



# TAX NEWS ROUND UP

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### Govt to introduce several tax reforms next financial year – Ggoobi

#### New Vision | March 12, 2026 | By Umaru Kashaka

There are a number of reforms we are bringing in this coming budget to be implemented next financial year in the area of tax policy and tax administration. The days of just a few paying and others are free riders are soon ending. These were said during the PAC’s meeting responding to the Auditor General’s report for the FY2024/25. [Read More](#)

### A major shift: NINs to replace TINs and business registration numbers

#### The Monitor | March 16, 2026 | By Tom Brian Angurini

For years, starting a business has meant navigating a maze of paperwork and identification numbers. A would-be entrepreneur first needs a National Identification Number (NIN) from National Identification and Registration Authority (NIRA) then a Business Registration Number (BRN) from Uganda Registration Services Bureau (URSB) and finally a Tax Identification Number (TIN). [Read More](#)

### URA tax mediation faces scrutiny over delays in resolving disputes

#### The Monitor | March 17, 2026 | By Deogratious Wamala

Uganda Revenue Authority’s (URA) Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) system, designed to resolve tax disputes outside the courts, is facing renewed scrutiny over delays and concerns about its independence. Delays remain the most complaint among taxpayers and practitioners who frequently debate the pace of ADR cases with many left unhandled. [Read More](#)

### The New Face of African Debt

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A major transformation is underway in sub-Saharan Africa: Governments are increasingly shifting borrowing away from external debt and toward domestic debt. This trend brings fresh opportunities to build resilience and support development but also introduces new challenges that must be managed carefully. [Read More](#)

### Quarterly debt servicing bill grows to Shs1.5 trillion

#### The Monitor | March 16, 2026 | By Martin Luther Oketch

Government spent \$416.62m (Shs1.56 trillion) servicing external debt in the second quarter of the 2025/26 financial year, up from \$381.52m (Shs.1.43 trillion) in the previous quarter. The Ministry of Finance Quarterly Debt Statistical Bulletin and Public Debt Portfolio Analysis indicates that the increase was largely due to higher principal repayments and associated fees during the period. [Read More](#)

### Uganda’s Borrowing Spree Pushes Public Debt to UGX130T

#### Parliament Watch | March 16, 2026 | By Prisca Wanyenya

Uganda’s public debt has climbed to UGX130.9 trillion, driven largely by increased domestic borrowing, according to the latest figures released by the Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development. The new data, contained in the Quarterly Debt Statistical Bulletin and Public Debt Portfolio Analysis for December 2025, shows that the country’s total debt stock rose from US\$34.21 billion (UGX128.6 trillion) in September 2025 to US\$34.86 billion (about UGX130.9 trillion) by the end of December 2025. [Read More](#)

### Uganda Eyes Credit Reform After MPs Expose Soaring Loan Exploitation

#### Parliament Watch | March 16, 2026 | By Prisca Wanyenya

The government has conceded that Uganda’s current credit regulatory framework disproportionately favors lenders, leaving borrowers exposed to exploitation, particularly in the fast-growing informal lending market. Appearing before Parliament’s Public Accounts Committee (PAC), Secretary to the Treasury Ramathan Ggoobi acknowledged the imbalance and revealed that government is developing a new borrower-focused information system to improve transparency and consumer protection in the financial sector. [Read More](#)

### Mobile money taxes reverse digital financial inclusion

#### The Monitor | March 17, 2026 | By Marie Patricia Natakwa

The mobile money industry has become one of the most visible symbols of the global digital financial transformation. From paying school fees and utility bills to sending money across rural communities and continents, millions of people now rely on their phones as everyday financial tools. [Read More](#)

### Not all is lost for the tax systems in Africa, says Mary Baine

#### The Monitor | March 22, 2026 | By Trevor Lutalo

Across the table sits Mary Baine, a woman whose work rarely makes headlines but quietly shapes how African governments collect the revenue that finances roads, schools and hospitals. Soft-spoken but assured, Baine carries herself with the calm confidence of someone who has spent decades navigating the technical and political complexities. [Read More](#)

### Tax proposals to hit hard as govt seeks to collect Shs4.8 trillion

#### The Monitor | March 23, 2026 | By Busein Samilu

The government is planning to collect an additional Ss4.8 trillion from new taxes proposed in Revenue Enhancement and Compliance Measures for the Financial Year 2026/27. The Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development is expected to present a raft of measures to Parliament for debate. Officials from the ministry yesterday declined to give a comprehensive comment on the measures being planned. [Read More](#)

### Trade disruptions and smuggling may stand in the way of URA’s Shs36 trillion target

#### The Monitor | March 23, 2026 | By Kabona Esiara

A surge in smuggling is piling pressure on Uganda Revenue Authority (URA), casting doubt on its ability to meet the 36.74 trillion domestic revenue target. At Customs department’s central warehouse, seized goods now spill onto verandas, evidence of the scale of illicit trade. The confiscated items include garments, fuel, assembled parts among others. [Read More](#)

### Uganda Eyes UGX2.2Trn Oil Windfall as First Production Nears

#### Parliament Watch | March 25, 2026 | By Prisca Wanyenya

A Uganda expects to earn over UGX2.2 trillion in oil revenues in the 2026/27 financial year, with at least UGX1.4 trillion earmarked to support the national budget, the Ministry of Finance has revealed. State Minister for Finance Henry Musasizi told Parliament’s Finance Committee on March 24 that the projections are tied to progress toward first oil, as government intensifies preparations for commercial production. [Read More](#)

### Why tax dispute system in Uganda needs reform

**The Monitor | March 28, 2026 | By Deogratious Wamala**  
Tax disputes in Uganda rarely begin in a calm room. They usually start with an audit, an assessment or penalty issued by the Ugandan Revenue Authority (URA). Once that happens, the relationship between the tax collector and the taxpayer can quickly tense. [Read More](#)

### Sin taxes’ growth more than halves despite higher receipts

**The Business Daily | March 29, 2026 | By Constant Munda**  
Growth in excise tax collections from key drivers such as alcohol, motor vehicles, and voice calls more than halved in the first half of the current financial year, signaling a loss of momentum in one of the government’s most dependable tax streams. Data by the treasury shows that excise receipts for the July – December 2025 period rose by a modest 4.31 percent to Sh223.4 billion from 214.2 billion a year earlier. [Read More](#)

### MPs Halt Push to Centralise Public Funds

**Parliament Watch | March 31, 2026 | By Prisca Wanyenya**  
A fresh push by legislators to tighten Parliament’s grip over public finances has hit a cautious pause, after MPs raised legal and practical concerns over a proposed law seeking to channel all government-linked revenues into the Consolidated Fund. The proposal, fronted by Buyamba County MP aims to amend the Public Finance Management Act to require that revenues generated by state corporations, statutory authorities and public enterprises be remitted to the Consolidated Fund. [Read More](#)

### Kenya’s Crucial Crossroad for its Unbounding Debt Burden: An Interrogation of Kenya’s Concerning Debt Situation

**Jepa | March 16, 2026 | By Jepa Africa**  
Kenya’s debt situation has raised alarms about the sustainability of Kenya’s fiscal management, especially as external debt grows and the government faces challenges such as high inflation, corruption, and a less developed market. The analysis of Kenya’s debt situation reveals deeper governance and financial management issues - demanding urgent policy interventions. Despite Kenya’s high risk of debt distress, its public debt is considered sustainable according to the (DSA) report by International Monetary Fund (IMF) in June, 2023. [Read More](#)



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