



University of Nairobi

COMMITTEE ON FISCAL STUDIES



VISION

A fair, sustainable and transparent fiscal system for development

MISSION

To provide opportunities in an inclusive manner on research, capacity building and networking in fiscal law with a focus on developing countries.

BACKGROUND

The Committee on Fiscal Studies (CFS) formerly chaired by Prof Attiya Waris and currently chaired by Bosire Nyamori brings together a group of finance and development experts whose focus is on providing sustained and advanced level capacity building in fiscal governance at the sub-national, national, regional and international level. To this end, the Committee uses a multidisciplinary approach to bring together academics and institutions that engage in discourses linked to resource mobilisation and taxation such as economics, human rights, anthropology, development studies, history, poverty alleviation and gender equality.

CORE OBJECTIVES

The core objectives of the Committee on Fiscal Studies include:

- a. Capacity Building
- b. Research
- c. Raising developing country voice.
- d. Emergency Response and Current Affairs



ACTIVITIES

Since our founding in 2017 we have hosted over 40 public lectures including webinars in our Tax Talk series and have participated and attended various conferences and expert groups, including.

The Committee hosted the UN Tax Committee's Sub-committee on Taxation of the

Extractives sector December 2019, at the University of Nairobi Law School Campus grounds. We continue to engage with them.

OUTPUT

WEBSITE

On August 21, 2019 the Committee on Fiscal Studies officially launched its website. This includes an e-resource centre to collate and disseminate publicly all fiscal data currently available on African countries in a format that is accessible to the visually impaired.

DATA MAPPING

The Committee has created AND IS MAINTAINING:

- An African revenue expenditure data map setting out all publicly available data on revenue and expenditure for every African country.
- An African researcher's data map which is showcasing African research taking place in real time on the continent.

JOURNAL

The inaugural issue of the journal on "Financing for Development" was launched in September 2019. It is housed at the Committee and is a multidisciplinary double-blind peer reviewed journal and accepts papers on a rolling basis. It is available on committee website.

RESEARCHERS MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

The committee takes applications from undergrad, masters and doctoral students interested in developing their interest in research in the fiscal space. 20 undergrad researchers, 6 masters researchers are currently being mentored at the CFS including those with special needs. We also host visiting researchers and doctoral students

SHORT COURSES AND FUTURE MA PROGRAMME

The Committee carried out a feasibility study and curriculum development that has resulted in the creation of a viable multidisciplinary programme in Financing Development which we intend to roll out in the next 2 years. We have already begun with a pilot run of running four of short courses on: **Financing Africa, Financing for Developments, Taxpayers Rights and Financing Gender.** in September and October 2019.

RAPID RESPONSE

The committee was awarded a rapid response grant OSIEA which aimed at taking a multidisciplinary response to the COVID-19 pandemic. As part of the economic response we hosted a web series on socio-economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and published a series of blogs. These are available on our website.

PARTNER INSTITUTIONS

The Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA) has signed the first ever Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with a university with the University of Nairobi in 2016 allowing the Committee on Fiscal Studies to access data and other support from the KRA. We also have received grant funding with OSIEA, FES, Oxfam and GIZ.

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