AFRICAN TAX RESEARCH NETWORK (ATRN)

FIRST CALL FOR PAPERS

8 - 10 September 2026

11th ANNUAL CONGRESS

Contemporary taxation issues in Africa

Venue: To be announced

Paper Submission Deadline:

15 March 2026

The African Tax Research Network (ATRN), an arm of the African Tax Administration Forum (ATAF), is pleased to invite paper submissions for the 11th ATRN Annual Congress, which presents an opportunity for academics, researchers, tax administrators, students, tax practitioners, civil society organisations, consultants, and policymakers on fiscal and tax policy in Africa, to gather and discuss national, regional and international tax matters. It is also an opportunity for researchers to show-case their work on salient and emerging tax issues.

The ATRN accepts tax related research including but not limited to Economics and Econometrics, Law, Policy, Tax Administration, Political Science, Psychology and Human Behavioural Science, Linguistics, and Education. Students and emerging scholar papers are also accepted to build a future generation of tax specialists. **Papers are accepted in English, French, and Portuguese.**

Theme

The theme of the 11th Annual Congress is **"Contemporary Taxation Issues in Africa"**

Sub-Themes

- Digitalisation, Artificial Intelligence and Big Data in Tax Administration
- The Impact of Tariffs and Trade Wars on Domestic Resource Mobilisation in Africa
- Global Minimum Tax (Pillar Two), BEPS and Tax Incentives
- Transfer Pricing, Profit Shifting and Cross-Border Taxation
- Wealth Taxes
- Regional Tax Harmonisation, Trade Policy, and Domestic Resource Mobilisation under the AfCFTA
- Illicit Financial Flows, Tax Evasion and Transparency

- Taxation and the Digital Space (Digital Financial Assets, eServices, Betting and Gaming)
- Environmental Taxes, Carbon Pricing and Green Fiscal Policy
- Fiscal Decentralisation, Subnational Taxation and Intergovernmental Transfers
- Informality, Tax Inclusion and Simplified Regimes Tax and Gender
- Taxpayer Behaviour, Compliance Psychology and Behavioural Nudges
- Taxation and Demographics: Youth, Ageing and Migration
- Tax, Inequality and Redistribution
- And other contemporary taxation issues in Africa

⃝ Types Of Submissions

The ATRN invites submissions of papers for presentation at the Annual Congress in two major categories:

Academic papers: This category also includes student research papers and working papers.

Policy Papers: This category covers policy briefs, best practices, and short case studies.

These papers will be peer-reviewed by members of the Scientific Committee. If accepted, they will be invited to be presented at the 11th ATRN Annual Congress.

⃝ Best Paper Awards

Authors who wish to be considered for awards should indicate this when submitting their papers. The categories are as follows: The ATRN Best paper award, The Best Developing Researcher and The Most pioneering / innovative research paper.

⃝ Important Deadlines

- All papers are to be submitted via the ATRN portal **HERE**
- Deadline for final submission of full research papers: **15 March 2026**
- Notification of acceptance: **06 June 2026**

⃝ How to Submit Papers

- Only ORIGINAL papers will be accepted (papers presented previously at other conferences will not be accepted)
- Two separate documents/submissions of (1) a **title page** and (2) **manuscript (anonymous)** will be required
- Plagiarised Paper submissions are automatically disqualified and rejected.
- Notification of acceptance of full-length papers will be sent to authors via email after a double-blind peer-review process by **6 June 2026**
- All manuscripts submitted will be required to meet the formatting guidelines for manuscripts as set in the ATRN web page.

  The link for paper submission is now open and can be accessed **HERE**

⃝ Further Information

For more information on the Annual Congress, please visit the ATRN web page: **http://atrnafrica.org/** or contact Conference Organisers on email: **ATRNCongress@ataftax.org**