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#### Agenda

Quick overview of the African tax landscape Angola

Mozambique

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# Quick overview of the African tax landscape



#### Does tax actually matter in Africa?

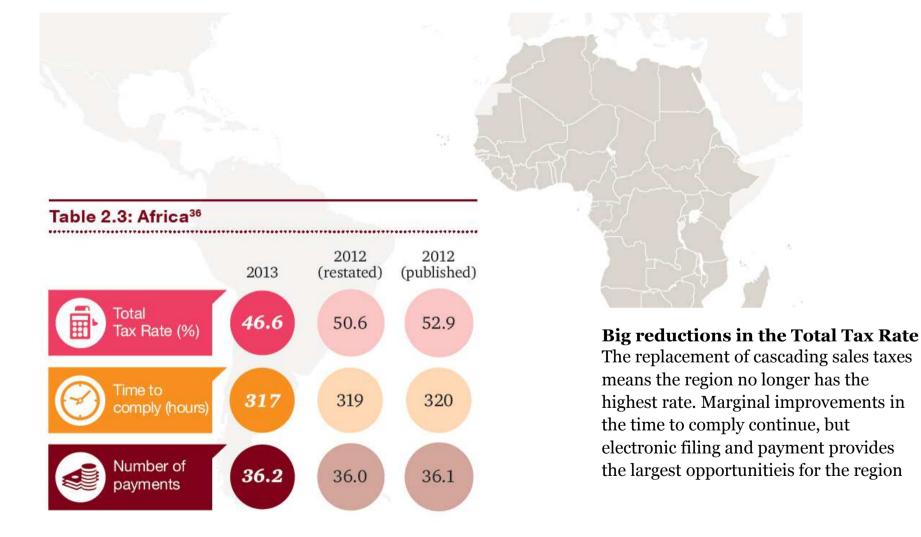
63% of CEO's globally say competitiveness of tax regime is key consideration when deciding where to operate

 $\rightarrow$  65% of the African CEO's indicate the same

→67% of African CEO's say increasing tax burden is concern

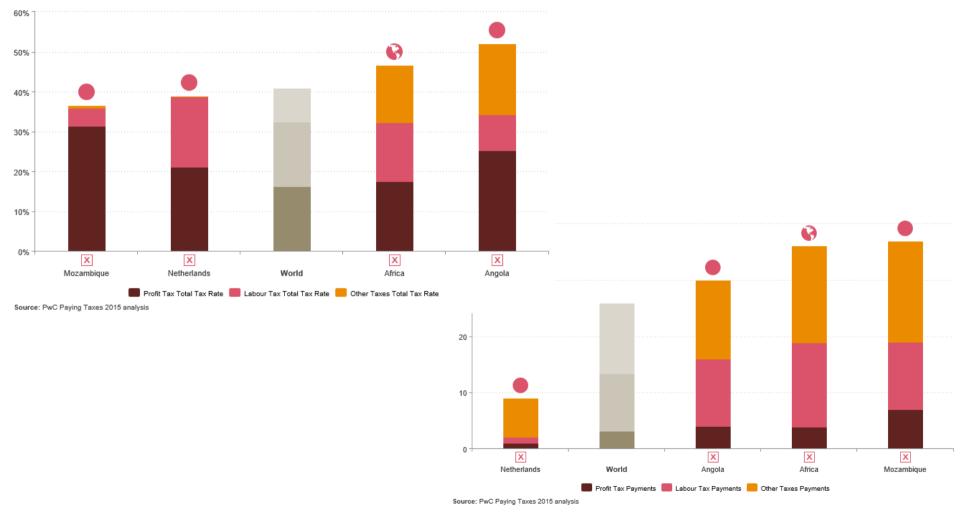
75% of CEO's agreed it is important their company pays their fair share of tax

#### Africa is on the right path ...



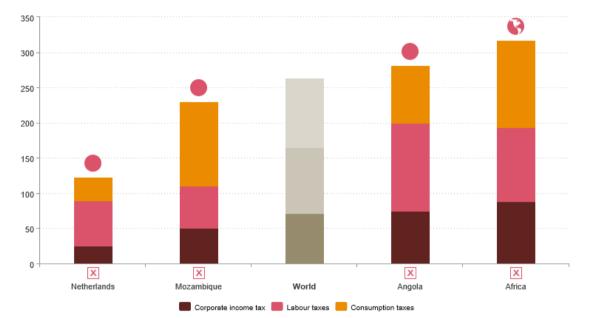
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#### ... Mozambique does well re Total Tax Rate, but performs less re Number of Payments ...



