



NEWSLETTER

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EDITORIAL

Dear Commissioners, Colleagues, Partners, and Friends,

As we reach the midpoint of the year, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the members of our Management Committee, Commissioners, Regional Directors, Country Correspondents, Working Group Chairs, partners, and all those who continue to support CATA's mission. The commitment, leadership, and collaboration demonstrated across our network remain the driving force behind our achievements. I would also like to acknowledge the valuable support provided to the Secretariat by HM Revenue & Customs (HMRC). In addition to the secondment of a part-time staff member, HMRC has provided dedicated support to both our Working Groups and CATA's leadership role within the Network of Tax Organisations (NTO). This generous contribution of expertise and time has significantly enhanced our capacity to advance key initiatives and deliver value to our members.

A key highlight of the quarter was our Management Committee Meeting in April, held alongside the meeting of Regional Directors and Country Correspondents. These engagements provided an important opportunity to review progress, exchange perspectives, and strengthen our collective focus on the priorities of our member administrations.

I am pleased to report that we have completed the CATA Annual Activity Report 2024-2025 (First Edition), which captures the breadth of our activities and achievements over the past year. We also reached an important milestone with the launch of the CATA AI Taskforce, an initiative that reflects our commitment to exploring how emerging technologies can support more effective tax administration. We are grateful to our partner, IGC, for its partnership and support in bringing this initiative to fruition.

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- Taxation of International Transactions (TOIT) course: Tax Treaties, 6 - 10 July 2026
- Taxation of International Transactions (TOIT) course: Transfer Pricing, 13 - 17 July 2026
- 2nd CATA Automatic Exchange of Information (AEOI) Roundtable-22 JULY 2026
- 46th CATA Annual Heads Meeting and Technical Conference, 5-9 October 2026 in Arusha, Tanzania

The Commissioners Connect, convened on 24 June, continues to grow in importance as a platform for dialogue and collaboration among Commissioners. Its discussions provided valuable insights into the challenges and opportunities facing member administrations. These perspectives, together with consultations with our Regional Directors, have informed the finalisation of CATA's 2026-2027 Work Programme, ensuring that it reflects the priorities and needs of our membership.

Looking ahead, preparations for the Annual CATA Technical Conference and Heads Meeting are progressing well. We look forward to welcoming delegates to Arusha, Tanzania, in October for what promises to be a productive exchange of ideas, experiences, and innovations that will further strengthen tax administration across the Commonwealth.

Thank you for your continued support, partnership, and commitment to CATA. Together, we will continue to build on our achievements and advance our shared vision of effective, modern, and resilient tax administrations across the Commonwealth.

Warm regards,

Esther A. P. Koisin

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NEWS FROM THE CATA SECRETARIAT

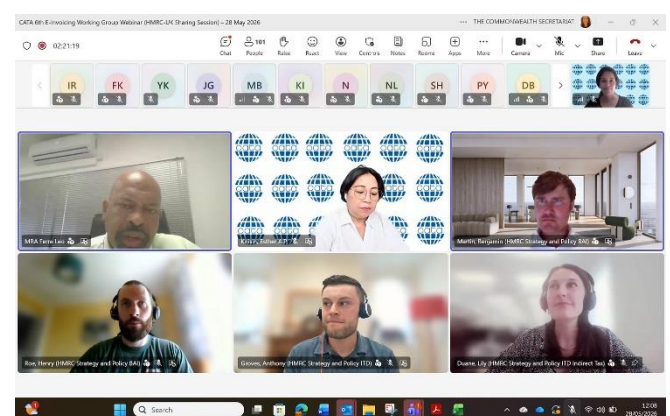
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[A Successful and Strategic Week for CATA, 27-30 April 2026](#)



The week marked a highly productive and strategically significant period for the Commonwealth Association of Tax Administrators (CATA), with three closely linked meetings held in London. The Regional Directors and Country Correspondents Meeting, the AI Taskforce Meeting, and the Management Committee Meeting together strengthened coordination, advanced innovation, and delivered important strategic and institutional outcomes.

[Advancing E-Invoicing: Insights from HMRC's Recent CATA Webinar](#)



The CATA E-Invoicing Working Group recently held an insightful and well-attended webinar hosted by HMRC, bringing together members from across the Commonwealth to learn about HMRC's E-Invoicing policy.

