

Study Group on Asia-Pacific Tax Administration and Research (SGATAR)

MISSION STATEMENT:

“To provide a platform to enhance the performance of tax administrations in the Asia-Pacific region by promoting collaboration and communication amongst member tax administrations.”

FOUNDING DATE: 1970

SECRETARIAT LOCATION: Rotational among members

TYPES OF MEMBERSHIP: Full members, observers

OFFICIAL LANGUAGES: English

BASIS OF MEMBERSHIP: Asia Pacific Region

MEMBERS:

Australia, Cambodia, People’s Republic of China, Chinese Taipei, Hong Kong SAR, Indonesia, Japan, Lao People’s Democratic Republic, Macao SAR, Malaysia, Mongolia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, South Korea, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam

GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE:

The organisational structure of SGATAR comprises the SGATAR Taskforce, the Steering Committee, the Heads of Delegation and the Drafting Committee. The Taskforce is composed of three member jurisdictions: the previous year’s host jurisdiction, the current year’s host jurisdiction, and the following year’s host jurisdiction. The Taskforce, chaired by the SGATAR Chair, oversees the work of SGATAR and comprises Commissioners from the member jurisdictions. The Steering Committee, which comprises the Commissioners from the three Taskforce member jurisdictions, oversees the work of the Taskforce. The Heads of Delegation, who represent the member jurisdictions, play a key role in decision-making at the SGATAR Annual Meeting. They consider and approve the SGATAR Annual Meeting Summary and make decisions by consensus. The Drafting Committee is responsible for determining the format and style of the Final Report of the SGATAR Annual Meeting. The Drafting Committee sessions take place after each Working Group session.

