



NEWSLETTER

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EDITORIAL

Dear Members,

Welcome back to the Second Edition of the Newsletter this year.

In the past three months we have seen many positive developments in members engagement with the Secretariat and thanks to the First Regional Directors and Country Correspondents Meeting we had in April, we are now better connected and working closely together to deliver the best interests for members.

This Newsletter serves as a good avenue for us to know and learn from some of the important activities happening in each other's tax administration. For instance, the appointment of new Commissioners General. I take this opportunity to congratulate and welcome to the CATA family new Commissioners General of tax administration of Seychelles, Maldives and Rwanda whose appointment took place between the month of April to June 2024.

I urge all members to take this opportunity to share developments of interest in your organisation.

Experience is the source of knowledge. Be a contributor to knowledge!

Dr Esther A. P. Koisin
CATA Executive Director

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- 44th CATA Technical Conference 2024: 21-25 October in Mauritius

NEWS FROM THE CATA SECRETARIAT

(Please click on the headlines to view the full articles on the CATA website)

[CATA has new Regional Director for Southern African Region](#)

Eswatini Revenue Service (Mr Vusi Cornelius Ngcamphalala, Commissioner Domestic Taxes) was elected as the new Regional Director of CATA's Southern African Region (comprising Botswana, Eswatini, Lesotho, Malawi, Mauritius, Namibia, Rwanda, Seychelles and Zambia) via a virtual meeting held on 18 April 2024.

[CATA Congratulates and welcomes new Commissioner of Australian Taxation Office](#)



Rob Heferen commenced as Commissioner of Taxation on 1 March 2024. Rob has over 35 years of diverse experience in the Australian Public Service.

[CATA Congratulates and welcomes new Commissioner General of the Seychelles Revenue Commission](#)

Varsha Singh was appointed the Commissioner General of the Seychelles Revenue Commission (SRC), from 1st April 2024.



[CATA's 1st Regional Directors and Country correspondents Meeting successfully held at CATA Secretariat, Marlborough House](#)



The Executive Director was very pleased with the commitment and support expressed by the Regional Directors and Country Correspondents as extended arms of the Secretariat under the Constitution.

[94th CATA Management Committee Meeting held at Commonwealth Secretariat, London](#)



Members of the Management Committee gathered together at The Commonwealth Secretariat, Marlborough House to attend the 94th CATA Management Committee Meeting on 24 April 2024.

CATA ICTD workshops on Digitalisation and Digital Transformation of Tax Administration held successfully



CATA Secretariat initiated a series of online workshops to learn more on Digitalisation and Digital Transformation of Tax Administration.

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The 9th IBFD Africa Tax Symposium: Trends in International Taxation: An African Perspective



took place on 29 to 31 May 2024, in Nairobi, Kenya. The Africa Tax Symposium is a forum for discussions on international tax issues relevant to Africa. CATA is among the organisations that support the annual event.

The CATA Executive Director, Dr Esther A. P. Koisin moderated the session on Building a Sustainable System for Domestic Resource Mobilisation.

CATA Congratulates and welcomes new Commissioner General of Taxation Maldives Inland Revenue Authority



Mr. Hassan Zareer is the Commissioner General of Taxation and leads the Maldives Inland Revenue Authority (MIRA) in administering the tax system of Maldives. He is a qualified chartered accountant with extensive experience in tax, auditing, and finance. Zareer has worked in the public sector since 2000, holding various roles, including Deputy Commissioner General of Taxation from 2010 to 2019.

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

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BARBADOS



[Barbados Revenue Authority Updates Tax Stakeholders on Global Tax Reform and Reporting Standards](#): The Barbados Revenue Authority recently engaged with the island's tax

stakeholders at a Global Tax Update session, to update them on a number of matters related to tax reform and global reporting standards. Read full article [here](#)

[Barbados Revenue Authority Hosts 11th Global Forum Competent Authorities Conference](#): Read full article [here](#)

MALAYSIA



[\(IRBM\) in collaboration with \(CATA\) has successfully organised the CATA-TOIT's Transfer Pricing and the Tax Treaties 2024 Workshop](#): Both of the workshops were held at the Malaysian Tax Academy in Bangi, Malaysia. The event was officiated by the Executive Director of CATA Dr Esther Koisin. Read full article [here](#)



MALDIVES



[Income Tax Assistance Program 2024](#)

