Panel discussion 3 - Effective support to domestic revenue mobilisation: How can coordination be improved?

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Day 2, 9:20 – 10:45

Background

Within the Addis Ababa Action Agenda (AAAA), Heads of State and Government and High Representatives recognised the importance of partner countries’ capacities and capabilities to raise domestic revenues in order to finance sustainable development. To support the implementation of the AAAA, the Addis Tax Initiative (ATI) development partners committed to collectively double their technical support to domestic revenue mobilisation by 2020 (ATI Commitment 1).

As funding for domestic revenue mobilisation scales up, the potential for overlapping development partner support increases, making it more challenging for partner countries to align donor support to their own needs and priorities. In order to ensure effective support, increasing resources in technical assistance needs to go hand in hand with better coordination.

Today’s complex architecture for development co-operation has evolved from the North-South paradigm. Distinct from the traditional relationship between aid providers and recipients, developing nations, and a number of emerging economies are now increasingly supporting new forms of collaboration, including e.g. South-South development co-operation. These also often rely on different forms of partnerships like support to civil society, sub-national level, or regional tax networks.

The panel discussion will take a deeper look into the meaning of “effective support” in domestic revenue mobilisation and discuss how sustainable improvements in national capacities to raise revenues can be advanced with the support of development partners. Firstly, participants will critically discuss how to collectively attain ATI Commitment 1 by 2020. Secondly, participants will reflect on what constitutes effective support in DRM and consider what kind of partnerships may be required to implement it. The panel aims at providing tangible examples of functioning coordination, new established partnerships and whole of government approaches on tax and development. The results of the session will provide input to the ATI post-2020 task force on how to work on effective support on DRM in the future.

Intended outcomes

- The relationship between the volume and effectiveness of the support in the context of DRM reforms has been explored;
- Examples of “effective support” in the field of domestic revenue mobilisation and success factors have been presented;
The potential of involving additional partners (e.g. federal government bodies, international/regional tax networks or civil society) in the provision of DRM support – including in the context of the post-2020 ATI – has been explored.

Moderator

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Speakers

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