

Preface

This report is published at a time when the international community has sharpened its focus on the importance of building tax capacity across nations to help achieve objectives related to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the G20's tax agenda. The confluence of these agendas is resulting in increasing demands for experts and investments and, in a context of finite resources, requires tax administrations to examine their role and contributions. It also creates an imperative to innovate and better collaborate to achieve the broader goal of strengthening tax administration globally.

Over the past several months, we have been working to advance the work of a capacity building project that was launched through the OECD Forum on Tax Administration. This work has culminated in a report that proposes a way forward for the FTA and its member countries to organise individual and collective capacity building efforts in a more co-ordinated, cost-effective and strategic way.

As sponsors of the FTA Capacity Building Project, we are confident the recommendations proposed in the report will lay the ground work for more focused and impactful collaboration in the future. Moving forward, we would like to underscore the importance of sound diagnostics and measurement of results to assist and inform decision making. An evidence-based approach will help tax administrations focus their resources on investments that are likely to yield the greatest results.

As this work progresses, we remain mindful of the need to ensure that the results of our work are accessible to developing country tax administrations whose priorities and circumstances vary widely and must be considered. The recommendations in the report relating to the Knowledge Sharing Platform and better connecting to the work of others are particularly relevant in enabling the broader sharing and dissemination of our collective investments to the benefit of all.

This report presents an opportunity for the tax administration community more broadly to reflect on the need to undertake capacity building in a manner that is more targeted, strategic, and effective. Going forward, we look forward to collaborating with partners to support this important priority.

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