



# **STAKEHOLDERS ENGAGEMENT WORKSHOP**

## **REFORMING THE TAX POLICY AND INSTITUTIONAL MEASURES FOR KENYA**

**GOK-AERC-UCPH-DERG ECONOMIC RESEARCH AND POLICY MAKING  
PROJECT**

### **PROGRAMME**

**November 30, 2023**

**7:00-12:00HRS (GMT +3)**

**@Sarova Panafric Hotel, Nairobi, Kenya**

The last few years have witnessed several large shocks to the international economy, including the COVID-19 pandemic, the war in Ukraine, and the most severe drought in East Africa in more than 40 years. As most other countries, Kenya struggles to absorb the impact of these shocks, notably the sharp increases in the cost of living on top of economic activity only just starting to recover from the pandemic. Handling the external economic pressures while protecting the most vulnerable, puts extraordinary pressure on economic policies pursued by the Government of Kenya. It is increasingly difficult to tackle the economic challenges, while dealing effectively with widespread poverty and high-income inequality. Hence, appropriate policy responses are required to handle the economic pressures in the short term (such as high inflation and high debt servicing costs) and simultaneously address the medium- to longer-term challenges of persistent poverty and rising income inequality.

With support from the Royal Danish Embassy in Nairobi, the African Economic Research Consortium in partnership with a series of Kenyan partners, supported by the Development Economics Research Group at the University of Copenhagen (UCPH-DERG), is undertaking collaborative research project to support “home-grown” Economic Research and Policy Making in Kenya (ERPMK). The objective of the research collaboration is to generate high-quality research, which can provide policy advice to decision makers in Kenya - and the findings will help serve as a basis and input to policy reforms in the National Treasury, thereby enhancing the evidence base for informed economic policy making in Kenya.

The stakeholder’s engagement workshop focuses on the tax related studies that are aimed at bringing about reforms in the tax policy, the tax instruments and how to optimize them to generate revenue in an equitable and cost-effective way. The stakeholder’s engagement workshop brings together key stakeholders from relevant institutions who have important roles to play in shaping new research findings, paving new policy directions, and initiating innovative practices in the focus areas.

# Programme Schedule

**Registration (Doris Wacharo) [6:30- 07:00 (GMT+3)]**

**Session I: Opening Session [07:00- 07:20 (GMT+3)]**

<b>Chair of Session</b>	<b>Abbi Kedir</b> (Director of Research AERC)
<b>Welcome Remarks</b>	<b>Professor Dominique Njinkeu</b> (Interim Executive Director, AERC)
<b>Opening Remarks</b>	<b>Humphrey W. Mulongo</b> , (Commissioner General, Kenya Revenue Authority)
<b>Opening Remarks</b>	<b>Hon. Prof. Njuguna Ndung'u</b> (Cabinet Secretary, National Treasury & Economic Planning)

**Session II: Presentations [07:20-9:20] Moderators: Prof. Finn Tarp/Dr Rose Ngugi**

*Time allocated per paper: presentation and Floor Discussion (30 minutes)*

Time/Session	Presentation
<b>Presentation 1</b> 07:20 – 07:50	Study 1. Background: Understanding the Kenyan public revenue system and the drivers behind the downwards trends observed in public revenue collection by Nathan Carter Remcho, Benson Kiriga and Jacob Nato
<b>Presentation 2</b> 07:50 -08:20	Study 2. Reforming the VAT system: Nathan Carter Remcho and Sam Jones by Jane Kiringai, Cyrus Mutuku, Daniel Omanyo and Benjamin Muchiri
<b>Presentation 3</b> 08:20 -8:50	Study 3.1. Redesigning the Excise Tax System in Kenya: Taxation of Alcohol and Cigarettes Products by Nathan Carter Remcho, Alex Oguso, James Ochieng and Hellen Chemnyongoi
<b>Presentation 4</b> 08:50 -9:20	Study 4.1. PIT reform – by David Garces Urzainqui, Peter Fisker, Jane Kanina, Josephine Mugure and Jacob Nato
9:20 – 9:35	<b>HEALTH BREAK</b>
<b>Session III: Presentations [09:35-12:00] Moderators: Prof. Finn Tarp/Dr Rose Ngugi</b>	
<b>Presentation 5</b> 09:35 -10:05	Looking into the future: KIPPRA-IFPRI co-creation of a computable general equilibrium model to assess alternative tax reform – by Lensa Omune
<b>Presentation 6</b> 10:05 – 10:35	Studies 8.1-8.2-8.3. What can experimental economics contribute? By James Ochieng, Paolo Falco, Bjørn Bo Sørensen ,Maureen Odongo, Alex Oguso, Jane Muguchu, Ken Malot, Lydia Ndirangu, Daniel Omanyo, Anne Gitonga and Ines Ferreira
<b>Presentation 7</b> 10:35 – 11:05	Study 6.2. Operational ways of measuring informal payments by John Rand, Ken Malot, Daniel Omanyo, Jane Muguchu and Clement Otindo (presentation by Finn Tarp)
<b>Q&amp;A and way forward</b> 11:05 – 12:00	Finn Tarp, Rose Ngugi, Dianah Muchai and Anne Kamau
12:00 – 13:00	<b>LUNCH</b>