



International Tax Dialogue (ITD) Africa Conference

Taxing Micro and Small Business- From Confrontation to Cooperation

22- 24 April 2009, Serena Hotel Kigali, Rwanda Tuesday, April 21

18:30 – 20:30 Welcoming cocktail

Wednesday, April 22

8:45 – 9:15	Conference opening	CG RRA, Hon. Minister of Trade & Industry, IFC
9:15 – 9:45	Group photo and coffee break	
	- Setting the Stage – MSE Taxation for State Building	
9:45 – 10:45	High-Level Panel Discussion: What can we gain from improved micro and small business taxation?	Rwanda (Chair), Botswana, Gambia, Ghana, DFID
10:45 – 11:15	Knowing the segment - Particularities of SMEs in Africa	Rwanda Private Sector Federation , Ghana (Chair)
11:15 – 12:15	Key design choices for small business tax regimes	IFC , IMF , Ghana (Chair)
12:15 – 13:30	<i>Lunch</i>	
13:45-14:05	Open discussion (30 Mins)	
-	- Strategies for Widening the Tax Net –	Chair: Rwanda
14:05 – 15:30	Ways to promote / enforce the registration of hidden Taxpayers	Tanzania , Gambia , Botswana
15:30 – 15:50	<i>Coffee break (20 Mins)</i>	
15:50 – 16:25	Indirect taxation of the underground economy: the potential and limits of withholding taxes	World Bank
-	- What we should know about SME compliance -	Chair: Rwanda
16:25 – 17:25	Conclusions for tax policy and revenue administration from compliance studies, perception surveys and micro and small business complaints about the administrative burden of taxation	Kenya (paper) , IFC
19:30	<i>Official conference dinner</i>	

Thursday, April 23

- Facilitating SME Tax Compliance –

- 8:30 – 9:45 Designing effective service and education programs
For micro and small businesses [Lesotho](#), [Sierra Leone](#),
[Nigeria](#), Botswana (Chair)
- 9:45 – 10:10 *Coffee break*
- 10:10 – 11:10 Strategies for improving the quality and accuracy of
SME bookkeeping [Tanzania](#), [South Africa](#)
[Charles Jenkins](#),
Botswana (Chair)
- 11:10 – 12:30 Local taxes as impediment for SME formalization:
What is being done? [Ethiopia](#), [Rwanda](#) ([paper](#))
[IFC](#), Uganda (Chair)
- 12:30 – 13:30 *Lunch*

- Options for Better SME Compliance Management –

- 13:30 – 14:30 Lessons from cooperation with the private sector and with
local governments in tax collection from small businesses [Ghana](#),
[Rwanda](#), Uganda (Chair)
- 14:30 Visit to the Genocide Memorial Centre in Kigali
- 19:30 Conference dinner

Friday, April 24

- 8:30 – 9:50 Increasing the effectiveness of tax administration of micro
and small businesses [Madagascar](#), [IFC](#),
Gambia (Chair)
- 9:50 – 10:10 *Coffee break*
- Tax Policy Design for SMEs –**
- 10:10 – 11:50 VAT registration and accounting requirements, facilitating
graduation into standard regimes, and lessons from
the operation of presumptive tax regimes [Benin](#), [Uganda](#),
[Kenya](#), [Zambia](#), Gambia
(Chair)
- 12:00 – 12:30 High-level panel: Where do we go from here? DFID, IFC, Lesotho, Uganda,
Rwanda (Chair),