

International organisations take major step to boost global cooperation in tax matters

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The International Monetary Fund (IMF), the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), the United Nations (UN) and the World Bank Group (WBG) announced today the details of their joint effort to intensify their cooperation on tax issues: the **Platform for Collaboration on Tax**. The Platform will not only formalize regular discussions between the four international organizations on the design and implementation of standards for international tax matters, it will strengthen their capacity-building support, deliver jointly developed guidance, and share information on operational and knowledge activities.

This effort comes at a time of great momentum around international tax issues, and was [welcomed by the G20 finance ministers](#) at their February meeting in Shanghai. Amid the growing importance of taxation in the debate to achieve the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), a major aim of the Platform is to better frame technical advice to developing countries as they seek both more capacity support and greater influence in designing international rules.

Among the Platform's first tasks will be to deliver a number of 'toolkits' designed to help developing countries implement the measures developed under the G20/OECD Base Erosion and Profit Shifting Project and on other international tax issues. The [first of these toolkits, focusing on tax incentives](#), was delivered in November. There will be an important link to the new BEPS implementation framework. Platform members will hold regular meetings with representatives of developing countries, regional tax organizations, banks and donors. Consultations with business and civil society will be organized as needed.

More information about the Platform for Collaboration on Tax is provided in the "[Concept Note](#)", jointly developed by the four international organizations.

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