Capacity Development Work on International Tax Cooperation: Update

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Meeting on Strengthening Tax Capacity Building Support to Developing Countries

Held in Paris, on 17-18 October 2016 (back-to back with the 12th session of the Committee held in Geneva)

Jointly organized by the inter-agency Platform for Collaboration on Tax (IMF, OECD, UN and World Bank) and the French Ministries of Finance and Foreign Affairs

Aimed to:

- Present the work of the Platform
- Discuss the recommendations in the Platform report to G20 on tax capacity building
- Share planned efforts to support revenue mobilization

ECOSOC Special Meeting on International Tax Cooperation (New York, 9 December 2016)

For the first time to be held back-to-back with the Committee session, to increase ECOSOC engagement with the Committee



It will be held in the form of interactive dialogue between the Committee and UN delegates

It will aim to bridge the gap between the technical nature of the work of the Committee and broader policy interests of Governments

Efforts will be made to "translate" the content of the work of the Committee into a broader policy perspective

FfDO has provided secretariat support in organizing this meeting

ECOSOC Special Meeting on International Tax Cooperation (New York, 9 December 2016) - Cont'd

The afternoon session will feature a discussion of the report to G20 on tax capacity building, which was jointly prepared by the Platform for Collaboration

UN Capacity Development Programme in International Tax Cooperation: Progress

Dissemination of Committee's outputs

Courses and other training materials on:

- UN Model Tax Convention
- UN Transfer Pricing Manual

Development of practical tools

- Handbook on Administration of Tax Treaties
- Handbook on Tax Base Protection
- Practical Portfolios

Country-level work

Technical cooperation drawing upon:

- Courses & other training materials
- Handbooks
- Practical Portfolios

Online Courses

Double Tax Treaties

UN Course on Transfer Pricing (Antananarivo, Madagascar, 14-17 November 2016)

Part of a multi-year training programme on Transfer Pricing being delivered in Africa in cooperation with ATAF



Built upon and followed up with the UN Primer on Transfer Pricing held in Lusaka, Zambia, in June 2015

Focused on comparability and transfer pricing methods

Attended by 35 tax officials from 16 countries in sub-Saharan Africa

Featured South-South sharing of country practices and experiences



Included presentations on the update of the UN Practical Manual on Transfer Pricing and recent developments in the OECD work

Capacity Development Publications and Other Practical Tools: Progress

Update of the UN Handbook on Selected Issues in Protecting the Tax Base of Developing Countries

5 of 10 existing chapters have been updated and are being edited

Capacity Development Publications and Other Practical Tools: Progress (cont'd)

UN Practical Portfolios on Protecting the Tax Base of Developing Countries

Completed Portfolios on the taxation of services and baseeroding payments of interest are being edited

Portfolio on base-eroding payments of royalties and rents is being developed. Expected to be completed in early 2017

Next steps...

A regional workshop will be held in Nairobi, Kenya, in March 2017, to present and get feedback on the Portfolios

Updated and expanded edition of the Handbook will be launched at an event in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, in July 2017



Other Projects at Country-level: Progress

Angola: Technical cooperation project on tax treaties (negotiation and administration), in cooperation with Angola's General Tax Administration

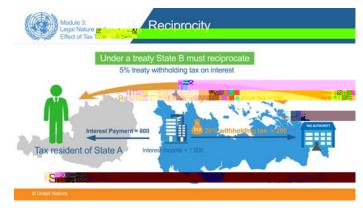


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UN Primer on Tax Treaties ONLINE

Finalized all the materials and converted them in an online format, including:

- Instructional videos
- Reading materials
- Interactive quizzes
- Practical examples and case studies



Currently undergoing pilot testing

Will be launched and made available free of charge to tax officials in developing countries in early 2017