

The International Tax Compact

At a glance

The International Tax Compact (ITC) is an initiative that aims at enhancing domestic revenue mobilisation in partner countries, and to promote fair, efficient and transparent tax systems.

The ITC brings together a broad variety of actors from development partners and partner countries working in the field of tax and development, including policymakers, administrators, experts, academics as well as civil society and private sector representatives. The activities of the ITC focus on promoting cooperation and collaboration, pooling available capacities and resources, and creating synergies in the area of tax and development without duplicating existing structures and efforts.

The German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) has launched the platform in 2009 and commissioned the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) to facilitate the ITC Secretariat. Since April 2017, the European Union supports the ITC through a co-financing agreement. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands (BZ) provides funding for individual activities.

The following five principles guide the work of the International Tax Compact:

- **Neutral.** The ITC is a neutral platform without specific positions to push forward. It can therefore act as a broker and mediator from a neutral position.
- **Inclusive.** The activities and services of the ITC are open to all stakeholders in the area of tax and development.
- **Demand-driven.** The activities of the ITC are based on the needs of development partners and partner countries and are implemented in close cooperation with one or more stakeholders.
- **Complementary.** In order to avoid duplication, the ITC always coordinates its activities with the relevant stakeholders in the area of tax and development.
- **Global.** ITC activities generally take place at the global level.



Current ITC Activities



I. Secretariat of the Addis Tax Initiative

As host to the Secretariat of the Addis Tax Initiative (ATI), the International Tax Compact is responsible for all operational activities aimed at supporting ATI members in fulfilling the three ATI commitments: 1) Collectively doubling technical cooperation in the area of domestic revenue mobilisation, 2) Stepping up domestic revenue mobilisation, and 3) Ensuring policy coherence for development.

More information can be found here: www.addistaxinitiative.net.

II. Network of Tax Organisations (NTO)

As secretariat of the Network of Tax Organisations (NTO), the International Tax Compact facilitates the interregional cooperation, communication and coordination between the participating tax networks with the aim of strengthening institutional capacities and enhancing the efficiency and effectiveness of tax administrations worldwide. Current NTO members include ATAF, ATAIC, CATA, CIAT, COTA, CREDAF, IOTA, PITAA and WATAF. More information can be found here: www.nto.tax.

III. DRM Knowledge Hub

In 2018, the ITC will launch the DRM Knowledge Hub, a unique online resource centre on tax and development. It will compile resources, knowledge and information on domestic revenue mobilisation and integrate the various communication and information channels of the ITC, such as the [DRM Database](#), the [DRM Calendar](#), and the [ITC website](#).

IV. Other cooperation

As an inclusive platform, the ITC is open for all stakeholders active in the area of tax and development. This includes governments from developing countries and development partner countries, civil society organisations (CSO), academia and the private sector.

V. DRM Innovation Fund

The DRM Innovation Fund is an African initiative financed by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and facilitated by the International Tax Compact. It aims at promoting innovative projects in the area of domestic revenue mobilisation in Africa.