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Concept Note

Side Event

International Support to Domestic Resource Mobilisation Launch of the Addis Tax Initiative

15th July 2015, FfD Conference Addis Ababa

Background

The UN Financing for Development (FfD) Conferences in Monterrey 2002 und Doha 2008 underlined the importance of domestic resource mobilisation (DRM) as a key part of the international efforts to provide sufficient resources for financing the development goals. The upcoming 3rd FfD Conference in Addis Ababa will build upon the progress made in the implementation of the Monterrey Consensus and the Doha Declaration and will look at the available sources of funding needed for the UN-led Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Holistic tax reform programmes have been very successful in a number of countries, and there is increasing engagement of the international community, but positive examples have rarely been illustrated. ITC and OECD have worked on a joint discussion paper on 'Examples of Successful DRM Reforms and the Role of International Co-operation' which illustrates successful country cases.

The international community has defined DRM as a main topic of the FfD conference and will commit to support countries that need assistance for tax and fiscal management policy. To demonstrate shared commitment, developing and developed countries will jointly announce the Addis Tax Initiative, built on the principles of shared responsibility and mutual accountability.

Objective

The side event shall illustrate how the international community can engage successfully in DRM reforms including the implementation of the international tax agenda in developing countries. Guiding question will be how the increased political commitment for more and better reforms and development assistance to DRM can be implemented in a timely and efficient manner. Awareness of developing, emerging and donor countries to the positive effects of jointly implemented DRM



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reforms shall be raised. First, the willingness of governments in partner countries to pursue reforms even against resistance shall be strengthened. Second, countries shall be informed on the opportunities of DRM reforms and third, the awareness of a comprehensive approach to good financial governance shall be increased. Successful examples shall illustrate what can be achieved if the willingness to reforms is combined with effective international support.

Format

The side event is organised by the ITC along with Ethiopia, European Commission, Germany, Netherlands, OECD, United Kingdom and United States.

High-level keynote speeches will open the side event. These speeches will illustrate the importance and value in tax policy and reform and reiterate commitment to strengthen domestic resource mobilization both on a national and international level.

During a panel discussion, high-level representatives from developing countries will discuss the successful implementation of DRM reform.

Afterwards the Addis Tax Initiative will be launched.

The side event is concluded by a press briefing on the Addis Tax Initiative.



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Agenda

Moderation: Mr. Erik Solheim

8.15 - 8.30

Opening Address

- Mr. Sufian Ahmed Minister of Finance and Economic Development, Ethiopia

8.30 - 8.50

Keynote speeches

- Mr. Neven Mimica, Commissioner for International Cooperation and Development, European Commission
- Mr. Friedrich Kitschelt, State Secretary, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, Germany
- Ms. Justine Greening, Secretary of State for International Development, United Kingdom

8.50 - 9.20

Panel discussion on DRM success stories

Moderator: Mr. Eric Postel, Associate Administrator, USAID

- Mr. Seth E. Terkper, Minister of Finance and Economic Planning, Ghana
- Mr. Henry Rotich, Cabinet Secretary for the National Treasury, Kenya
- Mr. Abraham Tekeste, State Minister of Finance and Economic Development, Ethiopia

9.20 – 9.40

Launch of the Addis Tax Initiative

- Ms. Lilianne Ploumen, Minister for Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation, Netherlands and Co-Chair of the Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation
- Mr. Goodall Edward Gondwe, Minister of Finance, Economic Planning and Development, Malawi

9.40 – 9.45

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