

FOCUS SESSION 19:

More and Better Development Cooperation for DRM

Wednesday 16 April 2014, 8:00 – 9:15, Room TBC

Objective:

- Political commitment for more and better development assistance as well as for a comprehensive approach to good financial governance
- Endorsement of “Key guiding principles for revenue mobilisation in fragile states” as identified in the 2014 OECD report
- Increased acceptance of TADAT as public good.

Session Format:

- The session aims to engage a broad range of stakeholders in a debate on examples of successes and failures of DRM reform;
- To create a common understanding on the main ingredients for successful DRM reform, with specific focus on the holistic approach within a good financial governance framework;
- To discuss what works and what does not work in fragile states;
- To discuss what the current evidence suggests about successful development cooperation; and how impact can be measured and results shown, presenting among others the Tax Administration Diagnostic Assessment Tool (TADAT).

Speakers/Panellists:

- Mr. Angel Gurría, Secretary General, OECD
- Ms. Ursula Müller, Director-General, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), Germany
- Mr. Abul Maal A Muhith, Finance Minister, Bangladesh
- Mr. Lincoln Marais, Director for Strategic Planning, African Tax Administration Forum
- Mr. Frank Matsaert, CEO of TradeMark East Africa
- Mr. Eduardo Bohorquez, Director Transparency International Mexico

- Mr. David Anthony Kloeden, Head of TADAT Secretariat, IMF
- Mr. Andris Piebalgs, Commissioner, EU-Commission (from the floor)
- Mr. Peter Moors, DG of Development Cooperation, Belgium (moderator)

Background/Narrative:

The importance of DRM in providing stable and predictable finance for sustainable growth and poverty reduction has been widely recognized. Also, the governance aspect of DRM and its importance for state building and the citizen-state-relationship is by now well known. The political awareness and visibility of DRM has been further increased in the context of the latest G8 and G20 presidencies, which placed special emphasis on tax issues.

Despite these developments, domestic resource mobilization remains a challenge for many governments. Successful DRM reform requires a holistic approach of good financial governance, which links tax policy and administration with public expenditure management, accountability and control mechanisms.

International assistance can be a powerful catalyst and leverage for domestic resource mobilization and plays an important role in building sustainable national revenue systems in developing countries.

'Domestic resource mobilisation and development co-operation' is one of the Global Partnership forward-looking substantive themes.

Related Links:

Report Domestic Revenue Mobilisation in Fragile States
<http://www.oecd.org/dac/incaf/resourceflowstofragilestates.htm>

Organisers:

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