

THE COMMONWEALTH ASSOCIATION OF TAX ADMINISTRATORS NEWSLETTER

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A message of Condolences from the President of CATA, Muhammad Nami

CATA MOURNS HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II

On Thursday 8th September 2022, the world was awakened to the shocking death of the venerable Queen Elizabeth II, the matriarch of the Commonwealth. With her demise, the world is the poorer as she has taken along with her the candour, charm and witticism that the world had known her for in more than Seventy years.

The entire membership of the Commonwealth Association of Tax Administrators (CATA) mourns along with the Royal Family and the people of the United Kingdom the passing of this great matriarch.

As a member of the Commonwealth Associated Organizations, CATA immensely benefited from the support the late Her Majesty extended to the Commonwealth fraternity.

We pray for the repose of her soul. We pray that God will heal the world of this painful loss soonest.

The CATA family extend congratulations to the United Kingdom on the proclamation of the new King and look forward to continued partnership and cooperation among CATA members.

Muhammad Nami CATA President

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CATA and ATAIC host joint webinar on digitisation





CATA and ATAIC hosted a joint event on the topic of taxation of the digitalised economy, with an emphasis on the implementation of BEPS Pillar 1 and 2. The event took place on 30th August 2022 and was attended by over 150 delegates.

CATA becomes a partner to the Asia Initiative

CATA now has partner status in the Asia Initiative. CATA is looking forward to this partnership bringing value to both organisations.

Death of Queen Elizabeth



On 8th September 2022, Buckingham Palace sadly announce the death of Queen Elizabeth II at the age of 96. The Queen was the Head of the Commonwealth, and she will be dearly missed by the Commonwealth family. Click <u>here</u> to read a statement from Rt Hon Patricia Scotland KC, Secretary-General, Commonwealth of Nations.

New revenue statistics for Asia-Pacific region released

The OECD has released <u>revenue statistics</u> for the Asia and Pacific region, covering 28 countries.

Personnel changes at the CATA Secretariat



The CATA Secretariat wishes to announce the departure of Megan Jones. Megan has been CATA's Administrative Assistant since 2017. Her last day in office was 9th September 2022.

Megan sends her best regards to all the members of CATA and thanks the organisation for letting her become part of the CATA family.

Megan's successor will be announced in due course.

News from our members

By CATA Country Correspondents

Cyprus



Legal changes to transfer pricing rules

Cyprus has introduced legal measures that further reduce the administrative burden of businesses, extend tax investment policy, and attract businesses and talents.

Maldives



Maldives joins Asia Initiative

Maldives joined the Asia Initiative on July 14th 2022. Joining this initiative allows Maldives to support the integration of international tax cooperation matters in the domestic resource mobilization and recovery strategies while fostering the use of all forms of administrative assistance allowed by tax treaties.

From our members' websites

Isle of Man



<u>Consultation launched into modernising National</u> <u>Insurance</u>

Mauritius



Recently introduced tax measures

The Mauritius Revenue Authority share details of recently introduced tax measures that were announced in the Mauritius National Budget 2022/2023.

New Zealand



Measuring the many different ways we bring about compliance in New Zealand

This article details the compliance measures New Zealand Inland Revenue has implemented.





MRA to promote learning of taxation in schools

Rwanda



<u>New tax research collaboration and additional</u> <u>Southmod model for Rwanda</u> United Kingdom



More than 33,600 tax credits customers use HMRC app to renew

Upcoming Events

42nd CATA Technical Conference

28th November to 1st December 2022



Preparations are underway for the 42nd CATA Technical Conference. The conference is being hosted by the Federal Inland Revenue Service of Nigeria and will be held in Abuja during the last week of November. A copy of the draft conference programme can be viewed by clicking <u>here</u>.



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