







## WEBINAR OF THE SUPPORT PROGRAMME TO FISCAL TRANSITION IN WEST AFRICA (PATF)

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Date: Friday 17 November 2023, 14:00 - 16:00 GMT

**Theme:** Three (03) new Directives to accelerate the Tax Transition Programme in West Africa:

- Directive C/DIR.4/07/23 of 07 July 2023 harmonising the methodology for evaluating tax expenditure in ECOWAS Member States
- Directive C/Dir. 05/07/23 of 07 July 2023, establishing the institutional mechanism for monitoring and evaluating the ECOWAS fiscal transition
- Directive C/Dir.8/07/23 of 07 July 2023 on the harmonisation of the laws of ECOWAS Member States relating to value added tax (VAT)

Special guest: Mr Nicolas YENOUSSI, Director General of Taxes, Benin.

## WEBINAR AGENDA

THEME	PERSONS RESPONSIBLE	OBSERVATIONS	DURATION
Introductory remarks:	Moderator:	Webinar objective:	2.00 PM - 2.10 PM
	Mr Barthélémy DABRE,	- Present the new regional tax transition tools	
Introductory presentation of	PATF Technical Assistant,	developed under PATF	
regional tax transition tools	Guinea Bissau	- Facilitating the adoption of new tools by	
		stakeholders	
		- Presentation of the panellists:	
		(i) Ms Rénilde BAZAHICA: PATF Technical	
		Assistant, ECOWAS	
		(ii) Mr. Jules TAPSOBA: PATF Technical	
		Assistant, ECOWAS	
		(iii) Mr. Charles YEHOUENOU: Director of	
		Strategic Planning and Studies (DGI)	
		BENIN, PATF Focal Point	
		(iv) <b>Virtual community:</b> - Tax and customs administrations of	
		ECOWAS Member States	
		- Partners from ECOWAS, UEMOA	
		- PATF focal points, etc.	
Directive harmonising the	Mr Jules TAPSOBA	- Presentation of the new Directive	2.10 PM - 2.20PM
methodology for evaluating tax	WII Sules TAI SODA	- Presentation of the Practical Guide to Tax	2.10 1 141 - 2.201 141
expenditure in ECOWAS		Expenditure	
Member States		Exponditure	
Directive on the harmonisation of	Ms Renilde BAZAHICA	- Presentation of the new VAT Directive: main	2.20PM - 2.30 PM
the laws of ECOWAS Member		changes	
States relating to value added tax		- Presentation of the VAT Practical Guide	
(VAT)			
Directive establishing an	Mr Charles YEHOUENOU	- Presentation of the Directive: main innovations	2.30 PM - 2.40 PM
institutional mechanism for			

monitoring and evaluating the tax			
transition			
Participants	PATF stakeholders:	A word from the Director General of Taxes for	2.40 PM - 4.00 PM
	- PATF focal points	BENIN	
	- VAT Working Group		
	- Tax Expenditure	- Questions from participants	
	Working Group	- Comments	
	- DGE	- Closing words	
	- Other online		
	interventions		