

West African Tax Administration Forum (WATAF)

FOUNDING DATE:	12 th September 2011
SECRETARIAT LOCATION:	Abuja, Nigeria
BASIS OF MEMBERSHIP:	West African countries
TYPES OF MEMBERSHIP:	Full membership, associate membership, development partners
MEMBERS:	Benin, Burkina Faso, Cabo Verde, Côte d'Ivoire, The Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Liberia, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Togo
OFFICIAL LANGUAGES:	English, French, Portuguese
MISSION STATEMENT:	WATAF shall provide a platform to encourage strong collaboration amongst all ECOWAS member states towards the improvement of the quality of tax administration in the respective States
GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE:	The WATAF Secretariat made up of the Executive Secretary and appointed officials perform administrative tasks and support members with technical assistance. The biannual WATAF General Assembly consists of Heads of tax administrations or their authorised representatives. Its work includes approving work programmes and budgets, electing the WATAF Council and providing it with a mandate to engage development partners, and deciding the membership of each committee. The Council has five elected members who are the Heads of member's tax administrations (or their authorised representatives). Council members hold their office for the two years between General Assemblies, except Nigeria which is a permanent member of the Council as the host of the WATAF Secretariat.

