

ATI/ITC Tax and Development Conference 2019: Towards a Roadmap for the ATI post-2020

Berlin, Germany / 2-4 July 2019

Preliminary Agenda

1 July (Mon)	Arrival of the participants
15:00 – 18:00	Meeting of the ATI Consultative Groups (<i>Experience I + II, Epsilon</i>)
From 16:00	Registration (<i>Lobby</i>)
18:30 – 20:00	Cocktail reception (<i>Foyer</i>)
2 July (Tue)	Day 1 – Closing the gap: Exploring untapped potential for domestic revenue mobilisation
08:00 – 08:45	Registration (<i>Lobby</i>)
09:00 – 09:45	Opening of the conference (<i>Plenary</i>) <i>Opening statements by</i> Petra SCHMIDT, Head of Division, Sectoral and thematic policies, governance, democracy and rule of law, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), Germany Félix FERNÁNDEZ-SHAW, Director of International Cooperation and Development Policy, DG DEVCO, European Commission Essa JALLOW, ATI Co-Chair and Deputy Commissioner General, The Gambia Revenue Authority
09:45 – 10:00	Presentation of the conference programme (<i>Plenary</i>)
10:00 – 10:45	Stock-taking exercise: Launch of the 2017 ATI Monitoring Report (<i>Plenary</i>) Stefanie Rauscher, Coordinator, International Tax Compact
10:45 – 11:00	Group picture (<i>outside</i>)
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee break

11:30 – 13:00

Panel discussion 1 – Increasing domestic revenue for achieving the 2030 Agenda: Which are the untapped sources? (Plenary)

There is still a gap regarding financing of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in many countries. The opening panel discussion will explore which untapped sources exist for increasing domestic revenue. Furthermore, the panel will assess which role the Addis Tax Initiative could play in future when it comes to mobilising domestic revenue from these sources.

Félix FERNÁNDEZ SHAW, Director of International Cooperation and Development, International Cooperation and Development, DG DEVCO, European Commission

Martin KREIENBAUM, Director General of International Taxation, Federal Ministry of Finance (BMF), Germany

Jenebe BANGURA, Deputy Commissioner General, Sierra Leone Revenue Authority

Attiya WARIS, Associate Professor of Tax Law and Fiscal Policy, Law School of the University of Nairobi, Kenya

Mick MOORE, Chief Executive Officer, International Centre for Tax and Development (ICTD)

13:00 – 14:00

Lunch break (*Elements – breakfast room*)

14:00 – 15:30

Breakout session 1 – Increasing domestic revenue for achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

The first round of breakout sessions will allow participants to discuss the potential of different sources for increasing domestic revenue and factors to leverage this potential.

Group discussions

- A. Broadening the tax base: How to deal with the informal sector?
- B. Tax simplification: Where to start?
- C. Designing and managing tax incentive regimes: A balancing act between maximising the impact and minimising the drawbacks
- D. Digitalising tax administrations: How can development support be best tailored to the challenges faced in partner countries?
- E. Tax and ethics: How to strengthen domestic revenue mobilisation through the promotion of stronger integrity in tax administrations? (Spanish translation provided)
- F. Domestic revenue mobilisation in fragile states: A cornerstone for state-building? (French translation provided)

15:45 – 16:30

Coffee break (including a presentation stand for each breakout session)

16:30 – 18:00

Panel discussion 2 – Combatting illicit financial flows: How to improve collaboration? (Plenary)

The second panel discussion will deal with another potential driver for domestic revenue mobilisation: the fight against illicit financial flows (IFFs). While the topic is currently being addressed prominently in international debates, challenges linked to lack of political leadership and insufficient implementation remain. The panel will focus on identifying priorities to strengthen the commitment of addressing IFFs, and what role the Addis Tax Initiative could play in enabling this process after 2020.

Patrick CHEGE, Chief Manager, International Taxation Office, Kenya Revenue Authority

Eric MENSAH, Assistant Commissioner, Legal Affairs and International Taxation Agreements, Ghana Revenue Authority

Joseph STEAD, Senior Policy Analyst on Tax & Development, OECD

Tom CARDAMONE, President and Chief Executive Officer, Global Financial Integrity

19:30

Boat cruise with dinner

3 July (Wed)

Day 2 – Better together: Effective partnerships for enhancing domestic revenue mobilisation

09:00 – 09:15

Introduction to day 2 (Plenary)

09:15 – 10:45

Panel discussion 3 – Effective support for mobilising domestic revenue: How can coordination be improved? (Plenary)

The third panel discussion will address the question of what is "effective" when it comes to development partners supporting the mobilisation of domestic revenue in partner countries. More specifically, the panel aims at identifying what progress needs to be made for development partners to achieve their target of doubling technical support to DRM and how to ensure quality of support. Additionally, the panel will seek to explore how effective partnerships could enhance domestic revenue mobilisation post-2020.

