About us

The International Tax Compact (ITC) is driven by the vision of fair, efficient, and transparent tax systems for sustainable development. To strengthen the effectiveness of results-oriented initiatives in the area of tax and development, the ITC supports networking, knowledge sharing, and multi-level cooperation within and across initiatives in an impartial manner.

The ITC was launched in 2009 by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), which commissioned the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit GmbH (GIZ) with its implementation. From April 2017 to September 2019, and again since July 2022 to the present, the European Commission has provided co-financing to the ITC. Since its foundation, the ITC has been focused on improving domestic revenue mobilisation (DRM) in partner countries through international consultation, cooperation, and knowledge sharing.

Three main functions

- **Providing secretarial services:** The ITC provides secretarial services to the international initiatives and networks it facilitates. In doing so, the ITC is engaged in network and project management, strategy and concept development, communication and outreach, event management, and knowledge management and facilitation. Currently, the ITC facilitates the secretariats of the Addis Tax Initiative (ATI) and the Network of Tax Organisations (NTO).

- **Building networks:** The ITC acts as a networker between initiatives facilitated by the ITC and other initiatives in the area of tax and development. It identifies and promotes synergies and cross-linkages to enable the scaling-up of activities and increase their impact, ensuring coherence with the international discourse. The ITC further links the initiatives it facilitates to programmes around tax and development, thereby creating the potential for co-fertilisation.

- **Acting as an incubator:** If interest is expressed by stakeholders, the ITC also acts as an incubator for new initiatives. The ITC provides logistical and advisory support from visioning to implementation while assisting in the institutionalisation of new initiatives by establishing governance structures and business procedures.

International initiatives

Addis Tax Initiative (ATI)

The ATI aims to promote fair and effective domestic revenue mobilisation (DRM), policy coherence, and the social contract through partnerships and knowledge building. As a multi-stakeholder partnership, the ATI plays an essential role in fostering collective action to improve tax systems in light of recognised gaps in development finance. To date, the initiative accounts for 77 members, including 33 partner countries, 20 development partners, and 24 supporting organisations.

By endorsing the ATI Declaration 2025, the ATI brings together different stakeholders that are united by the vision of tax systems that work for people and advance the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). By focusing on the needs of partner countries, the ATI provides a unique opportunity for its members to collaborate on issues related to DRM on an equal footing, engage in peer-learning, and exchange experiences and good practices. The ATI plays a coordinating role between its members to increase volume and quality of technical assistance and broad-based capacity building in partner countries.

For more information, please refer to the ATI website.

Network of Tax Organisations (NTO)

The NTO is a network of ten regional and international tax organisations that aims to develop a global platform to strengthen tax systems around the world for the wellbeing of citizens. NTO member organisations represent over 180 national tax administrations worldwide. It focuses on fostering the capacity development of its members and enhances international collaboration and dialogue on tax in support of effective domestic revenue mobilisation.

The NTO's main objective is to act as a global platform to foster the exchange of experiences, knowledge, and best practices on tax administration matters. It further aims to pursue the following priorities: develop a vibrant platform for peer exchange, knowledge sharing, and collaboration among its members and their member tax administrations, develop new knowledge and learning resources for tax administrations, ensure synergy and complementarity with development partners and stakeholders within the international tax arena, and strengthen NTO's governance and processes.

For more information, please refer to the NTO website.

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