

**Platform for Collaboration on Tax  
First Global Conference on Taxation and SDGs**

**Platform Partners' Statement at the Closing of the Conference**

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**The Platform and its role**

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) set ambitious targets for all countries, to end all forms of poverty, fight inequalities and tackle climate change, while ensuring that no one is left behind. Achieving these goals requires enormous financial resources. The Addis Ababa Action Agenda recognizes that much of the increased public financing to reach these goals will have to be generated domestically. Taxation has a key role to play in financing the SDGs. At the same time, an era of unprecedented international cooperation on tax is underway with the implementation of Automatic Exchange of Information, the Base Erosion and Profit Shifting project, and the strengthening of the United Nations Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters—all creating new opportunities for the enhanced participation of developing countries in international tax policy discussions and institutions, but also new challenges to fully realizing the benefits of international cooperation on tax.

It is in this context that the Platform for Collaboration on Tax was formed. The Platform Partners, International Monetary Fund (IMF), Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), United N





## **Taxation and the SDGs**

As this conference has shown, tax structures affect society and the economy in many ways beyond a narrow financing focus: equality, in its many dimensions, impacting investment and growth; empowerment of women; sustainability of the environment; extraction of natural resources; and many other concerns central to the achievement of the SDGs. While the Platform Partners already work on all these topics, through analysis, standard setting, and technical assistance to member countries, there is scope for