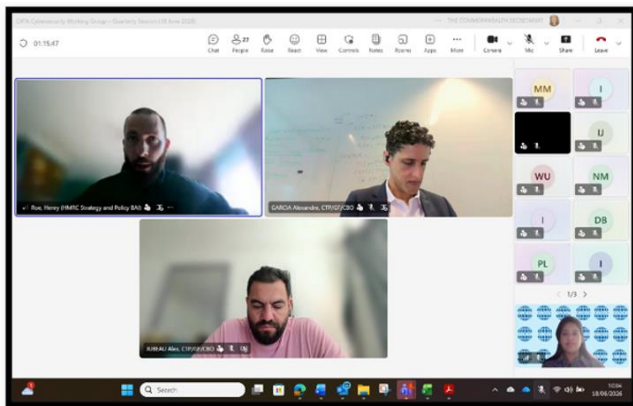
[Congratulations to Mr Hassan Zareer on His Appointment as Minister of Finance of Maldives](#)

The Commonwealth Association of Tax Administrators (CATA) warmly congratulates Mr Hassan Zareer on his appointment as Minister of Finance of the Republic of Maldives.



Mr Zareer has been an outstanding member of the CATA family, having served with distinction as Commissioner General of the Maldives Inland Revenue Authority (MIRA). His leadership, professionalism, and commitment to strengthening tax administration have earned him deep respect across the network.

CATA Cybersecurity Working Group Launches First Quarterly Session on Data Classification and Secure Handling Practices

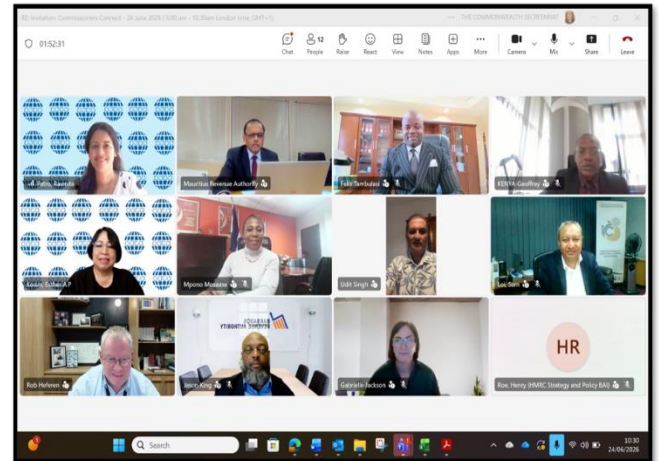


The CATA Cybersecurity Working Group held its first quarterly session on 18 June 2026, bringing together cybersecurity representatives from across the membership for a highly practical knowledge- and experience-sharing discussion.

Commissioners Connect: Advancing Strategic Dialogue on Revenue Mobilisation in a Borderless Economy

The Commonwealth Association of Tax Administrators (CATA) convened a Commissioners

Connect session on 24 June 2026, bringing together Commissioners General and Heads of Tax Administration for a closed, high-level discussion on the theme: “Mobilising Revenue and Safeguarding the Tax Base in a Borderless Economy: Strategic Levers for Commissioners General.”



NEWS FROM OUR MEMBERS **By CATA Country Correspondents**

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BARBADOS



[Barbados Supports Taxpayers During 2026 Personal income Tax Filing Season](#) The BRA expanded its taxpayer support efforts during the 2026 Personal Income Tax filing season through a combination of in-person assistance, digital resources and extended customer service operations.

[BRA Partners with National Financial Literacy Programme to host Workshop to Drive Tax Compliance](#)

[Barbados Revenue Commissioner Champions Data-Driven Governance and Digital Transformation at Regional ACCA Conference](#) Barbados is redefining how governments deliver results—and at the center of that shift is data.

Revenue Commissioner Jason King made a compelling case for data-driven governance and digital transformation as critical pillars of modern public finance during the ACCA Caribbean Virtual Public Sector Conference 2026.



[Barbados Helps to Prepare MNE Sector for Top-Up Tax Requirements](#)

CANADA



[The Importance of Filing Your Taxes: Unlocking Benefits and Strengthening the Social Contract](#)

- Don't miss out on benefits and credits: Why filing your taxes matters - CRA
 - Canada Groceries and Essentials Benefit
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JAMAICA



[Tax Administration Jamaica \(TAJ\) Engages Global Jamaican Diaspora at Biennial Conference](#) Tax Administration Jamaica (TAJ) reaffirmed its commitment to delivering accessible, customer-centred tax services for Jamaicans worldwide through its participation in the 11th Biennial Jamaica Diaspora Conference, held from June 15-17, 2026, at the Montego Bay Convention Centre in St. James.

