



43 AFRICAN TAX OFFICIALS TO RECEIVE INTERNATIONAL MASTERS DEGREES IN TAX POLICY AND ADMINISTRATION

Officials from tax authorities, Ministries of Finance and Civil Society from across Africa taking part in the ATAF's Executive Master's in Taxation Programmes will graduate at a ceremony at the Wits Business School on Saturday 8th April 2017.

As Africa seeks to mobilise its domestic resource to fund its development, **the African Tax Administration Forum (ATAF)**, the African tax body leading tax issues on the continent, **has developed the EMT programme** to generate a pool of tax leaders, policy makers and administrators to enhance African expertise.

ATAF is an international organisation that acts as a platform for promoting cooperation, knowledge sharing and capacity building among African revenue administrations (RAs). It seeks to build capacity, ensure greater synergy and cooperation amongst relevant stakeholders by reducing duplication of work, in support of African Tax Administrations. Since its inception in 2009, when it was formally launched in Kampala, Uganda, ATAF has grown in stature and in influence. Today ATAF is an important voice in taxation globally with its membership at 38 African tax administrations.

The unique 15 months Master's programme presented in Francophone and Anglophone, combines concepts and theories in the areas of economics and public finance, as well as tax policy and tax administration at a National, African and International level complimented by governance, management and leadership skills. The Executive Master's in Taxation Programme is expected to greatly strengthen the capacity of professionals and executives from the public sector in Africa who, in one way or the other, will contribute to increasing domestic revenue mobilisation in Africa.

The students, mostly senior managers of Tax Authorities, Ministries of Finance and Civil Society in Africa, spent the last 15 months working towards their "*Master's in Tax Policy and Tax Administration*" through the Berlin School of Economics and Law (BSEL) and Wits Business School; and the "*Master en politique et administrations fiscales*" through University Alioune Diop of Bambey (UADB), the National School of Administration (ENA) and the Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA).

The EMT programme is jointly supported by the German Development Cooperation Agency (GIZ) and partners, which include the Berlin School of Economics and Law (BSEL), Wits Business School, University Alioune Diop of Bambey (UADB), the National School of Administration (ENA) and Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA)

The Graduation Ceremony will be attended by the graduating students, their families, embassies and the media. The graduation attendees will be addressed by the ATAF Executive Secretary, Mr Logan Wort, the GIZ Good Financial Governance Programme Manager, Dr. Barbara Dutzler, as well as guest speaker the Commissioner General of Swaziland Revenue Authority, Mr Dumisani Masilela.

The following academic representatives of the partner institutions will be attending the ceremony: Prof. Dr. Martina Metzger from Berlin School of Economics and Law (BSEL), Mr Cheick Awa Balla Fall, Director General of the National School of Public Administration in Senegal (ENA) and Mr Lamine Gueye, Rector of the University Alioune Diop in Senegal (UADB).

The graduation will be officiated by Dr. Nara Monkam, Director Research at ATAF



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Details of the graduation ceremony:

Saturday 8th April 2017 at 10:00 AM
Wits Business School, Donald Gordon Building
2 St David's Place
Parktown Campus
Parktown/Johannesburg

The official programme ends at 03:00 PM