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February 16th – 28th 2026.



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The African Tax Administration Forum (ATAF) released Technical Note 13 on Changes to the Global Minimum Tax. [Read More](#)

Rethink Uganda's tax dispute resolution regime

The New Vision | February 16, 2026 | By Denis Kakembo

The mounting concerns about the vast sums trapped in prolonged tax disputes, with the AG's recent report revealing that by June 2024, unresolved cases had locked up over sh330b. This staggering figure, irrespective of whether the contested assessments are ultimately upheld or overturned, highlights a deeper systemic issue. [Read More](#)

The Second Budget Call Circular (BCC) For FY 2026/27

The Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development | February 16, 2026 | By MoFPED

The Second Budget Call Circular for FY2026/27 is issued in accordance with Section 12 (1), (2), (3), (11), (14) and (15) of the Public Finance Management Act, Cap 171 and Regulation Number 10 of the Public Finance Management Regulations, 2016. It guides all Accounting Officers in the preparation of the Ministerial Policy Statements and detailed estimates of revenue and expenditure for the financial year 2026/27. [Read More](#)

Stamp duty hits low-value stock market transactions

The Business Daily | February 18, 2026 | By Kepha Muiruri

Low – value transactions on the Nairobi bourse including single share trading have been made expensive by the Sh2 stamp duty charge, hurting small investors. The stamp duty –charged for every Sh10,000 has pushed fees as a share of total transactions to more than seven percent on small value transactions. [Read More](#)

Why MPs want taxes on Uganda's refined gold export

The New Vision | February 19, 2026 | By Dedan Kimathi

At the heart of the interface, the lawmakers argued that the Government currently charges \$200 (around sh710,000) per kg of refined gold exported out of the country. And yet the same quantity reportedly fetches close to sh500 million when sold. Members of Parliament want the Government to sharply increase taxes on refined gold exports. They say the tax framework should be urgently reviewed to ensure that Uganda earns commensurately from the resource. [Read More](#)

Finance ministry unveils plan to build \$500b economy by 2040

The New Vision | February 19, 2026 | By John Odyek

The finance ministry has launched its strategic plan for financial years 2025/26–2029/30, along with a client charter and service delivery standards, charting a bold path toward building a \$500b economy by 2040. "Our plan priorities mobilizing resources from diverse channels, including domestic, external, public –private partnerships, climate, and blended finance, while aligning every shilling with our national priorities. [Read More](#)

Tanzania cracks down on tax evasion at inland container depots, eyes 24-hour operations to boost revenue

The Business Daily | February 19, 2026 | By Rosemary Mironde

The Tanzanian Revenue Authority (TRA) has issued a stern warning to inland container depot (ICD) owners accused of using their facilities to evade taxes, with Commissioner General Yusuph Mwenda vowing firm action to close loopholes and protect government revenue. Speaking at a consultative meeting with members of the Association of Inland Container Depot Owners, Mr. Mwenda said the authority is aware of ongoing tax evasion in some ICD operations and will not hesitate to act. [Read More](#)

To tax or not to tax: MPs probe sh18.8b New Plan Ltd waiver

The New Vision | February 20, 2026 | By Dedan Kimathi

Parliament's finance committee processing the finance ministry's request to waive shillings 18.8 billion in taxes for New Plan Ltd, has been adjourned. For starters, it should be noted that the proposal to waive taxes for New Plan Ltd was tabled in Parliament on December 16, 2025 and subsequently referred to the respective house committee. [Read More](#)

Inside Uganda external debt currency problem

The Monitor | February 22, 2026 | By Deogratious Wamala

Uganda's debt may not yet be overwhelming, but its real danger lies in the currency in which it is borrowed. Borrowing in dollars, euros, or yuan that the country does not hold in sufficient quantities could turn otherwise manageable loans into a serious repayment's headache, Business Outlook reveals. Most of Uganda's foreign debt is still held by big multilateral lenders such as the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund. [Read More](#)

Reduced overdrafts to spare taxpayers Sh3bn bill by June

The Star | February 21, 2026 | By Jacktone Lawi

Kenyan taxpayers could save up to Sh3billion annually in interest payments and transactional costs as the government pushes for full rollout of the Single Treasury Account. [Read More](#)

Government seeks Sh9.6 billion from AfDB to complete Thwake Dam

The Star | February 23, 2026 | By KNA

The government assures residents of the Lower Eastern region that it remains committed to completing the construction of the Thwake Multipurpose Dam, a project expected to benefit 1.2 million people, Water Secretary in the Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Irrigation Samuel Alima has said. [Read More](#)

Eurobond buyback deal costs taxpayers Sh7.3bn

The Business Daily | February 23, 2026 | By Charles Mwaniki

Taxpayers have incurred a cost of sh7.3 billion as an incentive offered to investors for early buyback of two existing Eurobonds and issuance of longer-term replacement bonds to fund it. The incentives are a price discount to investors who bought the country's \$2.25 billion (Sh290.3 billion) bond last week and a premium offered in the buyback of \$500 million (Sh64.5 billion). [Read More](#)

Cut rental taxes for affordable housing

The Business Daily | February 24, 2026 | By Zuriat Nakayenga.

Rental tax is imposed on income generated from the lease or letting of immovable property. The current tax regime includes tax and non-tax revenue collection from landlords. Landlords thereafter shift the burden to the tenants through increased rental charges. [Read More](#)

Tribunal hands Bidco partial relief in tax fight with KRA

The Business Daily | February 24, 2026 | By Joseph Wangui

The Tax Appeal Tribunal has rejected claims by the Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA) that consumer goods manufacturer Bidco Africa undervalued a consignment of crude sunflower oil, thus compromising tax payment. However, the tribunal upheld KRA tax demands against Bidco on white refined sugar imported outside the duty remission window of October 8, 2019 to October 7, 2020. [Read More](#)

URA Tightens Controls on Bonded Warehouses

The Nile Post | February 25, 2026 | By Edrisa Ssentongo Uganda Revenue Authority has intensified enforcement on customs bonded warehouse operators, rolling out comprehensive compliance measures aimed at strengthening accountability and security in facilities where imported goods are stored under duty suspension before payment or export. Bonded warehouses play a critical role in Uganda's trade system, allowing imported goods to remain under controlled storage while taxes are deferred. [Read More](#)

Business leaders want EAC govts to introduce own digital tax stamp systems

The Monitor | February 27, 2026 | By Dorothy Nakaweesi Business leaders under the EA Business Council have called on the EAC governments to rethink the structure and management of digital tax stamps across the region. The call forms part of the resolutions adopted during the East African Business and Investment Summit & Expo 2026, held in Nairobi, Kenya on 24th to 25th, and attended by more than 450 delegates. [Read More](#)

Budgeting Process: EOC decries Limited Local Gov't involvement

The Monitor | February 27, 2026 | By Dorothy Nakaweesi The Equal Opportunities Commission (EOC) has raised concerns over limited involvement of local governments in the national budget processes, saying this has created a disconnect between central government intentions and district realities. The revelation is contained in a 76 page annual report on the compliance of programme budget framework papers with Gender [Read More](#)



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