



ATI Webinar:

Enhancing Tax Accountability through Citizen Participation and Education

2 December 2022 | 13:00 h – 14:15 h (CET) | English & Spanish (EN/ES/FR)

ATI Consultative Group 4 is delighted to invite you to join this ATI webinar, which will highlight the importance of integrating accountability into taxpayer education, and the benefits of citizen participation in tax policy and administration.

Objectives

With less than a decade remaining to realise the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), strengthening domestic revenue mobilisation (DRM) as a reliable source of finance has gained importance, and effective tax systems are the central component of governments' DRM strategies. Strong bonds between tax policy makers / administrations and citizens are central to building tax systems capable of mobilising the resources needed to achieve the SDGs and ensuring that their policies represent the popular will of citizens.

Two reports, [Building Tax Culture, Compliance and Citizenship: A Global Source Book on Taxpayer Education](#) (second edition), published by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) in 2021, and [Taxation with Representation: Citizens as Drivers of Accountable Tax Policy](#), published by Save the Children in 2019, emphasise the importance of taxation – not only as a primary source of development finance – but also as an important pillar of the social contract. These studies revealed that incorporating accountability into taxpayer education and other approaches to increase public participation in tax issues are key to improve tax morale and compliance, increase tax revenues and strengthen the progressivity of tax systems. State actors, such as revenue authorities and ministries of finance, and non-state actors, including civil society organisations (CSOs), play a crucial role in raising awareness about the link between taxes, public service delivery, and inclusive development.

The webinar will feature the main findings from both reports through a moderated discussion with OECD and Save the Children's representatives, complemented by a panel discussion, in which representatives from ATI partner countries' revenue administrations, a development partner, and a CSO will share experiences and views on the benefits and challenges of incorporating accountability into taxpayer education and citizen engagement. The event is especially relevant to the implementation of Commitment 1 and 4, in which ATI partner countries commit (i) to enhance the effectiveness of their revenue administrations in curbing non-compliant behaviour; and (ii) to enhance the space and capacity of state and non-state accountability stakeholders to engage meaningfully in tax and revenue matters.

Programme

13:00 – 13:05	Welcome and opening remarks	<i>Fariya Mohiuddin, International Budget Partnership (IBP)</i>
13:05 – 13:20	Moderated discussion – <i>The importance of incorporating accountability into taxpayer education and engagement</i> – The second edition of the OECD's Building Tax Culture, Compliance and Citizenship. – Save the Children's Taxation with Representation report	<i>Fariya Mohiuddin, IBP</i> <i>Joseph Stead, OECD</i> <i>Andrew Wainer, Save the Children</i>
13:20 – 14:00	Case study led panel discussion – <i>Experiences, benefits, and challenges of incorporating accountability into taxpayer education and citizen engagement</i> – Partner country perspective – CSO perspective – Development partner perspective	<i>Fariya Mohiuddin, IBP</i> <i>José Salazar, SRI Ecuador</i> <i>Yamuna Sastry, Cabdost India & Dvara Money India</i> <i>Nicholas Lekule, Policy Forum Tanzania</i> <i>Steven Rozner, USAID</i>
14:00 – 14:10	Open discussion and Q&A	<i>All participants</i>
14:10 – 14:15	Conclusion and next steps	<i>Fariya Mohiuddin, IBP</i>

The webinar will be held via the video conference tool "Hopin", with simultaneous interpretation into English, French, Spanish. An invitation with the link to the registration form will be provided to you by the ATI Secretariat. If you have not received an invitation, but are interested in participating, kindly contact secretariat@taxcompact.net.