

THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA
MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND PLANNING



**INVITATION TO STAKEHOLDERS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE UPCOMING
PROCEEDINGS OF THE TASK FORCE ON TAX REFORM, IN PREPARATION
FOR BUDGET 2018/19**

The proceedings of the Task Force on Tax Reform in preparation for Budget 2018/19 are scheduled to get underway in February 2018. The Task Force Secretariat will again this year arrange a schedule of meetings with stakeholders for presentation and discussions. The Government will take lead by giving an update of its policy objectives, agenda and challenges and its assessment of tax policy priorities for Budget 2018/19. This will provide participants with the broad context for this year's proceeding and motivate analysis and discussion of the impacts of the various proposals on a deeper and broader level.

The fiscal policy aims at increasing the tax base, strengthening tax administration and tax collection procedures as well as controlling tax evasion. It is the Government's intention to ensure that the tax system provides a conducive environment for investment that will bring about economic growth.

The Task Force invites the participation of officials from the Government, the private sector, civil society, religious organizations, academic community, research institutions and other specialist in public sector economics.

In addition, the Task Force invites submission in writing, from interested parties. Submissions must state clearly:-

- Which firms(s) organization(s) or association(s) is being represented;
- The proposed changes in tax or non-tax revenue, including an analysis of the sectors, regions or types(s) of taxpayers that would be affected, and in what way;
- The projected impact on the economy and on government revenues in the year of implementation and in future years;
- The rationale and justification for the proposed revenue policy changes and in particular, analysis of the means by which the proposal will help the Government achieve its overarching economic, fiscal and poverty-reduction objectives; and
- Where proposals entail a reduction in Government revenues (even if only in the short term), proposals must set out explicit and credible measures-consistent with the overall thrust of the Government's fiscal policies-to offset the proposed revenue shortfall.

The Task Force has provided a structured forum for discussion of the various issues related to tax policy and administration and this work has constituted a vital input to policymakers for a long time now. This has helped to shape the country's tax regime and,

through dialogue and analysis, it has facilitated an effective, transparent and efficient resolution of a number of issues. We are looking forward to continue with productive exchange of ideas this year, between economic stakeholders and the Government.

Submissions will be accepted from now until 10th February 2018 at the Secretariat, Task Force on Tax Reform, c/o Ministry of Finance and Planning, Policy Analysis Department, Room Number 339 (Main Treasury Building), Dar es Salaam.

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