

“The Platform for Collaboration on Tax: A major step to boost international Cooperation in tax matters”

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**How does CIAT go about
supporting member countries?**



CIAT: Member countries Tax Administrations

Some institutional logos



DIRECTION GÉNÉRALE DES
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IMPUESTOS NACIONALES



Government of the Netherlands



Kenya Revenue Authority



Servicio de Administración Tributaria



- **How we work**

- Knowing demands and offers on technical assistance from member countries
- Building partnerships with international and regional organizations
- Strengthening CIAT international networks
- Designing and implementing technical assistance programs focused on the demands of the tax administrations
- Obtaining funding from donor agencies
- Updating and expanding the CIAT Taxation Training Program
- Making tax studies and tax research



CIAT Cooperation Networks

Integrated by specialist of CIAT Member Countries TA's

- **Correspondents network**
- **Tax Administrations Studies Areas network**
- **TA's Legal Areas network**
- **Network of Competent Contacts for tax information exchange purposes**
- **International taxation network**



**What are the capacity
development needs of LAC
countries in the area of tax?**



Specific challenges and constraints of TA's from a regional perspective

Tax planning schemes

- Thin capitalization
- Financial instruments hybrids and others
- Management expenses
- Abuse of treaties

Main constraints of the own tax Administrations

- Knowledge management
Research, data processing and tax intelligence
- Human resources management
New studies and audit officials profiles
Specialization of Auditors by sectors of the economy
- The continuous improvement of the processes of audit
Analysis and risk management
Cooperative compliance
National and international inter-agency coordination
Mutual administrative assistance



Main aspects of interest in countries of Latin America and the Caribbean Regarding BEPS issues

- Exchange of information and mutual administrative assistance between tax administrations
- Effective implementation of tax information exchange (implementation of conventions) and strengthening of international taxation units by administrations
- International tax fraud; risk analysis and risk management; tax intelligence

Which implies working on topics such as:

- Establish or improve national legislation to prevent tax evasion
- Control of transfer pricing: information; data bases; permanent training
- Advance Pricing Agreements (APA)
- Bilateral Advance Pricing Agreements (BAPA)
- Multilateral Advance Pricing Agreements (MAPA)
- Automatic exchange of information



What role has cooperation with international organizations played so far? What has worked well and what could have worked better?



Principal activities realized by CIAT during 2015 - 2016

International Taxation topics

Capacity building of the Tax Administration

South to South Cooperation between CIAT Members





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Ecuador
Argentina



NUMBER OF EVENTS

14

FINANCED

64%

PARTICIPANTS

Latin America
Caribbean
Europe
Africa
Asia

AVERAGE PARTICIPANTS

20

TOPICS DISCUSSED

- International Taxation
- Combating corruption and financial crimes
- Combating tax evasion and tax avoidance
- Recovery and Collection
- Information sources to improve compliance and prevent tax fraud
- GAAR
- Taxation and environment





STUDY VISITS

FINANCED

70%

QUANTITY

10

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TOPICS DISCUSSED

- Control of Large Companies
- Taxpayer service
- Transfer pricing
- Risk management
- Electronic invoicing
- Management of taxpayer by tax relevancy
- Registry and location of taxpayers

BENEFICIARIES

Jamaica
Cuba
T&T
Colombia
Argentina
Mexico
Ecuador

PROVIDERS

Dominican Republic
Ecuador
México
Uruguay
Argentina
France
India



SHORT TERM TECHNICAL ASSISTANCES

FINANCED

100%

Quantity

27

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Topics discussed

- International taxation
- Taxpayers service
- Enforced collection
- Electronic invoicing
- GAAR
- Income tax – capital
- Tax intelligence
- Information access
- Risk management
- Audit of large companies
- Technology
- Collection
- Massive controls

BENEFICIARIES

Costa Rica, Brazil, Bolivia, Uruguay, Guatemala, Bolivia, Chile, Ecuador, El Salvador, Surinam, Guyana, Barbados, Nicaragua, Honduras.

PROVIDERS

CIAT Executive Secretariat, CIAT Network Members, Mexico, Bolivia, Uruguay, United Kingdom, France, Chile, Italy, Peru, Spain and Ecuador.

- **The most recent activities on Tax Capacity Building**
- Dissemination of the inclusive framework (Montevideo, Sept. 21 to 23)
 - First Regional Meeting of the Inclusive Framework on Erosion of the Tax Base and Profit Shifting (BEPS) for CIAT Latin American and Caribbean countries (LAC). Ministry of Finance, OECD, WB, IDB and CIAT organized the meeting.
- Strengthening of the tax administrations (Miami, Oct. 10 to 12)
 - CIAT International Technology Meeting gathered tax administrations, software development technological firms, international organizations and cooperation agencies related to CIAT.

Electronic invoicing and the automatic exchange of tax information were two relevant topics considered in the agenda.
- RTO Coordination for sharing knowledge, publications and best practices (Miami, Oct. 13)
 - CIAT Executive Secretariat met (face to face and tele conference) with other regional tax organizations with the founding of the German Cooperation – ITC. Canada initiative Knowledge Sharing Platform was invited.





Extract of the Declaration of the CIAT Member Countries CIAT 50th Anniversary

“There is also consensus among the CIAT members that all elements of the G20-OECD Base Erosion and Profit Shifting project be considered key elements in their endeavor to improve their tax administrations.

As we commemorate our 50th anniversary this declaration voices our main challenges in the coming decades and provides guidance on recommended approaches toward meeting those challenges.

With greater collaboration and cooperation amongst its members and all tax administrations, and the endless vital support received from international organizations, these challenges will be met.”



How could the Platform improve cooperation with regional organizations in general and with CIAT in particular?



Involve us on the front end

Keep us informed

Cooperation

Communicate

Coordinate

Collaborate





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Main sources:

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CIAT: Tax Expenditures and Incentives in Latin America

CIAT: Declaration CIAT Member Countries 50 Institutional Anniversary

CIAT / CEPAL / OECD / IADB: Tax Revenues Statistics

CIAT: State of Tax Revenue Administrations in LAC (on final edition)

