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## Nigeria Tax Survey

### A. Income Tax

1. What types of organizations or entities are partially or wholly exempt from the income tax? Any company engaged in ecclesiastical, charitable or educational activities of a public character is exempt from the Companies Income Tax Act of 1995 under section 19 of that Act. Exempt profits may not be derived from business carried on by the company.
2. What types of income are wholly or partially exempt? No special rules under section 19.
3. Must an organization receive an advance ruling from an agency of the government in order to enjoy tax benefits? Revenue Board makes the decision about whether the provisions of the law are met. No rules ascertainable.
4. Is investment income subject to taxation? No special rules.
5. May an organization engage in economic or business activities? Profits derived from trade or business are subject to tax.
6. Are there minimum distribution rules? No special rules.
7. Are tax benefits for charitable contributions allowed? Tax deductions are allowed for businesses under section 21 of the Companies Income Tax Act of 1995. Those organizations that may receive the tax-preferred contributions are "ecclesiastical, charitable, benevolent, and scientific institutions, established in Nigeria, which are specified" in a schedule to the act. No deductions appear to be allowed for individuals.

### B. Customs Duties

1. Are certain items exempt from customs duty on import? Inadequate information on duties.

### C. VAT (or GST, or other similar tax)

1. Are there exemptions from VAT for specific kinds of persons (based on type of activities, not on amount of turnover)? N.a.
2. May persons not defined as taxable persons elect to be in the VAT system? N.a.
3. Are there exemptions from VAT for specific outputs (good and services)? If so, what categories of goods and services are exempt? A long list of goods and services are taxable, but goods and services provided by NGOs do not

appear to be in the list. A few goods and services are specifically exempt, including medical supplies and services, books and educational materials, but interestingly, only plays and performances conducted by educational institutions as part of learning.

4. Are certain good and services zero-rated or given lower rates? No.

5. What are the applicable VAT rates? 10% (at least so it appears)

D. Gift and Estate Taxes. – no information

E. Taxes on Real Estate. – no information

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