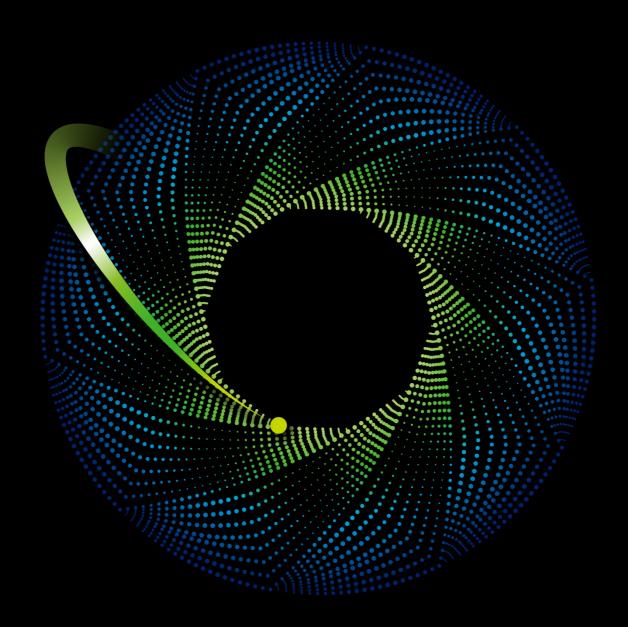
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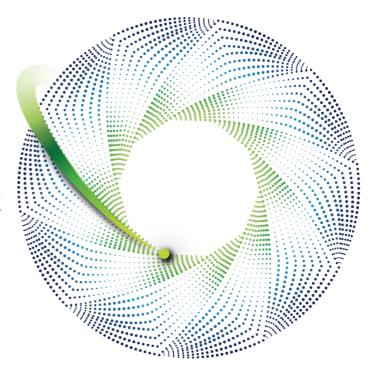


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Introduction

Welcome to the Deloitte
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As African economies evolve, governments are implementing new tax policies to enhance revenue collection, promote transparency, and streamline compliance. These changes significantly impact businesses, individuals, and key industries.

In this edition, we cover Malawi's newly introduced electronic invoicing system, Zambia's 2026 Budget Speech highlights and South Africa's proposed Voluntary Disclosure Programme for customs and excise.

Stay informed and prepared as we navigate Africa's evolving tax environment together.

East Africa



Malawi

MRA rolls out electronic invoicing system

The Malawi Revenue Authority (MRA) through Government Notice No. 73, has introduced the Electronic Invoicing System (EIS), effective 2 August 2025. The EIS applies to all persons carrying on a business or trade and is intended for generating tax invoices and maintaining stock records in compliance with Malawi tax laws.

The MRA has announced a three-month transition period ending on 1 November 2025, during which taxpayers are required to:

- · Acquire or integrate the EIS with existing accounting and billing systems
- · Register via the Taxpayer Portal
- · Upload stock records into the system

Taxpayers must take the necessary steps to ensure timely compliance to avoid penalties.

Zambia

Tax focus: 2026 Budget Speech Highlights

On 26 September 2025, Zambia's Finance and National Planning Minister unveiled the 2026 National Budget (the budget).

Key tax measures proposed in the budget included, among others:

- Revisions of turnover tax threshold and rates;
- Extension of the charge of advance income tax of 15% on foreign remittances to other financial institutions and platforms, as well as upward adjustments of mobile money levies and surtaxes;
- Customs and excise duties on specified goods;
- · Removal of penalties chargeable on taxpayers that have made voluntary disclosures; and
- Other housekeeping measures to enhance tax administration.

The proposed measures will come into effect on 1 January 2026, subject to Parliamentary approval.

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Southern Africa



South Africa

Voluntary Disclosure Programme is poised to transform customs and excise compliance

South Africa's proposed Voluntary Disclosure Programme (VDP) for customs and excise would mark a decisive shift in the revenue and compliance posture of the South African Revenue Service.

This article discusses how the introduction of a formal customs and excise VDP—which is among the measures included in the draft Tax Administration Laws Amendment Bill, 2025 published in August 2025—would be both a necessary modernisation and a welcome policy improvement.

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E-invoicing readiness: A South African perspective

Over 60 countries globally have already introduced and implemented some form of e-invoicing and/or electronic reporting. Some countries have taken a phased approach, mandating only electronic invoicing (e-invoicing) and reporting for certain transactions while others have already had a change in direction and adjusted their approach after initial implementation.

As e-invoicing gains recognition as a global phenomenon, what does this mean for South Africa?

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