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#### ... Angola is overall not well rated



Source: PwC Paying Taxes 2015 analysis

Overall rankings	World (189 total)	Africa (53 total)	Doing business
Angola	144	42	181
Mozambique	123	22	127
Netherlands	23	-	27

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#### **Overview of most relevant tax rates**

Tax Rate	
1. Corporate Income Tax	Non-Mining Companies: 30% / Mining Companies: 25% Petroleum companies: 50% / Agriculture: 15%
2. Dividends	10% Withholding Tax / Exemption apply
3. Capital Gains	0% / 10% / 35% on the sale of shares
4. Individual Income Tax	0% - 17%
5. Consumption Tax	5% - 10% (other rates apply on local manufacturing)
6. Property Transfer Tax	2%
7. Property Income tax	15% on rental income
8. Social Security	3% (employee) / 8% (employer)
9. Stamp Duties	0.2% - 5% (1% on turnover)
10. Mining Royalties	2% - 5%
11. Services	6,5%
12.Transfer Pricing Acknow	ledge OECD Guidelines

13. Other Customs Duties, Excise Duties and Municipal Duties

### Types of companies

Various types, most commonly used is private limited company (Ltd) and branches

Item Distinction factor	Company	Branch
1. Legal personality	Yes	That of parent
2. Tax personality	Yes	Yes
3. Liability	Limited to shareholding	Head office
4. No. of Shareholders	1 Or 2	Head office
5. Incorporation Registration costs	Same	Same
6. Stakeholder's perception	Long-term presence	Short-term presence
7. Audited Accounts	Mandatory	Mandatory
8. Taxation of dividends	10% WHT	0% WHT

# Compliance drive

Taxpayers warned on outstanding returns

Non-compliance penalties and interest from 55% to 330% Interest levied at 36% p.a.

Suspended Forex, Visas and importation.

#### Forex

# Follow the procedures and don't take shortcuts

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# Local content / Angolanization

Employment

Ownership of businesses

Industry, production and services

Transfer pricing for major tax payers

Major tax payers identified

Turnover > 70 mio USD

Only certain methods allowed

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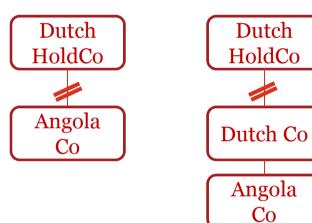
# Structuring?

No treaties

Optimisation interest deductibility

Exit strategy

Branch vs company



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#### Most relevant tax rates

Tax	Rate
Corporate Income Tax	Residents: 32% final tax
Dividends	20% withholding tax
Capital gains	Residents: 32% (taper relief available!) Non-residents: 32%
Individual Income Tax	10% - 32%
VAT	17%
Property Transfer Tax	2% / 10%
Social Security	4% (employer) 3% (employee)
Stamp Duty	0,2% -50% 200,00 MT – 2.500,00 MT
Other	Customs Duties Excise Duties, Municipal

## Types of companies

#### Most commonly used is private limited liability company (Lda)

Item	<b>Distinction factors</b>	Company	Branch
1	Legal personality	Yes	No
2	Tax personality	Yes	Yes
3	Liability	Limited to the amount of the company's share capital	Head office is fully responsible for branch's liabilities
4	No. of shareholders	Minimum of 2 or 3	Not applicable
5	Incorporation/ Registration costs	Lower	Higher
6	Stakeholder's perception	Long-term presence	Short-term presence

### Types of companies

Item	<b>Distinction factors</b>	Company	Branch
7	Audited accounts	Not mandatory (exceptions apply)	Mandatory
8	Import license	Easy to obtain	Difficult to obtain
9	Duration	Unlimited	Limited (max 3 years renewable)
10	Taxation of dividends	20% WHT on dividends distribution	No taxation on remittance of profits from branch to head office
11	Eligibility for licenses/concessions	Suitable for all	Limitation (e.g. mining)
12	Liquidation/closure	Complex	Simple

# Transfer pricing

Basic and lacking further regulation

Not enforced, but ...

