

Tax Dispute Resolution Webinar: South Africa, Nigeria, and the United Kingdom

Online from Thursday 8 June 2023 12:00 – 14:00 (CAT)



Many multi-national entities operate across several African jurisdictions. Due to the complexity of domestic tax laws as well as the tax implications of cross-border transactions and the impact of double tax agreements, taxpayers in various African jurisdictions may end up in a dispute with the local tax authorities. Resolving such disputes can be a lengthy and costly process, particularly if the matter proceeds to court.

An increasing number of jurisdictions have implemented alternative tax dispute resolution mechanisms, including tax tribunals. Some have been long established, while others are relatively recent, or have been recently reformed.

This webinar will focus on South Africa, Nigeria, and the United Kingdom as three jurisdictions that share a legal heritage as far as courts of law are concerned but developed and reformed tax dispute resolution mechanisms along their own trajectories.

Programme

12:00 – 12:10 Introduction

IFA Africa president (Dapo Ladimeji)

IFA South Africa President Professor Jennifer Roeleveld

Webinar Chair: Peter Dachs (ENSafrica)

12:10 – 12:40 Tax Disputes – a South African perspective

Advocate Michael Janisch SC from the Cape Bar will discuss tax disputes in a South African context dealing with the tax court process, alternative remedies including reviews and declarators, the approach of the courts to tax matters, and implications of the “pay now, argue later principle”.

12:40 – 13:10 Tax Disputes – a Nigerian perspective

Theo Emuwa, Tax Director at Aellex Nigeria will discuss tax disputes in Nigeria focussing on cross-border tax disputes and providing insights into the tax court system in Nigeria.

13:10 – 13:40 – Tax Disputes – a UK perspective

David Southern KC from Field Court Tax Chambers in London will discuss tax disputes in a UK context and provide insights into cross-border tax disputes dealing with double tax agreements and the MLI.

13:40 – 14:00 – Q&A

Q&A session with the three presenters which session will be facilitated by Peter Dachs, Tax Director at ENSafrica.

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