In an effort to create a more equitable taxation structure and capture tax in various streams of income, Maldives introduced its income tax system in 2020. This marked a significant step



towards establishing a comprehensive tax system by commencing taxation on personal income as well. Read full article [here](#)

MAURITIUS

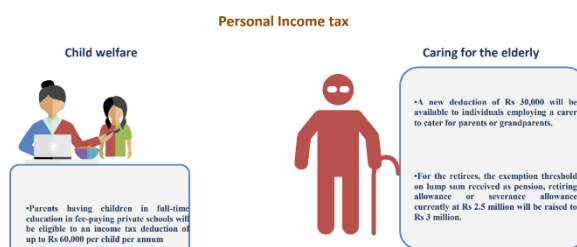


[Mauritius Budget 2024/25: Some Fiscal Measures](#)

The National Budget of Mauritius was read by the Minister of Finance on 7 June 2024. Some of the main tax measures as announced are provided here in the [link](#)

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NEW ZEALAND



[Recognition eCards by IRD-New Zealand](#)

Recognising people for the good work they do is a key part of who we are at Inland Revenue. Acknowledging those who do great things every day is important for any well-functioning tax administration.

PAKISTAN



[Finance Minister of Pakistan addressed the "Tax award Ceremony"](#): The cardholders will enjoy a



suite of privileges, including access to CIP/VP lounges at airports (excluding airline-managed lounges), fast-track immigration clearance, issuance of official passports, and an exclusive invitation to an annual dinner hosted by the Prime Minister. More news from FBR, click [here](#)..

RWANDA



[A look into RRA's quest for transparent, user-friendly tax services:](#) To achieve this mission, RRA has been implementing various measures to create a taxpayer-friendly environment where individuals and businesses feel comfortable fulfilling their tax responsibilities. These initiatives aim to establish RRA as a data-savvy and transparent tax administration, fostering an environment of voluntary compliance. Read full article [here](#)

SINGAPORE



[\(IRAS\) has announced Goods and Services Tax \(GST\)](#)

[InvoiceNow Requirement:](#) The Inland Revenue Authority of Singapore (IRAS) has announced that GST-registered businesses will be required to use InvoiceNow solutions to transmit invoice data directly to IRAS for tax administration purposes.

ZAMBIA



[Exchange of Information \(EOI\) A Solution To Addressing Africa's Challenge of Illicit Financial Flows \(IFFs\) and Cross-Border Tax Evasion](#) Zambia



attended the 15th meeting of the Africa Initiative of the Global Forum on Transparency and Exchange of Information for Tax Purposes held in Lome, Togo.

[ZRA Participates in the TADAT 10th Year Anniversary Conference:](#) This year on 25th June 2024, TADAT was commemorating its 10th Year Anniversary at the IMF Head Office in Washington D.C, United States of America (USA). The Commissioner General, Mr. Dingani Banda, was invited to participate in the 10th Year Anniversary Conference as part of a high-level diverse panel discussion entitled "TADAT 10th Year Report: Looking Back at Progress Made.". Read full article [here](#)



NEWS FROM OUR MEMBERS WEBSITES

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CYPRUS



[Consent of the Republic of Cyprus to the safe harbour rules of the OECD Comprehensive Framework for Pillar 2](#) The Republic of Cyprus, although it is not a member of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) due to political objections and is therefore not in a position to participate in the relevant consultations taking place at the level of the OECD Comprehensive Framework, has supported the actions of the Organisation and the G20 on Base Erosion and Profit Shifting (BEPS) and the

work undertaken so far by the Comprehensive Framework for BEPS actions in the field of international taxation.

ESWATINI



[ERS Revenue Takeover Starting 02 May 2024](#) The Acting Minister of Finance, Honourable Mabulala Maseko, launched the “The Revenue Takeover” project at ERS Head Office.

THE GAMBIA



[The 10th Bilateral Meeting between The Gambia Revenue Authority and Senegalese Customs Administration commenced with a warm exchange of greetings between the Director Generals of the two organizations.](#)

PAPUA NEW GUINEA



[Ministry of Customs and Revenue and Samoa Institute of Accountants sign Memorandum of Understanding](#)

SEYCHELLES



[SEYCHELLES REVENUE COMMISSION LAUNCHES ONLINE PAYMENT FOR CUSTOMS SERVICES](#)

TANZANIA



[TAXATION FOR NONPROFIT ORGANISATIONS IN TANZANIA](#)



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