

## WEBINAR ON THE ROLE OF SUBNATIONAL DOMESTIC REVENUE MOBILISATION FOR PUBLIC SERVICE DELIVERY

15 APRIL 2021 | 14:00H – 15:15H (CENTRAL EUROPEAN SUMMER TIME)

The Addis Tax Initiative (ATI), the Development Partners Network on Decentralisation & Local Governance (DeLoG) and the Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (Norad) cordially invite you to participate in the upcoming webinar on the role of subnational domestic revenue mobilisation (DRM) for public service delivery.

The benefits of DRM reforms at the subnational level are increasingly gaining the attention of the international development cooperation community. Subnational governments play a key role for the provision of public goods and services that are essential to advance the progress of the Sustainable Development Goals. Research has demonstrated the significant potential for raising revenue at the subnational level to fund these services. This is also reflected in the [ATI Declaration 2025](#), in which members agree to strengthen development cooperation on tax and revenue matters in an inclusive, participatory and meaningful manner at subnational, national, regional and international levels.

However, it can be observed that ongoing interventions on subnational DRM are not being linked up to national or international tax programmes. This challenges the strengthening of multi-level governance (political economy of taxing rights) and hampers efficiency of development cooperation in the area of DRM. Development partners widely support the decentralisation of service delivery but often end up facing high barriers when these efforts are not supported by stable public financing mechanisms, like intergovernmental fiscal transfers or own resource revenue. A coherent approach by all stakeholders involved is needed.

The webinar aims to raise awareness for the potential of subnational DRM reforms for raising revenues, supporting state-building efforts and strengthening local governance in partner countries. At the same time, the webinar will serve as a forum to identify common ground to build on this debate and enhance development cooperation.

The webinar will be held via the platform “Microsoft Teams”. To register to the event, please click [here](#). In case of questions, please contact [secretariat@taxcompact.net](mailto:secretariat@taxcompact.net) or [info@delog.org](mailto:info@delog.org).

14:00h – 14:05h

### Opening

*Dr. Sebastian BARTSCH, Consultant, DeLoG*

14:05h – 14:20h

**Keynote input:** What does research say about subnational taxation and its importance for revenue and state building?

*Odd-Helge FJELDSTAD, Christian Michelsen Institute*

14:20h – 14:30h

### Q&A

14:30h – 14:35h

**National government perspective:** What are obstacles and opportunities from national and local governments working closely to enhance subnational public revenues?

*Edward ABROKWAH, Head Research and Natural Resource Desk, Tax Policy Unit, Ministry of Finance, Ghana*

14:35h – 14:40h

**City perspective:** What can cities in partner countries learn from the “Transform Freetown” agenda?

*Rosetta WILSON, Financial Management Advisor, Mayors Delivery Unit  
Duba NAVO, License Officer, Freetown City Council, Sierra Leone*

14:40h – 14:45

**Development partner perspective:** What are the opportunities and challenges of shifting DRM cooperation from the national to the subnational level?

*Toril-Iren PEDERSEN, Policy Director, Tax for Development, Norad*

14:45h – 14:55h

### Q&A

14:55h – 15:00h

### Wrapping up the different perspectives

*Dmitry POZHIDAEV, Local Government Finance Advisor, UN Capital Development Fund (UNCDF)*

15:00h – 15:15h

### Open discussion