Employment of foreign staff

Certain quota per size company

Approval / authorization needed

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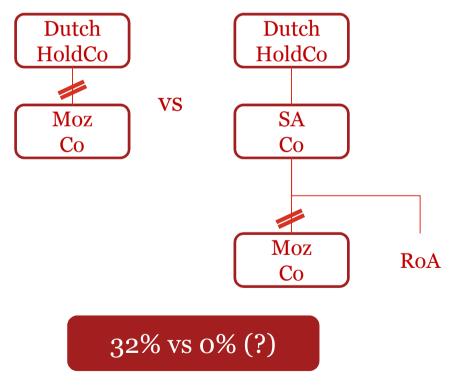
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# Structuring

Treaties

Withholding tax

Exit strategy



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#### **Treaties**

Recipient	Dividends (%)	Interest (%)	Royalties (%)	Management and consultancy fees (%)
Standard rate (domestic law)	20%	20%	20%	20%
Botswana	0 or 12*	10	10	0***
India	7.5	10	10	0***
Italy	15	10	10	0***
Macau	10	10	10	10
Mauritius	8 or 10 or 15*	8	5	0***
Portugal	10	10	10	0***
South Africa	8 or 15*	8	5	0***
United Arab Emirates	0*	0**	5	0***
Vietnam	10	10	10	0***

\* The applicable rate of WHT depends on the beneficial shareholding of the recipient. \*\* Country of residence of the recipient of an income has the taxing right except that in some cases the source state could also subject such income to tax.

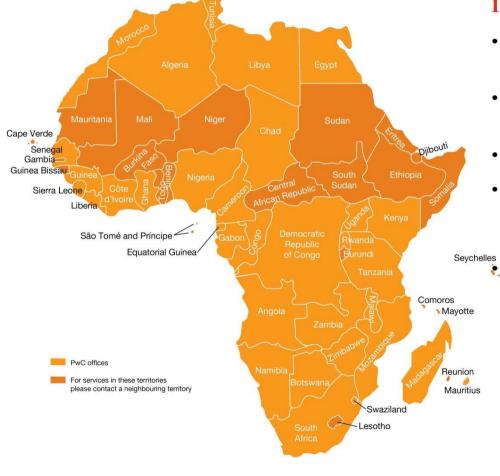
\*\*\*In practice, though, the Mozambican Tax Authorities tend to tax management and consultancy fees as royalties.

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**Mozambique** 

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ncome Tax	32%
ax on capital gains	Part of business income: 32% final tax
Seneral sales tax	Not applicable
/alue-added tax	17%
ndividuals	
ndividual Income Tax	10%-32% final tax
asis of taxation	Residence
Vithholding tax	
Dividends	20% <sup>1</sup>
nterest	20%
Royalties	20%
echnical and management fees	20%
xchange controls	Exist
hin capitalisation	Debt to equity ratio of 2:1 applies
ransfer pricing	Arm's length principle applies
ouble tax treaties	Botswana, Macau, Mauritius, India, Italy, Portugal
reaties awaiting conclusion and/or atification	None

Residents

- (1) Dividends received by a Mozambican resident entity from another Mozambican resident (
- maintenance and hiring of airships; (ii) Construction and rehabilitation of infrastructures for production, transport and distr
- electrification: electrincation; (iii) Charterer of boats for fishing and coastal activities; and (iv) Bonds listed on the Mozambique Stock Exchange.



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Non-residents

32% final tax

Not applicable 17%

20% or 10% definitive withholding tax

December (companies may apply for a different tax year) December (but branches may apply for a different tax year)

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ax Indicators	Residents	Non-residents
scal year-end	December	December
ompanies		
come tax1	35%	35%
ax on capital gains	35% (as business income)	35% (as business income)
tamp duty on increase of share capital of an Angolan company	0.1%	n/a
onsumption tax	5% / 10% <sup>2</sup>	5% / 10% <sup>2</sup>
alue-added tax	Not applicable	Not applicable
dividuals		
dividual marginal tax rate (maximum)	17%	17%
asis of taxation	Source	Source
fithholding tax <sup>5</sup>		
ividends	0% <sup>3</sup> / 10%	10%
terest <sup>4</sup>	15%	15%
oyalties	10%	10%
anagement fees	5.25%	5.25%
rofessionals	10.5%	10.5%
xchange controls	Exist	Exist
hin capitalisation	No thin capitalisation rules exist	
ransfer pricing	Exist	
ouble tax treaties	None	
reaties awaiting conclusion and/or ratification	None	

(1) Some specific industries and companies in priority geographic areas are taxed at different rates.

(2) 20% (or 30%) for certain luxury items and 2% on essential foods and medical supplies

- (3) Dividends paid by an Angolan company to another Angolan company in which it holds at least 25% share participation and has held the holding for more than
- one year are exempt from the 10% investment income tax, provided the recipient is subject to corporate income tax.
- (4) Where the interest is charged on a shareholder's loan, the rate applicable is 10%.
- (5) 15% withholding tax applies on rents paid by resident companies.

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