[Jamaica Strengthens Tax Administration Capacity Through TARA Programme](#) Tax Administration Jamaica (TAJ) continues to strengthen its

institutional capacity and investment in people through the graduation of Cohort 34 of its Tax Audit and Revenue Administration (TARA) Postgraduate Diploma Programme.



MALAWI



[MALAWI REVENUE AUTHORITY HAS A NEW COMMISSIONER GENERAL](#)



[Malawi Migrates from fiscal devices to real-time electronic invoicing](#) Malawi's transition to electronic invoicing took effect on 1st May 2026, with over 91% of targeted VAT-registered businesses successfully onboarded by June 2026.

MALDIVES



[MIRA Accelerates Digital Transformation with ADB-Funded E-Invoicing Initiative](#) As the Maldives Inland Revenue Authority (MIRA) approaches 16 years of dedicated service, MIRA is embarking on

a monumental journey to modernize the national tax landscape through its E-invoicing initiative, supported by the Asian Development Bank (ADB).



NEW ZEALAND



Prioritising tax debt as part of New Zealand's compliance approach Supported by additional funding in our 2024 and 2025 government budgets, Inland Revenue has been taking a different approach to reduce tax debt, with some positive results.

PAPUA NEW GUINEA



IRC and Central Provincial GOVERNMENT Signed Revised MOU



IRC Joins TIPNG Walk Against Corruption, Reaffirms Commitment to Integrity and

Accountability The Internal Revenue Commission (IRC) proudly participated in the 16th Sir Anthony Siaguru Walk Against Corruption (SASWAC) on Sunday, 21 June 2026, at the Sir John Guise Stadium in Port Moresby, hosted by Transparency International Papua New Guinea (TIPNG), reaffirming its commitment to integrity, transparency and accountability as part of its transformation into a robust, modern and efficient tax administration.



RWANDA



TAXING THE BORDERLESS ECONOMY: Rwanda's new approach to digital services and VAT The rapid expansion of the digital economy has transformed the way businesses and consumers access services across borders. From streaming entertainment and cloud computing to online advertising and software subscriptions, digital services are increasingly becoming part of everyday economic activity. For governments, this growth has created a new challenge: how to ensure that digital transactions contribute fairly to national revenues.

SEYCHELLES



Seychelles joins global Voluntary Disclosure initiative to strengthen tax compliance The Seychelles Revenue Commission (SRC) has on 1

June 2026 announced the introduction of its first Voluntary Disclosure Programme (VDP), aimed at encouraging taxpayers to voluntarily come forward and disclose any errors or irregularities in their tax affairs to the Commission.



SINGAPORE



[IRAS hosted the SGATAR Expanded Taskforce](#) On 20 and 21 May 2026, IRAS hosted the SGATAR Expanded Taskforce at Revenue House, Singapore, welcoming delegates from 12 jurisdictions across the region.



NEWS FROM OUR MEMBERS WEBSITES

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AUSTRALIA



[ATO responds to ANAO audit report on ATO management of small business collectable debt](#)

ESWATINI



[ERS Launches TaxCore Electronic Invoicing to Boost Revenue Collection](#)

FIJI



[FRCS Strengthens National Reach by Delivering Essential Services to Remote Naitasiri Communities](#)

THE GAMBIA



[GRA COMMISSIONER GENERAL LEADS DELEGATION TO THE 147TH/148TH WCO COUNCIL SESSIONS IN BRUSSELS](#)

KENYA



[KRA and KEPSA Forge Stronger Collaboration to Drive Voluntary Compliance](#)

SAMOA



MINISTRY OF REVENUE STRENGTHENS
INTERNATIONAL TAX CAPACITY THROUGH STUDY
VISIT TO THE AUSTRALIAN TAXATION OFFICE

SIERRA LEONE



ECOWAS and the south centre
congratulate the Liberia revenue authority and
national revenue authority of Sierra Leone on the
signing of the mou operationalizing the
simultaneous tax examination

TANZANIA



SECOND TAX SYMPOSIUM REFLECTS ON TRA'S 30
YEARS OF SUCCESS AND FUTURE PROSPECTS

UNITED KINGDOM



HMRC crackdown targets criminals exploiting the
high street Tax Minister to owners of dodgy shops:
“We are coming for you”



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