

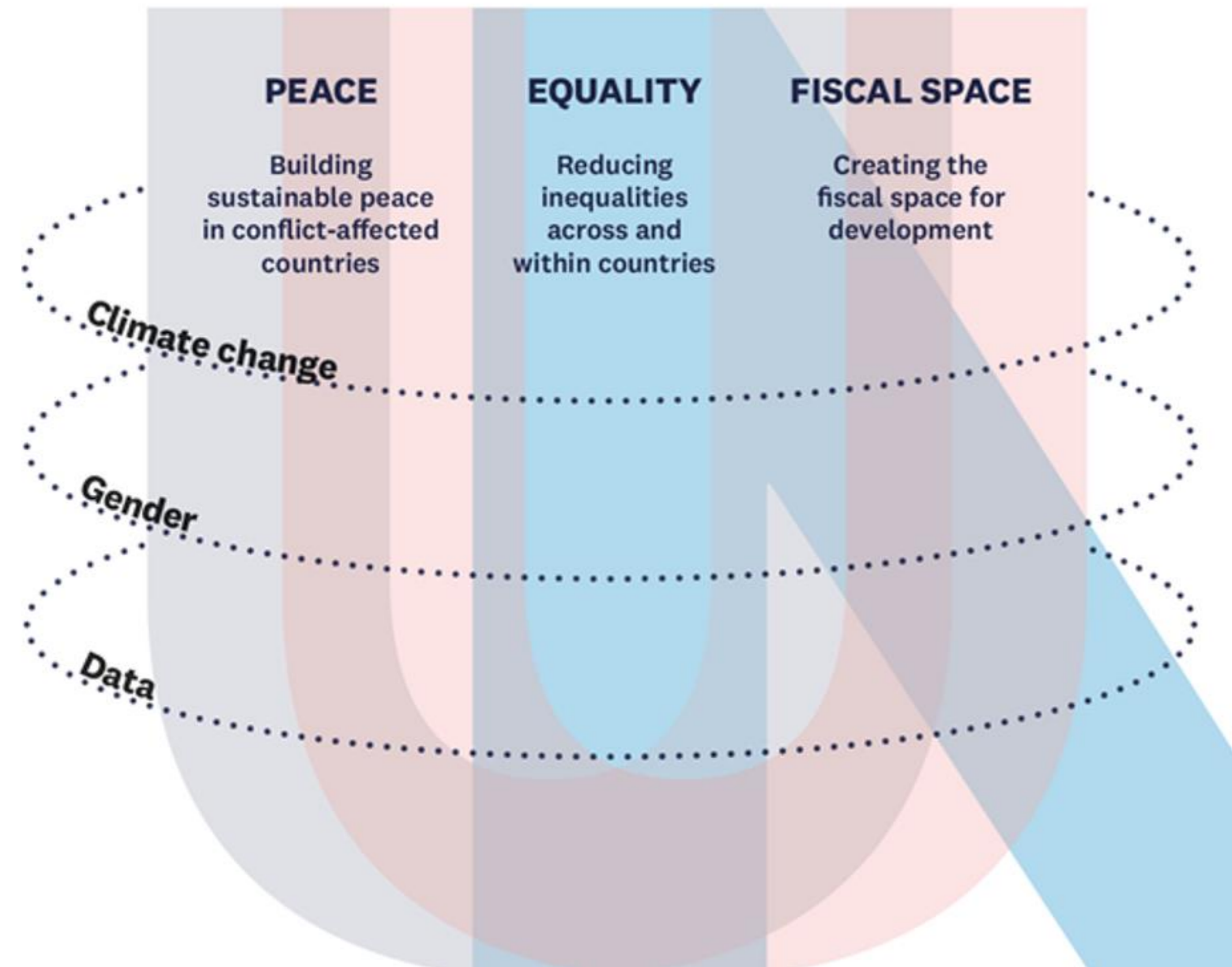
Launch of the Tax Gap Toolkit

Transforming tax collection: a new Tax Gap Toolkit by UNU-WIDER and ATI

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About: UNU-WIDER



- Core set of activities:
 1. Undertaking research & policy analysis
 2. Providing a forum for knowledge-sharing & debate
 3. Offering capacity development & training
- The main aim of UNU-WIDER's 2024-27 work programme is to harness research and evidence to address three mega challenges which will define the course of progress towards sustainable development in the decades to come:
 - **PEACE:** Building sustainable peace in conflict-affected countries
 - **EQUALITY:** Reducing persistent inequalities across and within countries
 - **FISCAL SPACE:** Creating the fiscal space for development.

Fiscal Space Research Area



- Research in the area cuts across the entire Institute's mission:
 - Research and policy analysis
 - Capacity development and training
 - Knowledge sharing, discussion, and debate

Tax Research for Development

Main objectives:

1. **Strengthen tax administrators' skills** through research collaboration
2. **Help policymakers** create better development policies with research insights.
3. **Build communities** focused on using tax data in the Global South.

Tax Gap research

- Start: Understand the Tax Gaps in Zambia, estimating VAT and CIT at disaggregated levels
- Continue: Looking at VAT Gap in Tanzania to improve tax compliance
 - paper forthcoming in CESifo Economic Studies
- Develop: A toolkit that is useful in other contexts for regular estimation
- Ongoing: Estimations in Uganda, Rwanda and South Africa.

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