



**CHARTER OF COMMITMENT**

**with**

**The East African Tax and Governance Network**

**(EATGN)**

**Kigali, 29 November 2022**

**Introduction**

Founded in 2011, the East African Tax and Governance Network (EATGN) is a civil society collaborative initiative of individuals and non-state actor institutions in the East Africa Community (EAC) that share an understanding that taxation is fundamental in achieving economic justice and development goals.

EATGN champions for tax justice in governance, through public policy advocacy, research, and capacity building to create links between various constituencies in the region to improve tax policy while deepening democratic governance.

The network is hosted by and is a member of the Tax Justice Network Africa (TJNA) thereby seeking to be part of a diverse membership that recognizes the need for a pan-African level strategy in building coalitions plus developing partnerships in pursuit of development.

**Articles of Commitment**

*Acknowledging* the vision of promoting fair, transparent, accountable and citizen driven tax systems in East Africa.

*Recognizing* the mission to establish a vibrant tax justice movement across the EAC that mobilizes citizen participation to advocate for equitable policies and practices, and

*Adopting* the values of collaboration, professionalism, fairness, participation, inclusivity, human rights, plus innovation as ideals that guide our decisions and actions.

*Hereby* commit to:

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- 1) Building EATGN membership in Rwanda,
- 2) Using research, communication plus dissemination of research findings, to build capacity of the country network in grasping tax justice matters, at the EAC regional level and in-country networking as well as advocating for evidence-based issues,
- 3) Raising citizen awareness, encourage citizen involvement and ownership of revenue issues,
- 4) Partner in citizen led collective actions that highlight the structural or systemic causes and consequences of unfair tax policies to be addressed by relevant stakeholders, mostly governments, to achieve fair tax systems or practices,
- 5) Enriching the network's strengths and capacities to scale-up tax justice advocacy in East Africa,
- 6) Contribute to the activities of individual tax justice champions, research organisations, trade unions, feminist organisations, national or regional network organisations, faith, and community-based organisations in East Africa.

IN WITNESS THEREOF the undersigned, agree to collaborate in developing a functioning and responsive membership network structure within the EAC, having signed the present commitment.

DONE at Kigali this twenty ninth day of November two thousand and twenty-two.

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