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AFRICAN UNION TO HOST TECHNICAL WORKSHOP ON REVENUE STATISTICS IN AFRICA

- WHAT:** Technical Workshop on Revenue Statistics in Africa
- WHEN:** 12 to 13 October, 2017
- WHERE:** African Union Commission Headquarters in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
- WHO:** Organised by the Department of Economic Affairs of the African Union Commission (AUC) in collaboration with the African Tax Administration Forum (ATAF) and the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)
- WHY:** Launch of the Second Edition of Revenue Statistics in Africa

Objectives:

The objective of the planned workshop is for senior and technical government officials of Member States to:

- Discuss the findings of the Second Edition of Revenue Statistics in Africa, which includes 16 countries
- Exchange on country-specific conditions impacting revenue collection
- Share experiences and co-create practical tools to better use tax revenue data
- Shape the third edition of the publication, which aims to cover at least 20 countries
- Work on the third edition of Revenue Statistics in Africa

This will also be an opportunity to increase the number of countries participating in the publication by presenting to interested countries the benefits of joining the publication and discuss how they can be part of the third edition.

BACKGROUND

Revenue Statistics in Africa 2017 includes revenue data for twice as many countries as the first edition, providing comparable information on tax and non-tax revenue for 16 participating countries: Cabo Verde, Cameroon, Democratic Republic of Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, Kenya, Mauritius, Morocco, Niger, Rwanda, Senegal, South Africa, Swaziland, Togo, Tunisia

and Uganda. It also examines changes in both the level and the composition of tax and non-tax revenue between 1990 and 2015.

The approach is based on the methodology used in the OECD Revenue Statistics database. The report includes comparisons with the average for OECD economies and for those featured in Revenue Statistics in Latin America and the Caribbean.

The report is produced jointly by the African Tax Administration Forum, the AUC and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), with the financial support of the European Commission and technical support from the African Development Bank, the World Customs Organization and the Centre de Rencontres et d'Etudes des Dirigeants des Administrations Fiscales.

The report contributes to improving the understanding and monitoring of domestic resource mobilisation in Africa, a priority of the 10-year implementation plan of the AUC's Agenda 2063, the United Nations Addis Ababa Action Agenda on Financing for Development and Sustainable Development Goal 17.1.

Revenue Statistics in Africa 2017 will be under embargo until Thursday 12 October, 13h00 CET (14h00 in Addis Ababa). Advance copies will be available in both English and French.

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Journalists are invited to cover the Event on 12 to 13 October, 2017 at the AU Headquarters in Addis Ababa.

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