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Benjamin James is a Partner at McCarthy Denning, where he advises multinational businesses, financial institutions, and high-net-worth individuals on complex tax, corporate, and commercial matters. His practice spans domestic and international taxation, cross-border transactions, regulatory compliance, and business structuring across multiple jurisdictions.



He has extensive experience advising clients on international tax planning, mergers and acquisitions, investment structuring, and dispute resolution. Benjamin is an active contributor to discussions on tax policy and regularly participates in professional conferences, industry forums, and capacity-building initiatives focused on the evolving international tax landscape.



Benjamin is a member of the International Fiscal Association (IFA) and is actively involved in promoting dialogue on international taxation across Africa. As **Moderator** for this webinar, he will guide the discussion on balancing revenue protection with investment competitiveness in Africa's evolving tax environment.



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Everlyn Muendo is a tax policy specialist at Tax Justice Network Africa, where she works on international tax policy and the global financial architecture. Her work focuses on advancing equitable tax systems, strengthening domestic resource mobilisation, and promoting Africa's voice in international tax reforms.



She engages with governments, regional institutions, and global stakeholders on issues including international taxation, investment policy, illicit financial flows, and public finance. Her work supports evidence-based policy development and advocacy aimed at building fair and effective tax systems across Africa.



She is an **Advocate of the High Court of Kenya** and has professional expertise in international taxation, public finance, and investment policy.



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Before joining the World Bank Group, she worked with Deloitte Middle East's regional transfer pricing team in Dubai, advising multinational businesses across sectors including energy, insurance, transportation and consumer goods. She previously practised dispute resolution at Aluko & Oyeboode in Nigeria.



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