



Tax & Digitalisation in Africa: Lessons for the Global GovTech Agenda

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Date: 26 June 2024
Time: 13:00-14:30

Background:

In a historic move, under India's G20 Presidency (and with support from UNDP and World Bank), the G20 Digital Economy Ministers reached a groundbreaking consensus on how to effectively shape digital public infrastructure (DPI) of the future, as an accelerator of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The global DPI agenda is substantially informed by experiences from the Global North and South Asia. Africa has its own vast array of contributions to add to the debate.

This webinar, co-hosted by SAIIA and International Centre for Tax and Development (ICTD), presents an opportunity to start collating and disseminating Africa's best-practice and lessons-learned from public sector digitalisation in preparation for South Africa's G20 Presidency.

The key question this webinar aims to unpack is: What can the global GovTech movement learn from the digitalisation of tax in Africa?

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13:00-13:10	Welcoming Remarks	Elizabeth Sidiropoulos, SAIIA
13:10-13:25	Session 1: The African experience of the DPI Agenda and what the South African government should prioritise as G20 President in 2025.	Presenter: Professor Nara Monkam, University of Pretoria Moderator: Dr Joseph Matola, SAIIA
13:25-14:05	Session 2: Presentation of ICTD research on tax digitalisation; Digital IDs; Digital VAT, and the effects of taxing digital economies in Africa	Presenters: Dr Fabrizio Santoro, ICTD Dr Awa Diouf, ICTD Dr Hannelore Niesten, ICTD Dr Mbakiso Magwape, ICTD Moderator: Dr Joseph Matola, SAIIA
14:05-14:20	Discussion	Moderator: Dr Joseph Matola, SAIIA
14:20-14:30	Closing remarks	Neuma Grobbelaar, SAIIA