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## Press Release

### Enhanced domestic resource mobilisation in developing countries

From **12 to 14 September 2011**, 100 representatives from 33 partner countries and various international organisations and tax associations met at the **German Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development** in Bonn for the **3<sup>rd</sup> Workshop of the International Tax Compact (ITC)**. The participants discussed further concrete measures to enhance the tax systems in developing countries as well as cooperation commitments to fight tax evasion and tax avoidance.

The meeting was hosted by the German Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, the Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, the French Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs and the European Commission, in close collaboration with the United Nations, the IMF, OECD and the regional organisations of tax administrations in Africa (ATAF) and Latin America (CIAT).

The issue of domestic resource mobilisation is currently at the heart of international discussions. The losses for developing countries caused by tax evasion and tax avoidance are estimated to exceed by far the Official Development Assistance (ODA) provided annually by all international donors together.

The participants of the ITC workshop shared good practices from the developing countries and encouraged broadening South-South cooperation in tax matters. Donor countries and international organisations are expected to improve coordination of their development support. The results of the debate were summarised in a Concluding Communiqué.

The ITC is a German development initiative for creating an international platform for dialogue and action to assist developing countries in establishing fair and efficient tax systems. Further information on the ITC and the ITC workshop is available on the website: [www.taxcompact.net](http://www.taxcompact.net).