

The 2nd Chapter Seminar (SA) Tax risks and compliance

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The story so far



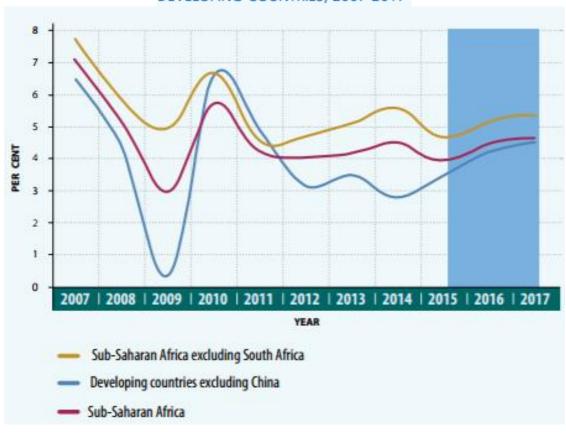
The business environment is changing:

- Globalisation and corporate simplification
- Market pressure not able to increase prices, so forced to look at managing costs to deliver bottom line growth/maintain profitability
- Political pressure increased focus of governments on tax revenues in view of widening budget deficits to 'balance' the books

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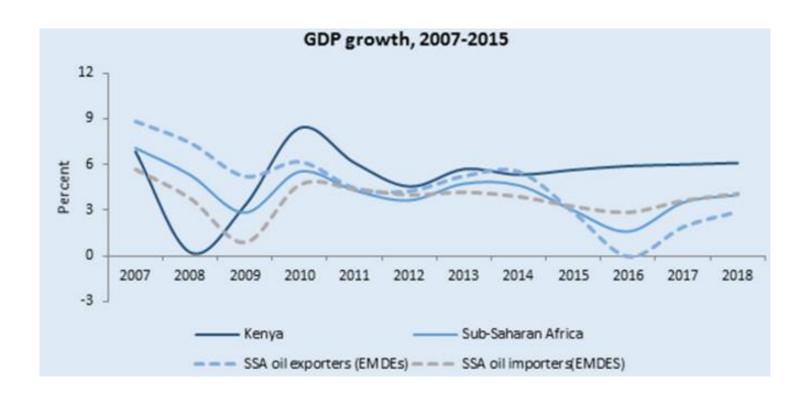




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The commercial view – global angle





The commercial view – African angle



MTN & Orange Fined \$160M For Tax Evasion In Cameroon

By Kevin Mwanza Published: January 23, 2016, 5:25 am















24 April 2014

Isle of Shady

ActionAid campaigners outside the Barclays AGM Photo: Matt Alexander/PA/ActionAid



British sugar giant caught in global tax scandal

Associated British Foods accused of Zambia tax avoidance after sending massive profits abroad

UN PANEL: CORPORATE TAX AVOIDANCE IS AFRICA'S BIGGEST FINANCIAL DRAIN

Daniel Boffey, policy editor The Observer, Saturday 9 February 2013 22.00 GMT





Outline



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- What is tax risk?
- Why is tax risk management important and who to?
- A risk management framework for tax?
- Current and emerging trends in tax risk management

Defining tax risk

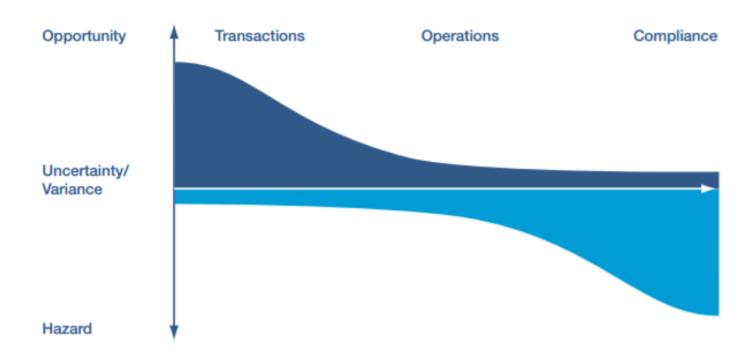


- Decisions, activities and operations undertaken by an organisation give rise to various areas of uncertainty – business risks
- These uncertainties give rise to tax risk
- Tax risk management is about understanding where these risks arise and making judgement calls as to how they are dealt with

Managing tax risks is about managing uncertainties in business!

Defining tax risk





Ensuring that the opportunities are maximised can be as important as managing the hazards

Defining tax risk



Formulating a tax risk management policy

A company's policy on tax risk management will therefore determine:

- The value that can be achieved by taking risks
- The costs that can be saved by reducing risks
- The resources needed to manage both the upside opportunities and the downside risks

Types of tax risks



	Transactional risk	
Specific risk	Operational risk	$\overline{}$
areas	Compliance risk	
	Financial accounting risk	

Generic risk
areas

Management risk
Reputational risk



Transactional risk

- the risks and exposures associated with specific transactions undertaken by a company
- the more unusual and less routine a particular transaction is, then generally,
 the greater the tax risks associated with the transaction are likely to be

Examples: One-off, non-routine transactions, such as acquisitions/disposals of businesses or parts of a business, restructuring or reorganisation

