

Preparatory Process for the Third International Conference on FfD
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Mr. Co-facilitator,

First of all, I would like to commend the high quality of the chapter on domestic public finance in the elements paper. In particular, I welcome the emphasis on the sustainable development needs, including not only in economic but also social and environmental aspects.

The two shining sentences I discovered in the text are the following.

I quote.

“Effective use of resources must go hand in hand with their mobilization. Fiscal policies need to be consistent with macroeconomic stability, equitable growth, social transformation and sustainability.”

End quote.

In the same vein, I hope the references to the need to reduce inequalities, environmental and gender-responsive budgeting, need to empower sub-national authorities will be maintained in the zero-draft.

Secondly, on resource mobilization side, it would be useful to reconfirm in a clearer manner a couple of “basics” for increasing the public revenue. They are 1) broadening the tax base, 2) avoiding base erosion and pr