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Network of Tax Organisations Adopts New Member-Led Governance Framework

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The member organisations of the **Network of Tax Organisations (NTO)** today signed a renewed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in Arusha, Tanzania, marking a significant milestone in the evolution of the Network and reaffirming their commitment to strengthening cooperation among regional and international tax administration organisations worldwide.

Established in 2018, the NTO is a global network of regional and international tax organisations that works to strengthen tax administrations through cooperation, peer learning, knowledge sharing, the development of common products and services, and the representation of members' interests in international fora. Since its establishment, the Network has served as a platform for collaboration among regional tax organisations, promoting the exchange of experiences, expertise and best practices in tax administration.

The signing of the renewed MoU formalises an important transition in the Network's development through the establishment of a **member-led Secretariat and governance framework**. This new arrangement reflects the collective commitment of members to take ownership of the strategic direction, governance and implementation of the NTO's activities, while reinforcing the principles of equality, transparency, voluntary participation and mutual cooperation that underpin the Network.

The signatories to the MoU are:

- African Tax Administration Forum (ATAF)
- Association of Tax Authorities of Islamic Countries (ATAIC)
- Commonwealth Association of Tax Administrators (CATA)
- Inter-American Centre of Tax Administrations (CIAT)
- Caribbean Organisation of Tax Administrators (COTA)
- Centre for Exchange and Studies of Tax Administration Leaders (CREDAF)
- Intra-European Organisation of Tax Administrations (IOTA)
- Pacific Islands Tax Administrators Association (PITAA)
- Study Group on Asia-Pacific Tax Administration and Research (SGATAR)
- West African Tax Administration Forum (WATAF).

Through the renewed MoU, the member organisations reaffirm their shared commitment to advancing the objectives of the NTO and to working together in areas of common interest. This includes strengthening tax administrations through peer learning and knowledge exchange, promoting cooperation and coordination among regional and international tax organisations, undertaking joint initiatives and capacity-building activities, and contributing to the development of effective and modern tax administration practices around the world.

The members further commit to leveraging the NTO as a trusted global platform for collaboration, innovation and dialogue, while respecting the independence and autonomy of each participating organisation. By working collectively and harnessing the strengths and experiences of their respective members, the NTO will continue to support tax administrations in addressing emerging challenges and opportunities in an increasingly interconnected global environment.

The signatories welcomed the transition to the member-led Secretariat model as a testament to the maturity of the Network and as a foundation for its continued growth and sustainability. They expressed confidence that the renewed governance arrangements will strengthen member ownership, enhance cooperation across regions, and support the effective delivery of the NTO's mandate in the years ahead.

The signatories paid tribute to the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) as core donor and the support of the European Union, where NTO Secretariat was facilitated through the International Tax Compact (ITC), that is implemented by the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH for their steadfast support and commitment to the Network of Tax Organisations since its inception in 2018. Their contribution to the establishment, development and operationalisation of the NTO has been instrumental in fostering cooperation among regional tax organisations and enabling the Network to evolve into the member-led organisation it is today. The members expressed their sincere gratitude for this support and acknowledged the lasting legacy of BMZ and the EU in strengthening the Network and preparing it for this new phase of member-led governance.

As the Network enters this new chapter, the members reaffirm their determination to work together in a spirit of partnership and solidarity to strengthen tax administration cooperation globally and to contribute to more effective, efficient and resilient revenue administrations for the benefit of the countries and communities they serve.

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