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# Expanding Horizons Budget Review 2016/2017

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### Budget speech 2016



Focus areas



Numbers in the Budget



Tax: How do we compare



Tax reforms

# Focus Areas 2016/2017 Budget Review





### Key Focus Areas for 2016/2017

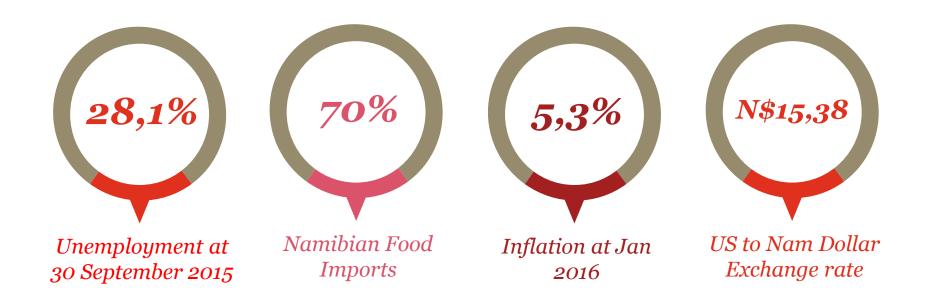
"Towards pro-growth fiscal consolidation"



### Public Finance Reforms

- Mid year Budget Review
- Public Procurement Bill
- PPP Legislation
- Public Finance Management Bill
- Asset Management Policy
- Public Expenditure Reviews

#### Namibian Economic Statistics



### Numbers in the 2016/17 Budget

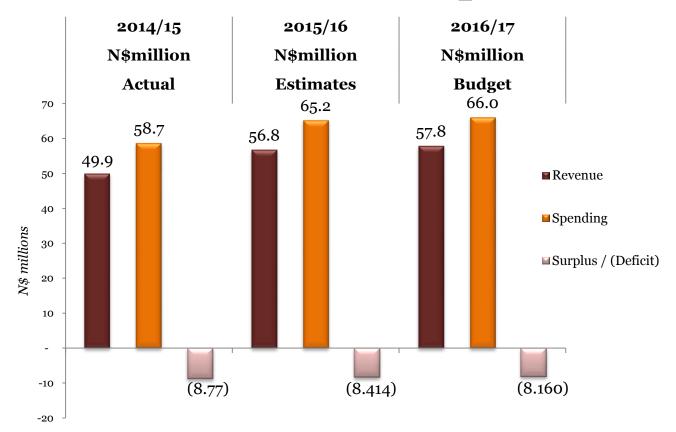




### The Numbers - Revenue vs Expenditure

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### Top 5 Ministries allocations 2016/17



Education,
Arts & Culture

**N\$ 12.8 bn** (2015: N\$ 11.3 bn)





Health & Social Services

**N\$ 7.2 bn** (2015:N\$ 6.5 bn)





**Defence** 

**N\$ 6.6 bn** (2015: N\$7.2 bn)





**Police** 

**N\$ 5.1 bn** (2015:N\$ 4.7 bn)





**Transport** 

**N\$ 4.2 bn** (2015:N\$ 4.5 bn)



### Government Spending Cuts

- Cuts on non-core activities Anticipated N\$5 billion in savings
- Capping of public sector wage bill increases
- Cap on civil service size

Non-core activities Overtime

S&T allowance

Office equipment and furniture

Wehicles

Office buildings

### Total expenditure execution rates

2013/14 Spending rate 98.2%





### Spending priorities

Education (basic and higher)

Public safety and order

Infrastructure development

Improved public administration

PPP's for infrastructure projects

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### Spending priorities

Health remains a priority spending area

Increase in old age pension to N\$1,100

Contingent provision (e.g. drought relief)

