

# About us

*The Addis Tax Initiative (ATI) is a multi-stakeholder partnership that aims to enhance domestic revenue mobilisation (DRM) in partner countries and to improve the fairness, transparency, efficiency and effectiveness of their tax systems. Committing to the Addis Tax Initiative fosters partner countries' efforts to increase reliance on domestic revenue to fund their development agendas and meet the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2030.*

The Addis Tax Initiative stresses the importance of promoting policy coherence, establishing strong domestic governance systems and mobilising the political will to drive forward tax policy and system reforms. It plays a coordinating role between its members to increase volume and quality of technical assistance and broad-based capacity building in partner countries.

The Addis Tax Initiative provides a unique opportunity for its members to collaborate with each other and serves as a platform that enables the matching of needs for support with available resources. By making available an extensive DRM Database, regularly publishing monitoring reports and briefs on the progress made against attaining the ATI commitments, conducting research studies and organising conferences and workshops, ATI members can identify novel areas for DRM reform that may have remained unexplored by technical international development cooperation. The Addis Tax Initiative itself does not have funding to initiate or implement programmes in partner countries, which remains the responsibility of development partners and/or supporting organisations.

The Addis Tax Initiative was initiated in 2015 by the governments of Germany, the Netherlands, the United Kingdom and the United States in the course of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The Secretariat of the Addis Tax Initiative is facilitated by the International Tax Compact (ITC) and all ATI activities are overseen by the ATI Steering Committee, which consists of representatives of development partners and partner countries.

## ATI commitments

ATI member countries have pledged to keep the following key commitments:

1. ATI development partners commit to collectively doubling technical development cooperation to domestic revenue mobilisation by 2020.
2. ATI partner countries commit to stepping up domestic revenue mobilisation as a key requirement for attaining the SDGs and spurring inclusive development.
3. All ATI member countries commit to ensuring that domestic policies in partner countries reflect the objective of fostering the mobilisation of own revenues.

## ATI membership

Currently, 20 development partners and 24 partner countries have signed the ATI declaration. Further, the Addis Tax Initiative accounts for 16 supporting organisations, which provide Official Development Assistance (ODA) to DRM-related projects and endorse the objectives of the Initiative.

### **ATI partner countries**

Afghanistan, Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Ethiopia, Georgia, Ghana, Indonesia, Kenya, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Namibia, Nepal, Pakistan, Paraguay, Philippines, Rwanda, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Solomon Islands, Tanzania, The Gambia, Uganda

### **ATI development partners**

Australia, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, European Commission, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, South Korea, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom, United States

### **ATI supporting organisations**

African Tax Administration Forum (ATAF), Asian Development Bank (ADB), Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF), Center of Excellence in Finance (CEF), Centre de Rencontres et d'Études des Dirigeants des Administrations Fiscales (CREDAF), Commonwealth Association of Tax Administrators (CATA), Global Financial Integrity (GFI), Global Forum on Transparency and Exchange of Information for Tax Purposes, Inter-American Center of Tax Administrations (CIAT), International Monetary Fund (IMF), Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), Save the Children, Oxfam International, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA), West African Tax Administration Forum (WATAF), World Bank

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## **Benefits for ATI partner countries**

- An ATI membership signals a strong interest in receiving technical assistance and support to domestic revenue mobilisation, encouraging ATI development partners to offer assistance without a prior official request.
- ATI partner countries benefit from an enhanced coordination of and collaboration among ATI development partners.
- ATI partner countries have the opportunity to connect with a broad international network of development assistance providers.
- ATI development partners help to integrate ATI partner countries into the global tax debate.
- With the support of ATI development partners and supporting organisations, ATI partner countries profit from the progress that has been made in the international tax agenda, such as the OECD/G20 Base Erosion and Profit Shifting (BEPS) project and tax information exchange via the Automatic Exchange of Information (AEOI).
- ATI partner countries get assistance in finding support for undertaking TADAT (Tax Administration Diagnostic Assessment Tool) assessments, in order to identify bottlenecks within their national tax administrations.
- ATI partner countries make a national commitment to undertaking DRM reforms at the highest level.

## **Benefits for ATI development partners and supporting organisations**

- ATI development partners and supporting organisations profit from an enhanced ability to connect with a broad international network of stakeholders active in the field of tax and development as well as countries committed to the spirit of the Addis Tax Initiative.
- ATI development partners and supporting organisations benefit from an improved coordination among development partners and partner countries alike, including south-south cooperation initiatives.
- ATI development partners and supporting organisations have the possibility to share best practices and lessons learned through the ATI Monitoring Report and regular consultations.
- ATI development partners and supporting organisations have the possibility to display the progress from DRM capacity building activities through the DRM Database.