



African Tax Outlook - Economist Needed

The African Tax Administration Forum (ATAF) is inviting interested experts to submit their application for a consultancy position as an Economist in the African Tax Outlook (ATO) Project. The ATO publication is the first-ever effort by African tax authorities to compare, in a consistent fashion, the ways in which African economies raise and collect revenue. The publication assesses and compares participating African tax administrations (26 so far) against indicators in four broad categories: tax bases, tax structure, revenue performance, and tax administration.

Scope of Work

The African Tax Outlook (ATO) is an ATAF flagship publication that addresses the necessity to make available reliable tax statistics and analyses pertaining to African tax administration with a view to improving the efficiency and effectiveness of member country tax systems. Data or information on tax in Africa are a key instrument for strategic and fiscal planning, forecasting and decision-making, but also for economic and national development planning. They can also be useful to fuel public dialogue, and raise awareness on tax issues at the continental and international levels.

The assignment aims at drafting the ATO publication in collaboration with interested ATAF member countries, providing support and training to tax administrations research divisions, managing the data collection process, developing the excel data repository and guidebook, analysing the data and drafting the final publication. The project will be undertaken by a team of consultants and in close cooperation with the ATAF Secretariat. The work will be carried out from the Consultant's preferred place but duty travel may arise in relation with stakeholder meetings.

Qualifications

- Master degree or higher in Economics or Public Finance with specialization in econometrics / statistics
- Solid understanding of tax policy and tax administration issues in Africa
- Experience in empirical economic research
- Excellent writing and communication skills, including knowledge of graphic and narrative techniques for the presentation of data
- Very good management skills and ability to work in a team
- Proficient in English, knowledge of French is a plus

Time Frame: July to December 2017 (extension possible)

Applications:

Interested candidates may submit their application to **Frankie Mbuyamba (fmbuyamba@ataftax.org)**, including a cover letter, CV with list of references, brief motivation and summary of experience in conducting similar assignments **by 30 June 2017**. Only successful applicants will be contacted.