untapped sources of revenue**

More than 120 participants from all over Africa and beyond are expected to participate in the 2nd annual congress of the African Tax Research Network (ATRN) which will be held in Mahé, Seychelles in September.

This follows from the highly successful inaugural congress which was held in Cape Town, South Africa in September 2015.

The theme for the 2016 congress is “Financing sustainable development in Africa: Identifying untapped and underutilised sources of revenue”.

The main objective of the ATRN annual congress is to provide a platform for African inspired dialogue, research and collaboration between researchers, policy makers and tax administrators.

The congress will bring together academia, researchers, decision-makers, tax administrators, students, tax practitioners, civil society organisations, regional and international organizations, consultants and representatives of the business community to discuss tax policy, administration and legislation, and the effects of national, regional and international tax matters on African tax systems.

“We have had a very positive response to the call for original and innovative papers on any topic related to this broad theme. But we are also open to considering contributed papers on any topic on taxation in Africa. The ATRN Secrerariat, managed by ATAF, has received 71 full papers out of which 62 papers have been accepted,” said Dr Nara Monkam, chairperson of the ATRN.

“The ATRN, as the platform of choice for African Research on tax matters, strives to facilitate African capacity for credible research in tax policy, administration, law and leadership.

“Through debates and applied research, the annual congress allows the creation of a sound knowledge base, policy analysis and thought leadership on tax in Africa which will improve taxation on the continent and ultimately serve the African development agenda,” she added.

The final deadline for registration and payment to attend the congress is 12 August 2016.
A Policy Panel at the inaugural ATRN Congress in 2015: Mr Pasi (ZIMRA), Mr Moyane (SARS) and Mr Wort (ATAF)

Participants at the 2015 ATRN Congress during a policy panel