





### Overview of Taxes in West African Countries

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## Part 01 West African Countries



### **BUILDING A GROWTH-FRIENDLY TAX ENVIRONMENT**

### **ECOWAS**



01

Founded throughout a Treaty on 28th May 1975

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Both cultural and geopolitical ties and shared common economic interest

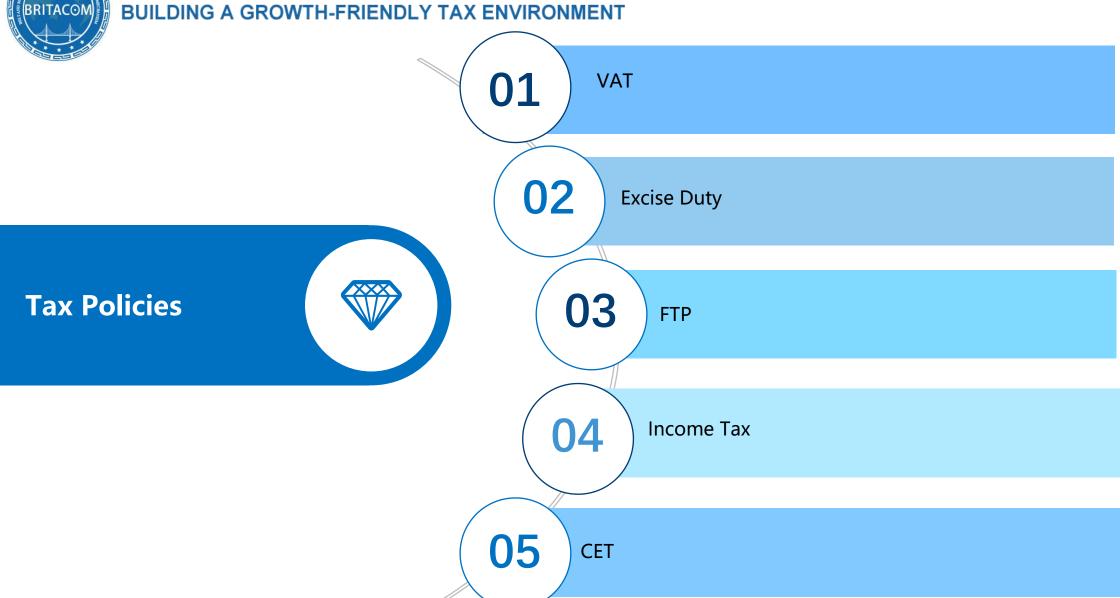
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Landmass of 5,112,903 km2 Population estimated at 423,9 millions in 2022



# Part 02 Tax Policies







# Part 03 Tax Incentives for Investment



### **BUILDING A GROWTH-FRIENDLY TAX ENVIRONMENT**



### Tax Incentive for Investment

### Incentive and services offered by SEZs **SEZs** TIS • Exemptions, Attracts FDIs, • Establishing PPP arrangements, Deductions, • Facilitate the growth of SMEs, Credits, Deferrals and • Implementing sector specific initiatives, • Economic diversification, Lower tax rates. • Attracts MN organization's support. Source: UNCTAD ONE **THREE**



### Part 04

## Tax Administration System & Tax Services





### **Tax Administration System & Tax Services**

### **TAs**

- raising domestic resources ,
- minimize the compliance burden on taxpayers ,
- reducing collection costs,
- organizational restructuring, BP reengineering, & the adoption of ICT

### **Strengths**

- Information to taxpayers,
- Payment of taxes through electronic channels,
- Tax collection mechanisms,
- Dispute resolution,
- External oversight,
- Accountability and transparency

### <u>Weaknesses</u>

- Taxpayer registration database,
- Business continuity management,
- Planning for human capital,
- Filing of tax declarations,
- Detecting inaccuracies in tax declarations,
- Long dispute resolution times,
- Value-added tax refunds.

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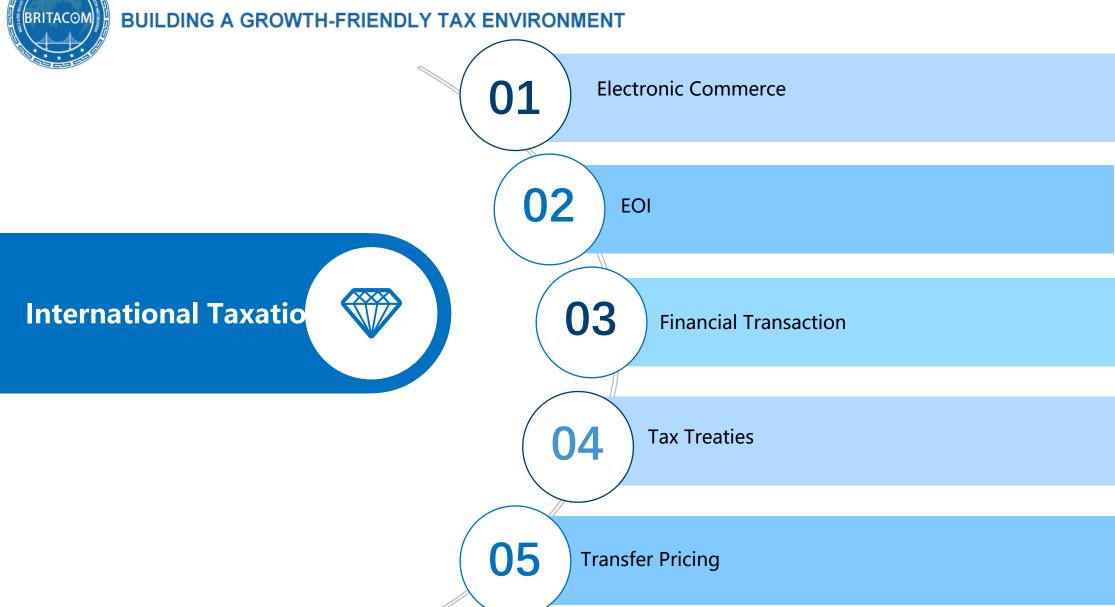
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## Part 05 International Taxation







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