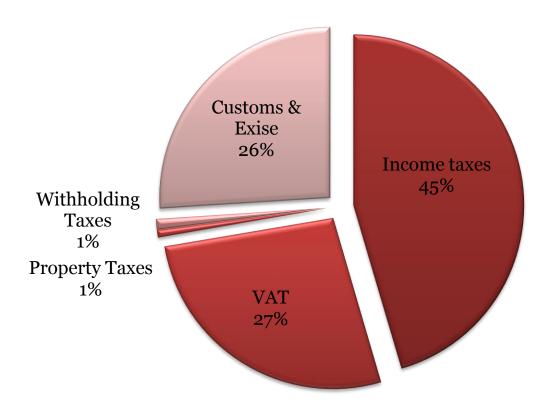
Infrastructure development



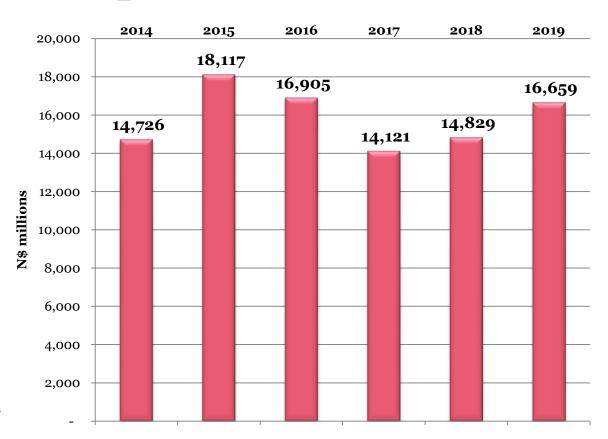
#### Tax Revenue VS Non-Tax Revenue



### Total Tax Revenue (N\$ 57.8 billion)



### **SACU Receipts**



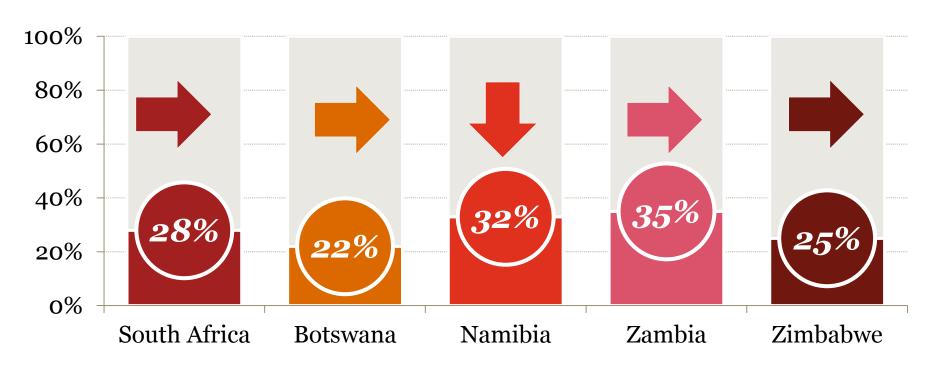
### Tax - How do we compare?



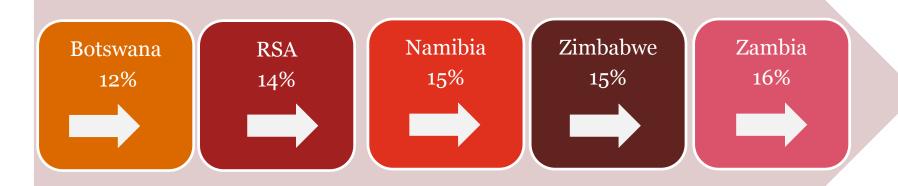
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## Comparisons: tax rates Corporate Tax Rate