Uta Böllhoff, Deputy Director General, Global Processes and Financing for Development, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), Germany

Trond Heyerdahl Augdal, Senior Advisor, Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (NORAD), Norway

Thomas Doe Nah, Commissioner General, Liberia Revenue Authority

Moses Kaggwa, Director, Economic Affairs, Uganda Revenue Authority

Nathan Coplin, Senior Policy Advisor, Accountable Development Finance, Oxfam International

10:45 – 11:15

Coffee break

11:15 – 12:45

Breakout session 2 - Effective partnerships for domestic revenue mobilisation

Securing wide political and societal ownership has long been identified as a main challenge for DRM efforts. The second round of breakout sessions will give participants the opportunity to discuss how cooperation not only between development partners and partner countries, but also across governments, with the civil society and other regional and international institutions, can lead to a long-term improvement in the national capacities to raise domestic revenue.

Group discussions

- A. Donor coordination: Evidence from the ATI study and Medium-Term Revenue Strategy (MTRS) implementation in Uganda** (French translation provided)
- B. Civil society organisations: How can they contribute to domestic revenue mobilisation?**
- C. DRM indicators and measuring progress in DRM reform: Moving beyond the tax-to-GDP ratio** (Spanish translation provided)
- D. Setting new standards in the international tax and development arena: How to strengthen the voice of partner countries**
- E. Policy partnerships for development: Fostering cross-government collaboration for domestic revenue mobilisation**
- F. Horizontal partnerships: How to achieve mutual benefits through regional and international cooperation?**

12:45 – 14:00

Lunch break (*Hotel lobby*)

14:00 – 15:00

Presentation and sharing of the results from breakout session 2 (*Plenary*)

Coffee break included in the market place

15:00 – 17:00

Market place (*Elements – breakfast room*)

The market place will provide the opportunity for all participants to introduce projects and initiatives, exchange with one another, and share good practices, lessons learnt and relevant information with interested parties.

17:00 – 18:00

Open space (to be announced)

The open space will allow participants to meet in smaller groups or to organise their own session to present or discuss specific issues of interest.

4 July (Thu)

Day 3 – Widening the perspective: Revenue for development

09:00 – 09:15

Introduction to day 3 (*Plenary*)

09:15 – 10:30

Panel discussion 4 – Beyond domestic revenue mobilisation: From mobilisation to spending (*Plenary*)

How to ensure that more revenue leads to more development? This panel explores how to make more effective, efficient and accountable use of public resources. It also addresses the question of how the fiscal space that is required in order to achieve development goals can be improved by other means than raising revenue.

Sèwènan Rodrigue CHAOU, Director, General Budget, Ministry of Finance, Benin

Jonathan NZAYIKORERA, Director, Fiscal Decentralisation, Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning, Rwanda

Kimberly ROSEN, ATI Co-Chair and Deputy Head, United States Agency for International Development (USAID), USA

Jenny RUSSEL, Senior Director, Public Policy and Advocacy, Save the Children

10:30 – 11:00

Coffee break

11:00 – 11:30

Presentation of the ATI Midterm Evaluation (*Plenary*)

In this session, the evaluation report will be presented followed by Q&A from the audience. The main purpose of this evaluation is to provide input for the discussion about how to continue the Addis Tax Initiative after 2020.

Harald MEIER & Christian VON HALDENWANG (B,S,S. Consulting)

11:30 – 13:00

Panel discussion 5 – What are the priorities for the Addis Tax Initiative post-2020? (*Plenary*)

The closing panel will look at the continuation of the Addis Tax Initiative beyond 2020 to ensure that it still provides an added value within the tax and development arena. First, the ATI midterm evaluation report will be presented. Based on its recommendations and the results of the previous sessions, panellists will discuss what should be the priority areas for the Initiative after 2020, in order to best reflect changing priorities in the international tax and development landscape.

Gabriela HOVEN, Director General, Department for Global Issues, Sector Policies and Programmes, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), Germany

Essa JALLOW, Deputy Commissioner General, The Gambia

Samrita SIDHU, Head of Public Finance & Tax Department, Department for International Development (DFID), United Kingdom

Marcio F. VERDI, Executive Secretary, Inter-American Center of Tax Administrations (CIAT) and Head of Council, Network of Tax Organisations (NTO)

Marijn VERHOEVEN, Lead Economist and Cluster Lead Tax, World Bank Group (WBG; Platform for Collaboration on Tax)

13:00 – 13:15

Closing of the conference

Closing statement by

Kimberly ROSEN, ATI Co-Chair and Deputy Head, United States Agency for International Development (USAID), USA

13:15 – 14:00

Lunch (*Elements – breakfast room*)

14:00 – 17:00

Meeting of the ATI post-2020 Task Force (*Emporio I – Plenary*)