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# DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY AND ONLINE TAX SERVICES

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### **I.1 Digital Aspect of Public Policies**

### ✓ Plan Sénégal Émergent:

- Prioritize the development of the digital economy: digital strategy 2020-25, development of technology centres, national fibre optic coverage to promote accessibility of telecommunication services and ICT
- Modernize administrative services using online procedures
- Improve the performance of government agencies by reducing processing times and service-access costs
- Improve the quality of services
- Create a department to oversee the digital economy and telecommunications

#### **I-2 DGID Strategies Using Digital Technology**

- ✓ DGID's plan to reach digital maturity
- Organization-wide implementation: registration, management, collections, audit, legal actions
  - Integrated system to manage registration, management and collections
  - Applications to manage programming and internal controls

Action items from the first Hackathon (design thinking workshop)/FMI/Government of Sénégal (03-04/12/2016)

- 1. *Mon Espace Perso*: Platform taxpayers can use to:
  - communicate with the tax centre, consult their tax files and exchange documents with the tax centre (completed)
  - file returns and make payments (late 2019)
- 2. **M-tax**: Return and payment platform based on SMS, USSD codes and an interactive-voice server (in development)
- 3. **Batch scanning**: Batch scanning of documents and acquisition of previously collected data (in development)

#### **II. Digital Technology and Better Taxation Controls**

# ✓ NINEA (identification number for businesses and associations): Single tax identifier

- Adopted in 1995 and amended in 2012 (ordinance no. 2012-886 from August 27, 2012) to harmonize and merge the various numbering systems adopted by government agencies
- Applied by financial agencies (customs, budget, treasury, public service providers, local authorities, etc.)
- Private businesses must include the number on their documents, including invoices.
- Supports information exchanges to strengthen controls and increase state revenues: NINEA is used in interaction and exchange platforms for tax, customs, treasury and budget agencies.
- Supports cross-checking of information using internal data (tax database accessible to management, audit and collection services)

# III. Digital Technology, the Driving Force Behind Online Tax Services

- ❖ Implementation of the Système Intégré de Gestion des Impôts et Taxes (SIGTAS) began in 2006 in cooperation with the Canadian company CRC SOGEMA.
- \* Widening of the scope to include registration, tax file management, collections, etc.
- Rollout of tax-related online services (returns and payment) began in 2013.

# II. Digital Technology, the Driving Force Behind Online Tax Services

- Online payment services involve several players, including banks and other financial establishments, taxpayers and the tax authority.
- Agreements have been signed with 24 of the 27 banks in Dakar.
- ✓ Web application (Etax 3.0) has totally automated the taxpayer-tax authority relationship.
  - Taxpayers file their returns online using Etax and send a payment order to their bank using the same Etax platform.
  - The bank sends the payment to the Treasury the day following the request using an EDI platform's exchange procedure.

## II. Digital technology, the Driving Force Behind Online Tax Services

### Improvements due to online tax services

- Lower tax management costs (financial and hours of work)
- Expanded use of banks for making transactions and fewer manual transactions
- More secure transactions and fewer instances of fraud (cheques drawn on accounts with insufficient funds)
- Improved collection and a more robust State treasury

# II. Digital technology, the Driving Force Behind Online Tax Services

#### Gradual rollout of online services

- Large businesses were required to start using online services in November 2017.
- Some medium-sized businesses were required to start using online services in July 2018 and more will be required to do so in July 2019.
- Small businesses will be required to start using online services in October 2019.

#### II. Online Tax Services: Figures for 2018

- Over 2,000 businesses
- Agreements signed with 24 banks
- Over 36,000 transactions (payment orders)
- 682 billion francs CFA (approximately 1.2 billion euros)



# Thank you.

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