

Suggested Measures

Tax Administrations' Response to the Challenges of the COVID 19 Pandemic

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INTRODUCTION

The COVID 19 pandemic apart from the human deaths recorded has brought about an unprecedented global disruption in business and economic activities with grave implication for countries in terms of their abilities to fulfil their development agendas.

Governments all over the world are putting in place various measures to deal with the economic consequences of the pandemic.

INTRODUCTION

Regularly, reports are produced on the wide range of measures that governments are taking to counter the three main inter-related economic threats: recession, large scale company bankruptcies and declining incomes of the poor and vulnerable.

Tax Administrations, as agents of revenue mobilization of government are playing a prominent role.

SUGGESTED RECOMMENDATIONS

Tax Rates Adjustment: Practicality vs Need

VAT Exemption vs Widening Tax Base

Re-focus on Wealth Taxes

Address Gray Areas on use of Special Tax Rebates

Tax Policy Measures

Import Duty Waiver on Selected Goods

Import Duty Waiver on Selected Goods

Policy Coordination

Address Gray Areas on use of Special Tax Rebates

GENERAL/ADMINISTRATIVE MEASURES

Proactive vs
Reactive
Approach to
planning and
execution of
interventions





Increase Communication with Taxpayers



CONCLUSION

While the COVID-19 pandemic has stretched our capacities and resilience as Tax Administrations, it has also, opened a new vista of opportunities that should be explored to good effect.

THANK YOU