

COMMITTEE ON FISCAL STUDIES 2023

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We work to influence a fair, sustainable and equitable future supported by a responsive fiscal system backed by a people first vision

Vision

Our vision is to influence the future of fiscal law and policy interventions and decision making circles that affect developing countries social, economic and financial security.

Mission

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To become Africa's leading institution influencing through views, research, trainings and conversations on content intersecting with tax and improving lives

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To place our work within existing and emerging core narratives and disciplines

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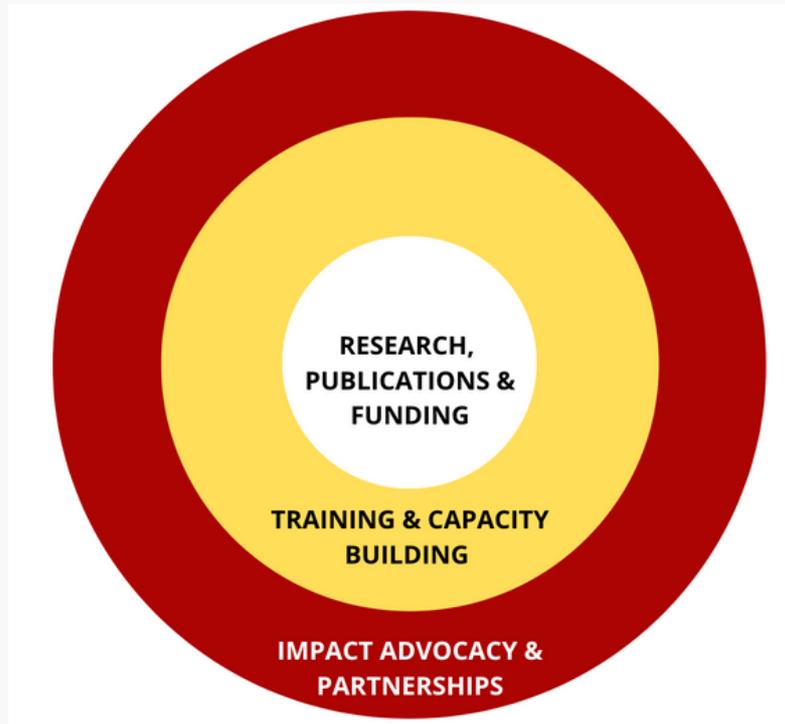
To focus on results and to build friendships with a connected purpose

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To produce research backed and evidence based policy intervention and support impact advocacy

2023

Key Focus Areas



01 Research, Publications and Funding

Our top priority is to engage in research and publish our content. We are committed to generating fiscal scholarship to support developing countries Domestic Revenue Mobilisation capacity. We believe this will lead to improved lives. To support our growth, we identify the need for funding as critical.

02 Training and Capacity Building

Based on our research and publications, we design training programs targeted to improve fiscal literacy, hold stakeholders accountable and support capacity building.

03 Impact Advocacy and Partnerships

We are committed to challenging, influencing and engaging with critical thinkers and civil society to achieve our purpose, vision and mission. In this regard we work with and forge partnerships to ensure fiscal agency, transparency and accountability is prioritised in all decision making circles that drive policy and legal reforms related to tax and development

2023 Activities

- 6 **Research Papers** published under the theme of reconstructing the African economic order
- **Collection of Essays** published on domestic revenue mobilisation written by experts from east and west Africa
- Hosted 2 **Expert Roundtables**; one in Nairobi and another in Mombasa, discussing the linkages across public debt and human rights
- Convened **two Workshops** on alternatives to public debt with industry experts and government
- Formation of the **Islamic Finance Mobilisation Research Group** with membership from private sector and government
- Supporting the establishment and governance of a **Community Based Organisation** in Uganda - The Initiative Against Illicit Finance
- Collaboration with **Hon Omkiya Omtatah** to support evidence based research to aid in public interest litigation
- Supported the **conference** organised by ICTD and KESRA on international tax governance and trained researchers on conducting qualitative research
- Developed **training content** on Islamic Finance and Sukuk
- Hybrid **training program** on Africa's Fiscal Landscape with 53 participants
- **Legal compendium** of tax and human rights published
- Supported **Katiba Institute** with expert advice on their public interest litigation suit against the Finance Act, 2023
- Partnership with **Finsense** - a Kenyan fintech startup

NEXT STEPS - 2024

- Organising 2 writing workshops
- Spearheading discussions with county governors in Kenya to unpack fiscal decentralisation in the context of zakat (the Islamic tax on wealth)
- Developing joint training programs with our new partners on understanding the law and practice of Islamic Finance
- Engaging in academic debates around topical issues to wit digitalisation and its nexus with the Islamic fiscal system
- Advancing scholarship on the themes of zakat, sukuk and digital coins.
- Book launch - Islamic wealth tax and financing public health

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Members & Partners



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