

# TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE OFFERINGS

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# What is technical assistance?

**African Revenue Authorities and Tax Administrations face capacity, policy, administration and legislative challenges which directly or indirectly affect their ability to raise the much-needed domestic revenues that their governments require to fund development programmes.**

Technical Assistance can be described as a collaborative and coordinated approach to strengthen the capacities and capabilities of Tax Administrations with the ultimate aim of impacting revenue collection positively.

## Tailored, rapid and homegrown

Although ATAF's Technical Assistance Unit was formally established in 2017, ATAF has been delivering such assistance to its members since inception in 2009. The primary role of the Unit is to respond flexibly and quickly to member countries' technical assistance requests, whether related to domestic or international tax issues, to improve DRM and shape products that enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of tax systems on the continent.

Technical assistance lies at the heart of ATAF's mandate to improve member countries' tax systems, as set out in its strategic plan.

The credibility and effectiveness of ATAF's support for its members rest on its 'thought leadership' – its ability to shape the thinking of Ministers, senior officials, business and civil society on tax administration and policy issues among its member countries. It also relies on the unique role that ATAF plays in helping members build sustainable and efficient tax systems.



*“As for the tools provided by ATAF for comparative studies, they were very useful for the knowledge and development of the Tax Free project, it can enable us to have a more comprehensive view of the elements to be taken into consideration in the drafting of the legal diploma, as well as in the practical operation of the project, taking into account its complexities and possible risks of monitoring we cannot lose sight of”.*

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# What are the benefits?

ATAF's technical assistance is geared towards providing tailored and country specific support to members, finding homegrown solutions through peer-to-peer learning and growing African expertise in on taxation by using experts from the African continent in the delivery of its programmes.

The benefits of Technical assistance programmes include:



## Capacity building

Building institutional and human capacity among member tax authorities.



## Member-driven solutions

Through insights gained from the delivery of technical assistance, ATAF is able to understand members' needs and develop solutions to the key issues facing tax administration on the continent.



## Impact

TA helps increase the effectiveness and efficiency of ATAF's member country revenue administrations.



## African voice

TA supports ATAF's efforts to serve as Africa's voice in the global tax debate.

## Backed by research

TA creates internal institutional coherence linking ATAF's research and TA work in the interests of its members.

# Types of technical assistance

New areas of Technical assistance requested by some member countries:

## Data analytics

This training equips participants with sufficient knowledge to best align the organization into how to leverage data assets and make data-driven decision making. It includes the following:

- › Data Governance
- › Developing a Data Governance Programme
- › Building a Reporting and Analytics Strategy
- › Data Quality & Master Data Management programme (MDM)
- › Data Architecture Review
- › Executive Data Literacy Training
- › Executive Data Literacy Training for Middle Management
- › Data Literacy Training
- › Data Analytics Training
- › Agile Data Analytics Project Management & SCRUM approaches
- › Data Warehouse & BI Analytics Implementation
- › Machine Learning & Advanced Analytics
- › Machine Learning Model Development



**International Financial Reporting Standards**

**Generally Accepted Auditing Standards**

**Advanced Revenue Recognition**

**Budgetary Controls**

**Auditing of Computerised Accounting Records**

**IFRS Implications on Monitoring of Client Accounts**

## ASYCUDA World

- › Development of SOClass Library
- › ASYCUDA World Functional Training



*We are very pleased to have taken out technical and functional training with ATAF as it enabled us to get a deeper knowledge in the topics presented, our basics became stronger with this training and the hands-on classes helped us familiarize all the concepts very well. Every class has been planned out well and after every class our basics on that concept became stronger.”*