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## African Tax Outlook OFFICIAL LAUNCH OF THE 1<sup>ST</sup> EDITION

**Launch** of the first edition of the *African Tax Outlook* (ATO) – a premium ATAF tax publication on tax indicators of the fifteen African countries.

This first edition of the *African Tax Outlook*, which brings together valuable, practical and relevant descriptive and analytical information on tax issues for the period of 2009-2014 from 15 African countries. The ATO 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 15 countries against indicators in four broad categories: tax bases, tax structure, revenue performance, and tax administration. The indicators are crucial to African tax authorities as they implement reforms and policies to broaden the tax base, narrow tax gaps, simplify and improve fairness in tax systems, enhance overall voluntary compliance, and keep policy makers informed on tax matters. For the purposes of international comparison, the performances of the 15 countries are set against those of the OECD and the Inter-American Center of Tax Administrations (CIAT). The purpose of the publication is to build a solid framework of meaningful indicators that will help to compare, assess and ultimately improve countries' tax administration and revenue performance.

Fifteen countries participated in this inaugural African Tax Outlook for a period of 18 months: Burundi, Cameroon, Gambia, Kenya, Lesotho, Mauritius, Rwanda, Senegal, Seychelles, Swaziland, Tanzania, Togo, Uganda, Zimbabwe and **South Africa**.

You are kindly invited to attend the launch of this inaugural publication.

Date: 27<sup>th</sup> June 2016

Time: 8:30am to 10:30am

Venue: Protea Hotel Fire and Ice Menlyn - 213 Thys Street Summit Place Precinct

(corner of North and Garsfontein Off ramp), N1, Pretoria

The event will be addressed by the Executive Secretary of ATAF and attended by a range of international and regional organisations and embassies

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