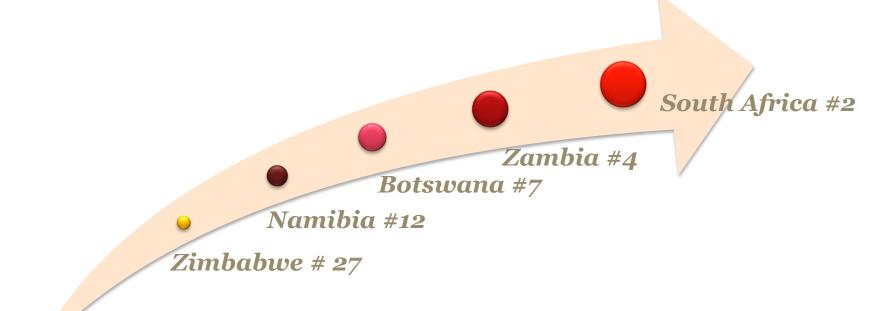


### **Comparisons: tax rates**VAT Rate



### World Bank Report 2016

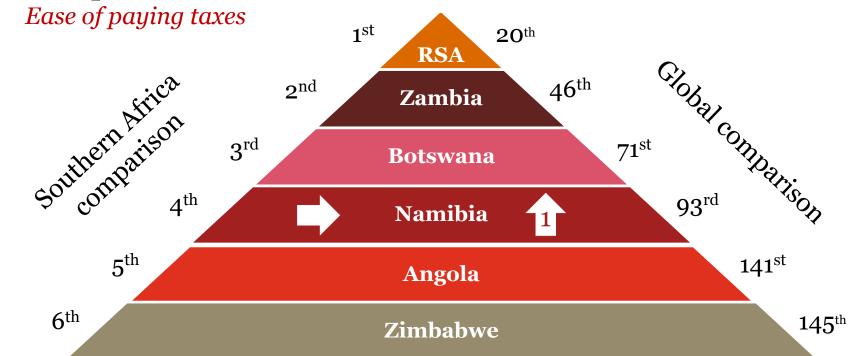
Paying taxes ranking out of 53 countries in Africa



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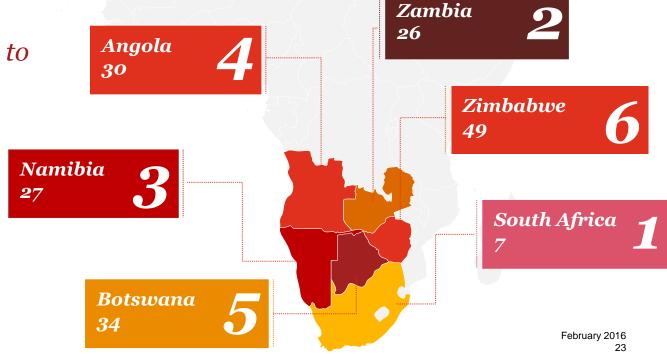
### World Bank Report 2016

Comparisons in Southern Africa



# World Bank Report 2016 Tax Payments Comparisons in Southern Africa

The number of tax payments required to be compliant.



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### World Bank Report 2016

### Comparisons in Southern Africa

Botswa

• Botswana – 152 hours

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• Zambia – 157 hours

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• South Africa – 200 hours

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• Zimbabwe - 242 hours

5

• Namibia – 320 hours

The time it takes in hours per year for tax administration and compliance.

### Tax reforms



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### 2015 Tax Amendments



Corporate tax rate reduction – 33% to 32%



Taxation of restraint of trade payments



WTS reduction – 25% to 10%



VAT threshold – N\$500,000

### 2015 Tax Amendments



Mandatory security on import accounts



Criteria for voluntary VAT registration & Import VAT accounts



Strengthening provisions for recovery of tax debts



Electronic communication rules – Online filing & tax payment

### Tax Amendments – Sin Taxes

Rise in tobacco and alcohol excise duties:	Increase	New Duty
340 ml malt beer	7c	N\$1,24
750 ml bottle of unfortified wine	15c	N\$2,48
750 ml bottle of sparkling wine	48c	N\$7,90
750 ml bottle of whisky	N\$3,77	N\$48.13
Pack of 20 cigarettes	82c	N\$13,24

# Tax Amendments – Previously proposed & not yet legislated



Transfer duty – sale of shares (property rich & mineral licences)



**Environmental Taxes** 



**Export Levy** 



Tabling of Customs & Excise Bill

### Other reforms - Inland Revenue Reforms

ITAS System

Transfer Pricing

Revenue Agency Business Process Re-engineering

Revision of DTA framework

Tax Incentives Review

#### Taxes under discussion



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"In 2016, it is a time to turn words into reality, it is a time to implement and, therefore, this is the year of implementation"

President of Namibia, Hage Geingob

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