

ATI-LoGRI WORKSHOP

Day 1. Strategies for Cost-Effective Property Valuation Systems

Day 2. Re-thinking Property Identification and Registration for Taxation Purposes

22-23 March 2023 | 15:00h – 16:45h (CET) | English (FR/ES)

The Addis Tax Initiative (ATI), in partnership with the Local Government Revenue Initiative (LoGRI), is presenting a series of four workshops on policy design for effective property taxation in lower-income countries.

The two-day workshop on “Strategies for Cost-Effective Property Valuation Systems” and “Re-thinking Property Identification and Registration for Taxation Purposes” is the first of the series.

Objectives

Property tax systems in lower-income countries continue to underperform due to several challenges. Complex valuation systems and irregular valuation exercises, combined with high costs as well as limited data and capacity often lead to incomplete, out-of-date or inaccurate property tax rolls. However, several countries, aided by technological advances, have recently adopted simplified valuation methods that are relatively easy to use with promising results.

Against this backdrop, the first day of the workshop will bring together policymakers, tax experts, and researchers to discuss the **challenges associated with traditional valuation methods** and the **potential for more effective and simplified valuation systems**. Presentations will draw on experiences from African and Latin American countries to highlight lessons learnt from reforms and how they can be applied in countries with similar challenges.

On the second day of the workshop, government officials and experts will discuss **challenges faced in identifying properties, explore strategies and reforms implemented to improve outcomes and broaden the tax base, and reflect on new approaches to effective identification** for taxation purposes.

Programme

Wednesday, 22 March 2023

Strategies for Cost-Effective Property Valuation Systems

15:00 – 15:10	Introductory Remarks and House Rules Dr. Titilola Akindeinde, <i>Executive Director, LoGRI</i>
15:10 – 15:25	Cadastral Evaluation in Togo: State of Play and Perspectives Sitsopé Kounetsron, <i>Chief of Section, Directorate of Catastre, Land Conservation and Registration, Togolese Revenue Authority, Togo</i>
15:25 – 15:40	Simplification of the Unique Property Tax (UPT)/Developed Property Tax Charles Yehouenou, <i>Vice-Chairman of the Land Valuation Reform Committee, Directorate General of Taxes, Benin</i>
15:40 – 15:55	Fairly Simple: Attempting Practical, Transparent Property Valuation in Sierra Leone Nicolas Orgeira, <i>Researcher and Technical Expert</i> & Evan Trowbridge, <i>Technical Lead, LoGRI</i>
15:55 – 16:35	Q&A Session Dr. Titilola Akindeinde
16:35 – 16:45	Concluding Remarks Dr. Titilola Akindeinde,

Thursday, 23 March 2023

Re-thinking Property Identification and Registration for Taxation Purposes

15:00 – 15:10

Introductory Remarks and House Rules

Dr. Colette Nyirakamana, *Research Lead, LoGRI*

15:10 – 15:25

Kampala Capital City Success Story on Improved Property Identification and Registration for Tax Purposes

Norbert Seruwagi, *Manager Compliance & Inspectorate, Revenue Collection Directorate, Kampala Capital City Authority, Uganda*

15:25 – 15:40

Identification and Registration of Properties for Tax Purposes

Mamadou Lamine Diallo, *Head of the Bureau of Territorial Authorities & Principal Tax Inspector, Directorate General of Taxes and Domains, Senegal*

15:40 – 15:55

Potential for Leveraging Property Tax Reform to Strengthen Property Registration and Urban Planning

Dr. Wilson Prichard, *Executive Director, ICTD Chair, LoGRI Associate Professor, University of Toronto*

15:55 – 16:35

Q&A Session

Dr. Colette Nyirakamana

16:35 – 16:45

Concluding Remarks

Dr. Colette Nyirakamana

Background

The virtual workshop series on policy design for property taxation is organised within the framework of the [ATI Consultative Group 1](#) which supports the implementation of Commitment 1 of the [ATI Declaration 2025](#), by which ATI members commit to “support reforms to foster equity of tax systems in partner countries in order to reduce inequalities and advance the social contract”. The event is also relevant for the fulfilment of [ATI Commitment 2](#), in which ATI development partners and organisations agree to “support to strengthen capacities of partner countries, both at the national and subnational levels [...]”.

In addition, the workshop series will build on the core expertise of LoGRI as a knowledge-led initiative aimed at shaping innovative and effective approaches to local government revenue raising.

Format

The event will be held on MS Teams in English with simultaneous interpretation into French and Spanish. An invitation link will be provided by the ATI Secretariat. If you have not received a link, but are interested in participating, kindly contact secretariat@taxcompact.net

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Dr. Titilola Akindeinde

LoGRI's Executive Director, with over 20 years of experience in Economic Policy & Strategy, and a proven track record as UK government economist, a consultant to the Government of Nigeria, and as Programme Manager implementing FCDO programmes.



Nicolas Orgeira Pillai

Researcher at LoGRI. His research focuses on local revenue mobilisation, particularly property taxation and tax compliance. He holds a Master's in Economics from the University of Toronto and is a PhD candidate in Economics at the University of Sussex.



Sitsopé Kounetsron

Land registry inspector at the Togolese Revenue Office, where he is in charge of land security. Sitsopé holds a master's degree in Political Economy and Applied Statistics and a master's degree in Mathematics.



Dr. Wilson Prichard

Dr Prichard is the Executive Director of the ICTD, Chair of the LoGRI programme, and an Associate Professor at the University of Toronto's Munk School of Global Affairs and Public Policy. His research focuses on the political economy of tax reform in lower-income countries.



Evan Trowbridge

LoGRI technical lead. Among others, he has experience as data manager for a research organisation in Sierra Leone and governance work in Honduras, where he worked for USAID and a local NGO, while also leading a small program for youth at- youth.



Norbert Seruwagi

Manager Compliance & Inspectorate at the Revenue Collection Directorate in Kampala's Capital City Authority. He is also the Project Manager for the Computer Aided Mass property valuation project. He was a Customs Officer in the Uganda Revenue Authority for 16 years.



Mamadou Lamine Diallo

Tax Inspector and Head of the Bureau of Local Authorities at the General Directorate of Taxes and Domains of Senegal. Previously, he was Head of the Strategy and Modernisation Office and Head of the Kolda Tax Services Centre among other positions.



Dr. Colette Nyirakamana

LoGRI Research Lead and Senior Research Associate at the Munk School of Global Affairs & Public Policy at the University of Toronto. Her research focuses on local finances with particular emphasis on the institutional and political aspects that conditions for effective revenue mobilisation.

and Charles Yehouenou (*Vice-President to the Property Assessment Reform Committee at Benin's General Tax Directorate*).

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