



TAX NEWS ROUND UP

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The Finnish Tax Administration has issued a new guidance document dated 20 January 2026 on the minimum taxation of large groups (i.e., the Pillar 2 global minimum tax)

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Kenya's debt servicing costs hit Sh942bn in first half

The Business Daily | January 20, 2026, | By Kabui Mwangi

Kenya's debt servicing costs jumped 44.1 percent in the first half of the current financial year, increasing pressure on public finances as repayments consumed more than 80 percent of all taxes collected over the period. The government spent Sh941.6 billion servicing public debt in the 6 months ended Dec 2025, up from Sh653.5bn in 2024. [Read More](#)

Treasury Sets Sights on UGX23.5 trillion in New Debt

The Parliament Watch | January 21, 2026, | By Prisca Wanyanya

The Ministry of Finance has revealed plans to hit both the domestic and external markets to borrow money to a tune of UGX23.491 trillion in the near future earmarked for the construction of various roads and health facilities across the country. These plans are contained in the Report on Public Debt, Grants, Guarantees and other Financial Liabilities for FY2024/25 that was published by the Ministry of Finance in November 2025. [Read More](#)

Trump sues IRS tax agency, Treasury over leaked records

DW| January 22, 2026, | By Midhat Fatimah

President Donald Trump on Thursday filed a case against the US Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and Treasury for \$10 billion (€8.39 billion), accusing the agencies of leaking his tax information to news outlets between 2018 and 2020. The lawsuit, filed in Florida by the president in his personal capacity with his two eldest sons Eric and Donald Jr. and their family enterprise, The Trump Organization, said the IRS and US Treasury Department "had a duty to safeguard and protect Plaintiffs' confidential tax returns." [Read More](#)

Uganda's internet blackout imposed a hidden tax on democracy, development and daily life

The Observer | January 22, 2026, | by Alex Atwemereireho

In the early hours of January 13, 2026, just 48 hours before Ugandans were due to cast ballots in the general elections, the Uganda Communications Commission (UCC) issued a directive to all licensed Internet Service Providers (ISPs) and mobile network operators to suspend public internet access nationwide. This comprehensive shutdown encompassing mobile broadband, fiber, fixed wireless. [Read more;](#)

Uganda's economy to grow 10% in the FY2026/2027

The Independent| January 22, 2026, | By the Independent

The Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development now projects Uganda's economy to grow at 10.4 percent next financial year. This is based on the expected commencement of the flow and exportation of crude oil by the country, with State Minister for General Duties Henry Musasizi that 2026/2027 is the country's opportunity to fast-track "the qualitative leap to upper middle-income status". [Read More](#)

Poland Sets 2026 Thresholds for Reduced Tax Rate, Simplified VAT, Investment Incentive, and Simplified Flat-Rate Tax

The Orbitax | January 22, 2026, | By Orbitax

Poland has set the thresholds for certain regimes for small taxpayers for 2026, including the reduced corporate tax rate, simplified VAT regime, simplified flat-rate tax, and investment incentive deduction. The thresholds are as follows; the revenue threshold for treatment as a small taxpayer eligible for the reduced corporate tax rate (9%) or the reduced rate under the optional distribution. [Read More](#)

Tax Treaty Between Peru and United Kingdom has Entered into Force

The Orbitax | January 22, 2026, | By Orbitax

The income and capital gains tax treaty between Peru and the United Kingdom entered into force on 21 January 2026. The treaty, signed 20 March 2025, is the first of its kind between the two countries. The treaty covers Peruvian income taxes imposed under the Income Tax Act (Ley del Impuesto a la Renta) and under the Legislative Decree that creates the Micro and Small Businesses. [Read More](#)

Tax outlook 2026: Navigating Kenya's evolving tax landscape

CDH | January 26, 2026, | By Alex Kanyi

The first quarter of the calendar year is a critical time for many businesses to reassess their tax strategies for the year ahead. As they finalise budgets and review growth plans, a key question arises: what will the Kenyan tax environment look like in 2026? This question carries added significance in light of the Government's ongoing revenue mobilisation agenda and the implementation of the Medium-Term Revenue Strategy (MTRS). [Read More](#)

Tanzania Revenue Authority boosts monthly collections by Sh400bn through improved border controls

The Citizen | January 27, 2026, | By Salome Gregory

On Tax collections by the Customs Department have risen by a remarkable Sh400 billion per month over the past year, following major investments in mechanisms to curb leakages at border points. The Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) Commissioner General Mr. Yusuph Mwenda, said the department is now collecting an average of Sh1.2 trillion per month, up from Sh800 billion almost a year ago. [Read More](#)

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This question carries added significance in light of the Government's ongoing revenue mobilisation agenda, implementation of the Medium-Term Revenue Strategy (MTRS), increased focus of non-tax revenue, growing use of technology in tax administration, early campaigns for the 2027 general elections and global tax developments that are now shaping domestic policy. [Read more.](#)

URA targets 18% tax-to-GDP ratio as govt battles years of stagnation

The Monitor | January 28, 2026, | By Tom Brian Anguri

Uganda's tax-GDP ratio had for several years stagnated at about 11 percent, before rising to 13.7 percent about five years ago. But despite the rise, the ratio is still low to help the country achieve critical development targets. The low ratio underscores persistent challenges in domestic resource mobilization and heavy reliance on a narrow taxbase. [Read More](#)

Case backlog grows as funding stalls at Tax Appeals Tribunal

The Monitor | January 30, 2026, | By Dorothy Nakaweesi

Inside the dense volume of the Annual Report of the Auditor General 2025 is a quiet story, one that tells of the mounting pressure at the Tax Appeals Tribunal. It is the story of delayed justice and tale of a chokehold on investible capital that has need the Tribunal so burdened under the sheer weight of unresolved disputes and a funding structure that has failed. [Read More](#)

Parliament approves sh69.4 trillion Budget Framework Paper for FY2026/27

The New Vision | January 30, 2026, | By Dedan Kimathi

On Thursday, January 29, 2026, Parliament approved the Budget Framework Paper (BFP) for the 2026/27 Financial Year. The BFP proposes a sh69.4 trillion resource envelop representing a reduction of approximately Sh2.976 trillion from the current budget. This decline is largely due to a slump in external financing for project support (Sh1.308 trillion) and domestic borrowing (Sh2.428 trillion). [Read More](#)



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