Outcome of the Meeting of ATI Consultative group 1

01 June 2018: 09:30 – 13:00

Location

Ministry of Finance Stockholm, Sweden

Participants

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Presentations/Inputs

1. Lessons learnt form the INTOSAI Donor Coordination Group

Dominic Bourcier (Canada) introduced the **INTOSAI** (International Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions) **donor cooperation group** that seeks to enhance the capacity of Supreme Audit Institutions) in developing countries. The INTOSAI donor cooperation group organises the Global Call for Proposals (GCP), which facilitates the matchmaking of donors and partner countries by providing the opportunity for all SAIs and INTOSAI bodies to put forward capacity development funding proposals at the country, regional and global level which it then seeks to match with donor and / or INTOSAI funding.

It was discussed how the 'Global Call for Proposals' approach could be applied for ATI partner countries and their need of DRM reform. Participants agreed that such a tool should avoid donor shopping, implement review mechanisms and facilitate ownership of the projects within the partner countries. Later in the session, it was agreed to review the proposed funding template and conduct a study on donor coordination concerning DRM reform.

2. ATI funding template

Tobias Fleckenstein (ITC) presented a draft **funding template** for DRM related projects that could improve the match of demand and supply with regards to technical assistance projects. The funding template could serve as an instrument for partner countries to request technical assistance to overcome specific gaps within their tax policy and tax administration.

It could either be uploaded on the DRM Database or being shared with ATI development partners. In the following discussion, it was mentioned to have the funding template signed by the highest level of the respective tax authority (e.g. Commissioner General) to secure ownership of partner countries. Concerns were raised that a funding template could create an excess in demand of technical assistance projetcs.

3. DRM Database

Afterwards, the group discussed on the further development of the **DRM Database**, which provides an overview of all technical assistance projects carried out worldwide to support DRM in partner countries. It was highlighted to focus on the improvement of qualitative information like project descriptions and country pages.

4. Oxfam paper on "Doubling down on DRM"

Nathan Coplin gave a presentation on the Oxfam **paper on "Doubling down on DRM"** highlighting the need to incorporate equity, fairness and transparency into DRM related technical assistance projects. For 2016, just a few projects address these issues because these factors are either not a priority or project descriptions in the DRM Database are not properly filled in.

ATI CONSULTATIVE GROUPS ACTIVITY PLAN

	Year	2018/2019
Name of the Group	Consultative Group 1	
Coordinator	Dominic Bourcier (Canada)	
Group Members		

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Mode of Collaboration (How will the group work together to achieve its mandate, frequency of meeting and schedule of meetings)
Virtual Meeting of the group to be scheduled in September.

Item	Deliverable	Milestones		Resources Required	Lead Person
		Timelines (dd.mm.yy)	Activity		
1.	Mapping and analysis of DRM strategies to improve match-making	31.08.2018	Concept paper		
		31.09.2018	Collect DRM strategies		
		30.11.2018	Conduct survey on DRM priorities	Consultative group 2 for partner countries survey	
		31.03.2019	Analysis of strategies and survey	Consultant	
		31.10.2018	Review funding template		
2.	Further improvement of DRM Database	31.10.2018	Coordinate DRM Database with existing platforms (KSP, PCT, TIWB)		ITC
		30.11.2018	Include data from IOs		
		31.10.2018	Review tags		
		30.11.2018	Provision of donor contacts on DRM Database		
3.	Reporting of Commitment 1 data	30.09.2018	Efforts to close the gap between OECD DAC data and ATI data		ITC, OECD, Oxfam
		30.11.2018	Strategy on improving qualitative data (project descriptions and channel of support)		
4.	Paper on donor-coordination to DRM reform (both country level and international level)	31.08.2018	ToR distributed and discussed	Consultant	ITC
		31.10.2018	First draft	Consultant	
		31.12.2018	Final version	Consultant	

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