



International Tax Dialogue

Global conferences

VAT Conference

The first ITD global conference was hosted in Italy and considered value added taxes (VAT) which are now found in more than 140 countries around the world. The conference examined the policy and administrative challenges of using VAT systems in a rapidly changing economic and business environment.

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Taxation of Small and Medium Enterprises

The second ITD global conference was hosted in Argentina and addressed taxation of small and medium enterprises (SMEs) focusing on identifying good practice in ensuring tax compliance whilst minimising compliance burden and providing the best environment for growth.

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Background

The International Tax Dialogue (ITD) is an initiative of the European Commission (EC), Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), International Monetary Fund (IMF), Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), and World Bank Group to better discharge their institutions own mandate by facilitating increased cooperation on tax matters among governments, international organisations and other key stakeholders. The ITD aims to facilitate dialogue to share good practices and pursue common objectives in improving the functioning of national tax systems.

The ITD is consistent with the Monterrey Financing for Development Conference call for more international dialogue on tax matters. Increasing dialogue and strengthening national tax systems will in turn assist mobilising tax revenues for development.

The ITD believes it is important to develop practical means of pursuing dialogue in a way that minimises the need for additional resources while maximising gains for all countries. The ITD's approach is to build on the strengths of existing organisations.

Objectives

The main objectives of the ITD initiative are to:

- Promote effective international dialogue between participating organisations and governments on both tax policy and tax administration;
- Identify and sharing of good practices;
- Provide an improved focus for technical assistance on tax matters; and
- Avoid duplication of efforts in respect of existing activities on tax matters.

Activities

Activities to date include creating an online knowledge sharing facility (see box on reverse side), global conferences on key issues, a shared database of technical assistance activities and topic papers. The ITD partners also meet regularly to facilitate increased co-operation.