Low	Medium	High
Conservative No risk		Aggressive
Proud of the tax we pay		Minimum amount possible



Operational risk

- concerns the underlying risks of applying the tax laws, regulations and decisions to the routine every day business operations of a company
- different types of operation will have different levels of tax risk associated with them

Low	Medium	High
0		10
Tax heavily involved in Formal sign off proced		Tax seldom consulted No formal procedures



Compliance risk

- concerns the risks associated with meeting an organisation's tax compliance obligations
- tax compliance risk would primarily relate to the preparation, completion and review of an organisation's tax returns (of whatever type and not only corporate tax returns) and the risks within those processes

Low	Medium	High
0	5	10
Zero tolerance – no error rate		Large acceptable error rate



Financial accounting risk

- the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 brought the risks in the financial accounting area into sharper focus
- increasingly, corporate governance codes require documented and tested internal controls over financial reporting

Low	Medium	High
0		10
Good internal controls High degree of certainty		Unquantified risk Low degree of certainty

Types of tax risksGeneric risk areas



Portfolio risk

 concerns the overall aggregate level of risk when looking at transactional, operational and compliance risks as a whole and considers the interaction of these three different specific risk areas.

Low	Medium	High
0		10
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Types of tax risksGeneric risk areas



Management risk

- highlights the risk of not properly managing the various risks set out above
- few tax functions actually have a documented tax risk management policy.
- even fewer can only claim that all their tax risks have been managed in a systematic way

Low	Medium	High
Tax risk management taken seriously High on management agenda Resources available to do this		Lack of risk management skills Lack of budget/resources Quality resources not available

Types of tax risksGeneric risk areas



Reputational risk

- highlights the risk of not properly managing the various risks set out above
- 'trial by media' increasingly on the rise

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Types of tax risksSummary



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Conservative Low appetite for risk		Aggressive Risk taker

- Inherently cautious
- Spend more time managing risk
- More concerned about compliance risk
- Greater concern about reputational risk

- More aggressive
- Accept more compliance risks
- Have higher materiality levels
- Less concerned about upsetting Revenue authorities
- Less time managing tax risk

Who should care about tax risks?





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Stakeholders	Transactional	Operational	Compliance	Financial accounting	Portfolio	Management	Reputational
Board				V	V		V
CEO/CFO	V	?		~	V	~	V
Tax function	V	V	~	V	V	~	V
Legal & treasury	V		~				
Business units		~		?			
Auditors & tax advisors	~	~	~	V	~	~	~
Revenue & other regulatory bodies	~	~	~			~	
Investors & analysts				~	~		~



The COSO* Internal Control Integrated Framework

- Mostly widely recognised and applied risk management framework in the world
- Sets out interrelated components in an integrated system of internal control
- Applies to various organisations of all types and sizes.
- Equally applies to tax risk management



*COSO – Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission. Set up in the United States in 1992 to develop a framework for Internal Control



The Tax Control Framework

- A well-developed tax strategy that agrees with wider business objectives
- A clearly defined and communicated strategy which describes the approach to managing tax
- Understanding of where the risks are and also controls that are able to mitigate the risks
- On-going monitoring of the key controls





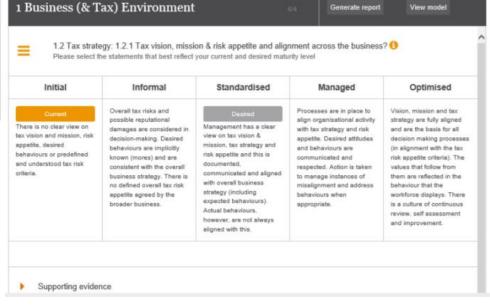
The PwC Tax Management Maturity Model (T3M)

- End-to-end tax risk management methodology
- Inspired by the COSO Framework
- Building blocks for Tax Control Framework ('TCF')
- Assess current and desired TCF maturity level
- Takes entire tax function into account
- Multi tax, covering all taxes
- Helps to communicate your TCF to internal and external stakeholders
- Facilitates informative benchmarking with peers
- Supported by PwC's global network
- Responsive web design, enables use on mobile devices



The PwC Tax Management Maturity Model (T3M)

Assignment						Generate report	
Collapse All Expand All	Level1 initial	Level2 Informal	Level3 Standardised	Level4 Managed	Level5 Optimised		
▶ 1 Business (& Tax) Environment		Current	Desired			edit	
2 Business Operations			Current Desired			edit	
3 Tax Operations		Current		Desired		edit	
▶ 4 (Tax) Risk Management		Current		Desired		edit	
▶ 5 Monitoring/Testing	Current		Desired			edit	
▶ 6 (Tax) Assurance	Current		Desired			edit	



Emerging trends Global changes and Africa's realities



- Increase in reporting and disclosure requirements
- Enhanced stakeholder scrutiny and reputational risk force companies to continuously re-evaluate their tax decisions
- Increase in number and size of tax audits and controversy cases
- Growing reliance on tax control frameworks to manage tax risk

Some tips for managing tax risks and compliance in Africa



Have a clear strategy for managing tax

Align tax considerations with operational issues

Resource the tax function adequately

Have clear processes for identification and management of tax risks

Leverage tax data management and analytics tools

Thank you





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