



ATI-LoGRI WORKSHOP SERIES: POLICY DESIGN FOR EFFECTIVE PROPERTY TAXATION

July 19th, 2023

Effective Information Technology Systems for Property Tax Administration

July 20th, 2023

Building Taxpayer's Trust, Compliance, and Public Support for Reform

15:00h – 16:45h (CEST) on both days | English (FR/ES)

The Addis Tax Initiative (ATI), in partnership with the Local Government Revenue Initiative (LoGRI), is presenting a series of four workshops on policy design for effective property taxation in lower-income countries. LoGRI is an initiative of the International Centre for Tax and Development (ICTD), based at the Munk School of Global Affairs & Public Policy.

Objective

The virtual workshop series on **Policy Design for Effective Property Taxation** will bring together national and subnational policy decision-makers, representatives of governments, tax administrations, and relevant stakeholders from ATI partner countries and LoGRI experts in order to provide technical, administrative, and policy advice on core areas related to **effective revenue generation through property taxation**. The sessions will feature technical inputs and insights from country-specific examples, including property tax administration challenges, successful reform processes, and lessons learnt.

This series of workshops consists of four sessions on the following themes:

1. Strategies for Cost-Effective Property Valuation Systems
2. Re-thinking Property Identification and Registration for Taxation Purposes
3. Effective Information Technology Systems in Property Tax Administration
4. Building Taxpayer's Trust, Compliance, and Public Support for Reform

The first two sessions took place last March, while the upcoming two sessions will focus on the last two themes. The objective of the **third workshop** is to discuss **challenges and opportunities in adopting IT systems for property taxation and lessons learnt from successful country experiences**. Governments are increasingly using information technology (IT) to improve and simplify property tax administration. However, the full potential of these technologies remains unrealised due to technical challenges. This workshop will bring together government officials and experts to **share expertise and practices to maximise the potential of the information technology systems for property tax administration**.

The objective of the **fourth workshop** consists of exploring **government efforts to strengthen taxpayer's trust, support for reform and tax compliance**. It aims at drawing broader lessons about the design of effective property tax systems. Property tax collection in lower-income countries faces challenges due to weak tax compliance and resistance. To encourage voluntary compliance and public support, governments should ensure fair administration, tangible benefits, and taxpayer voice in revenue use. This workshop will explore **how governments can encourage higher levels of voluntary compliance and build needed public support for strengthening tax collection**.

Programme

Wednesday, 19 July 2023

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15:00 – 15:10	Introductory Remarks and Housekeeping Rules Moyo Arewa, <i>Director of Program, LoGRI</i>
15:10 – 15:25	IT strategies and reforms for effective property taxation Xaver Schenker, <i>Technical Consultant, LoGRI</i>
15:25 – 15:40	Title TBC Speaker TBC
15:40 – 15:55	Title TBC Speaker TBC
15:55 – 16:35	Q&A Session Moyo Arewa, <i>Director of Program, LoGRI</i>
16:35 – 16:45	Concluding Remarks Moyo Arewa, <i>Director of Program, LoGRI</i>

Thursday, 20 July 2023

Building Taxpayer's Trust, Compliance, and Public Support for Reform	
15:00 – 15:10	Introductory Remarks and Housekeeping Rules Rosetta Wilson, <i>Sierra Leone Project Lead, LoGRI</i>
15:10 – 15:25	Tax Compliance, Accountability and Transparency in Shama District, Ghana Maame Efua Wilson, <i>Assistant Development Planning Officer, Shama Municipality, Ghana</i> Solomon Kusi Ampofo, <i>Projects Coordinator, Friends of the Nation, Ghana</i>
15:25 – 15:40	Participatory Budgeting in Freetown, Sierra Leone Abou Bakarr Kamara, <i>Country Economist, International Growth Centre, Sierra Leone</i>
15:45 – 15:55	Strategies for Linking Revenues with Services Dr. Colette Nyirakamana, <i>Research Lead, LoGRI</i>
15:55 – 16:35	Q&A Session Rosetta Wilson
16:35 – 16:45	Concluding Remarks Rosetta Wilson

Background

The virtual workshop series on policy design for property taxation is organised within the framework of the [ATI Consultative Group 1](#) which supports the implementation of Commitment 1 of the [ATI Declaration 2025](#), by which ATI members commit to “support reforms to foster equity of tax systems in partner countries in order to reduce inequalities and advance the social contract”. The event is also relevant for the fulfilment of [ATI Commitment 2](#), in which ATI development partners and organisations agree to “support to strengthen capacities of partner countries, both at the national and subnational levels [...]”.

In addition, the workshop series will build on the core expertise of LoGRI as a knowledge-led initiative aimed at shaping innovative and effective approaches to local government revenue raising.

Format

The event will be held on Microsoft Teams with simultaneous interpretation from English into French and Spanish. An invitation link will be provided by the ATI Secretariat. If you have any further questions, kindly contact secretariat@taxcompact.net.