AFRICAN TAX RESEARCH NETWORK (ATRN)
1st Annual Congress
Contemporary Tax Challenges for African Countries

Cape Town, South Africa*
2 – 4 September 2015

The African Tax Administration Forum (ATAF) and the African Tax Research Network (ATRN) are pleased to invite submissions for the launch of the ATRN’s inaugural Congress, which presents an opportunity for academics, researchers, tax administrators, students, tax practitioners, consultants and decision-makers on fiscal and tax policy in Africa, to gather and discuss different aspects relating to national, regional and international tax matters.

CALL FOR PAPERS

The theme of the Annual Congress is “Contemporary Tax Challenges for African Countries”. We seek high-quality submissions that further the knowledge and understanding of national, regional and international tax matters.

Prospective authors, both academics and practitioners, are invited to submit original and innovative papers on any topic related to taxation in Africa. 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

*The 1st ATRN Annual Congress will be held in Cape Town, South Africa and not at the Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe. Venue to be confirmed.
Types of Submissions

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

- **Academic 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

*Deadline for paper submissions:*

19 January 2015: Abstract submissions open


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 be sent to authors by **30 April 2015**.
- A short CV must accompany each submission.

Researchers based in Africa are especially encouraged to respond.

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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 ATRN web page.
- A special recognition for high quality papers will be conferred through a Best Paper Award Program.
Registration fees and deadline:

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

01 March 2015: Registration opens
30 April 2015: Early bird registration fee ends
01 May 2015: Standard registration fees apply
01 July 2015: Standard registration ends.

Post-graduate student registration fee applies throughout the registration period; however a proof of registration will be required.

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 ATRN web page: http://atrnafrica.org/

We look forward to welcoming you to our 2015 ATRN Annual Congress on Contemporary Tax Challenges for African Countries.

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