

# Who we are





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> Tax Justice Network Africa (TJNA) founded in 2007, is the only pan-African organisation with network presence across the continent working toward tax justice. It is a growing regional network with over 40 member organisations spread across 25 African countries.

> TJNA's founding mandate is built on the firm belief that structural transformation of the African continent can only be achieved through forging strategic collaborations and partnerships at national, regional, and global levels.

The TJNA secretariat based in Nairobi, Kenya serves as a coordination hub. It also provides technical backstopping to its members, supports capacity development, resource mobilisation and policy engagement at regional and global level on behalf of its membership.

TJNA collaborates with the technical arms of regional institutions including the African Union, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa, and the Africa Tax Administration Forum as well as regional civil society networks. TJNA is also a member of two global advocacy platforms, namely: the Global Alliance for Tax Justice and the Financial Transparency Coalition to support global level engagements.

### What we do



Our work is rooted in the strategic framework of the African Union's Agenda 2063, which defines a pan-African vision for inclusive and sustainable development that will elevate the continent as a dominant player in the global arena.

Tax Justice Network Africa is building a new Africa where tax justice prevails. Alongside leading researchers, policymakers, campaigners, and civil society organisations, we are mobilising a movement to comprehensively transform tax policy, challenge harmful investment practices, improve international tax transparency, and restore the sovereignty of natural resources back to African countries.

We are bringing about a just, prosperous, and integrated Africa, sustainably harnessing its resources for people to live in dignity.

We advocate for tax policies and systems that curb public resource leakages, while simultaneously enhancing domestic resource mobilisation, all aimed at promoting outcomes that benefit people living in poverty.

Four thematic areas guide the interventions and policy work of TJNA:





### **Tax and Investments**

Our tax and investments program supports domestic resource mobilisation by developing mechanisms and incentives to counter harmful competition between countries. Through this program, we specifically advocate against "race to the bottom" trade practices eroding tax bases through transfer mis-invoicing and mispricing.



### **Tax and Natural Resource Governance**

Under this focus area, TJNA targets the implementation of various natural resources governance frameworks by African countries and institutions, building collective knowledge of instruments, policies, and programs available to capture the full value of their natural resources and widening the scope for advocacy where needed.



### **Tax and Equity**

Here we use research, policy analysis, and advocacy to build capacity for monitoring fairness within the tax system as well as influencing policies on revenue generation. This program takes a broader view of tax justice to encompass the implications for gender, human development, and other social aspects of taxation as a distributional instrument.



### How we do it

We envision an Africa where tax policy supports the African Union's 'Agenda 2063' for a fair, inclusive, and green economy and society.

We educate and persuade policymakers and the public on the benefits of equitable tax systems, and we equip them with the skills and tools to implement change.

We rally a diverse and powerful network of civil society actors, media outlets, campaigners, researchers, and citizens to advocate for tax justice and policy reform.

Our integrated approach is inspired by our commitment to comprehensive tax justice solutions that are applicable across Africa or can be adopted by most African countries.

TJNA's influencing work addresses the structural inequality of tax injustice by offering thought leadership through the publication and dissemination of evidence-based research.

From this research, we then define policy positions at both national and regional levels, which informs our advocacy and increases policy awareness and engagement.

We inform stakeholders, the media, and the public by means of strategic communications and campaigns. By this awareness building work, we are shaping regional and national discussions on progressive taxation in Africa and cultivating a community of tax justice champions.



To enable our alliances and constituents to engage in driving a progressive tax agenda in their respective spheres of influence, TJNA enhances capacity through strategic trainings, such as its International **Tax Justice Academy (ITJA)**, developing powerful advocates and influencers for policy reform.



TJNA also develops capacity through webinars, technical assistance from the Secretariat, and public engagements, such as TJNA's annual **Pan-African Conference (PAC).** 

through the **African Parliamentary Network on Illicit Financial Flows and Taxation (APNIFFT)**, TJNA enables African legislators and parliamentary representatives to express their policy preferences and priorities whithout political inhibitions to address illicit financial flows.



## TJNA's footprint on the African continent - Tunisia Egypt Niger Senegal South Sudan Guinea Sierra Leone-Liberia -Kenya Cote d'Ivoire Ghana Uganda Togo -Tanzania Benin – Nigeria – Zambia Cameroon – Malawi Democratic Republic of Congo **≈** ¶Mauritius Botswana -Mozambique Zimbabwe South Africa



# Where we are

In Vertical Partnerships ranging from global platforms to regional African institutions, TJNA leverages its presence to promote policy advocacy and dialogue, influence agendas, present petitions, share knowledge, and link programs to resource mobilisation structures.

One side of TJNA's horizontal alliances are those involved in working towards achieving tax justice and reduced IFFs in Africa. Alongside these partners, we cultivate a robust, powerful, and unified African voice to influence policies and access opportunities across the continent.

We partner with national stakeholders including Members of Parliament, Ministries of Finance and Development, Trade Unions, Universities, Research Institutions, and other national stakeholders in relevant sectors to Scale Up Tax Justice (SCUT) beyond its current scope.

