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3rd NTO Technical Conference convenes in Panama

On Tuesday 18 February, the 3rd NTO Technical Conference kicked off in Panama. The biennial flagship event of the [Network of Tax Organisations \(NTO\)](#), hosted by CIAT, has brought together a total of 255 participants in situ and online to discuss the challenges and opportunities of today's digital tax landscape.

“With this conference, the NTO once again creates value to its members and underlines its importance in the international tax landscape. Seven years after its inception, the NTO has matured and firmly positioned itself as a dynamic platform for international collaboration and dialogue on tax.”

High-level opening remarks by Niels Schütt, Head of Division for Sustainable Development Financing at the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ).

“The best channel for knowledge sharing is peer-to-peer.”

High-level opening remarks by Marcio F. Verdi, Executive Secretary of the Inter-American Centre of Tax Administrations and Conference host.

The rapid digitalisation of the global economy has transformed how income is generated, value is distributed, and economic activities are conducted, resulting in significant challenges for tax authorities. Digital platforms, blockchain, crypto assets, e-commerce, and

the gig economy have redefined traditional taxation concepts like place of supply and permanent establishment, complicating enforcement and jurisdiction

The three-day Conference of the Network of Tax Organisations (NTO), under the theme [“Navigating the digital tax landscape: E-commerce, sharing platforms, and trade in crypto assets”](#), will serve as a platform for international tax experts and tax administrations worldwide to discuss these challenges, share experiences, and explore practical approaches.

The [Centro Interamericano de Administraciones Tributarias \(CIAT\)](#), one of the ten NTO member tax organisations, are the hosts of this year’s Conference. Leading professionals in taxation and international finance have gathered in Panama City and online under the umbrella of the NTO. These include Executive Secretaries and Directors from regional and international tax organisations, as well as senior officials from ministries, revenue authorities, and global and institutions such as the IMF, OECD, and IDB. Together, they bring their collective experience and expertise to enrich the global dialogue on the challenges and opportunities of today’s digital tax landscape.

Out of a total of 255 registered participants, 141 delegates are attending onsite, and with more than 200 online attendees during the first day.

Over the next three days, the diversity of expert voices will offer meaningful contributions on cutting-edge matters related to the taxation of digital assets.

“This Conference supports EU’s objective to enhance compliance and foster international cooperation to create more transparent, efficient, and equitable tax frameworks.”

High-level opening remarks by Nathalie Brajard vom Stein, Deputy Head of Unit for “Macroeconomic analysis, Fiscal Policies and Budget Support, Global Partnerships with IFIS” in the Directorate in charge of “Sustainable Finance, Jobs and Growth, an Economy that works for the People” of the European Commission’s DG INTPA for “International Partnerships”.

“This Conference is the testament of our collective commitment to transparency and efficiency in tax administrations.”

High-level opening remarks by Esther Koisin, Executive Director of the Commonwealth Association of Tax Administrators (CATA) and Head of the NTO Council.

Technical conferences are flagship events of the NTO and demonstrate the convening influence of 10 regional and international tax organisations. They represent a significant contribution to the global dialogue on international tax cooperation and revenue administration matters.

Previous NTO Technical Conferences:

[1st NTO Technical Conference 2021: Building Stronger Partnerships to Fight Tax-Related Illicit Financial Flows](#)

[2nd NTO Technical Conference 2023: Digitalisation of Tax Administrations and Contemporary Issues](#)

About the NTO

The [Network of Tax Organisations \(NTO\)](#) is a network of ten regional and international tax organisations that aims to develop and promote effective tax systems as a means to contribute to the well-being of people.

The NTO was founded in May 2018 in Ottawa, Canada, and brings together 10 member organisations that represent over 193 national tax jurisdictions worldwide. Jointly, the NTO aims to develop the capacity of its members and foster international collaboration and dialogue on tax in support of effective Domestic Revenue Mobilisation (DRM).

The [International Tax Compact \(ITC\)](#) facilitates the Secretariat of the NTO. The ITC is currently funded by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), co-funded by the European Union, and implemented by the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit GmbH (GIZ).



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