

# Inaugural Meeting of The Ethiopian Tax Research Network (ETRN)

20<sup>th</sup> September 2017, Capital Hotel, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

## Programme

- 09:00 – 10:00 **Opening remarks: H.E. Dr Abraham Tekeste**, *Ethiopian Minister of Finance and Economic Cooperation (MOFEC)*
- 10:00 – 10:30 Coffee break
- 10:30 – 12:00 **Keynote talk: Prof Mick Moore**, *Chief Executive Officer of the International Centre for Tax and Development (ICTD)*
- 12:00 – 12:30 **Overview of the ETRN: Dr Giulia Mascagni**, *Research Director, International Centre for Tax and Development (ICTD)* and **Tobias Haque**, *Senior Programme Officer, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation*
- 12:30 – 13:30 Lunch
- 13:30 – 15:00 **Policy and Research Panel 1**  
**Chair: Giulia Mascagni**, *Research Director, ICTD*
1. The Response of Tax Payers to Increased Enforcement through the Introduction of ICT Technologies: A Natural Experiment in Ethiopia  
**Presenter: Andalem Telaye Mengistu**, *Senior Researcher, EDRI*
  2. Determinants of Voluntary Tax Compliance Behaviour in the Self-Assessment System: Evidence from Selected Cities in SNNPRS, Ethiopia  
**Presenter: Niway Ayalew & Wondwossen Jerene**, *Arba Minch University*
  3. Taxation and Assignment of Revenue from Natural Resources in Ethiopian Federation: Comparative Perspective  
**Presenter: Habtamu Tilahun Shewafera**, *ERCA*
- 15:00 – 15:30 Coffee break
- 15:30 – 17:00 **Policy and Research Panel 2**  
**Chair: Girma Gebretsadik**, *General Manager, Herfazy Consult*
1. Employment Income Tax Exemption through Letters: Issues of Legality and Equality  
**Presenter: Ataklti Weldeabzgi Tsegay**, *MOFEC*
  2. The Impact of IFRS on Income Tax Administration  
**Presenter: Dawit Tadesse**, *Consultant and Academic, L+ Consultancy*
  3. The Macroeconomic Effects of Fiscal Policy (Taxation and expenditure) Shock in Ethiopia: Evidence from a Bayesian VAR Approach  
**Presenter: Kumadebis Tamiru**, *Wollega University*
- 17:00 – 17:10 **Closing remarks**

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# The Official Launch of the Ethiopian Tax Research Network

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September, 9:00am - 5:00pm

The Capital Hotel, Addis Ababa

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With funding from the **Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation**, the **International Centre for Tax and Development (ICTD)** is launching the **Ethiopian Tax Research Network (ETRN)**.

The purpose of the ETRN is to support the generation and exchange of tax knowledge in Ethiopia, with stakeholders including tax practitioners and researchers from Ethiopian and international organisations.

The day will begin with introductory remarks by **His Excellency Dr Abraham Tekeste** (Minister of Finance and Economic Cooperation), followed by a keynote by **Professor Mick Moore** (CEO of the ICTD).

The afternoon will feature research and policy panels, with a variety of presentations of work done on tax issues in Ethiopia. If you have any work related to taxation in Ethiopia you would like to present, please send a one-page abstract (and associated paper if you have one) to [etrn@ictd.ac](mailto:etrn@ictd.ac) by **August 23rd**.

All individuals with an interest in taxation in Ethiopia are invited to attend.

**Lunch and refreshments will be provided.**

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