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*Welcome to our new Tax Inspectors Without Borders (TIWB) website which expresses our vision of sharing tax knowledge and expertise for tax administrations worldwide. The new website is designed to engage our many stakeholders and partners on this exciting journey.*

*Following agreement in 2015 of universal and transformative Sustainable Development Goals and targets set under the Addis Ababa Action Agenda, there are now comprehensive and far-reaching objectives to support developing countries on domestic resource mobilization, including increased international tax cooperation.*

*It is in this context that TIWB will provide support to developing countries, mainly by working with tax administrations to facilitate improvements in the quality and consistency of tax audits and related practices, providing greater certainty for taxpayers and encouraging a culture of compliance through more effective enforcement. The TIWB Programme experts will help to even the playing field and help requesting developing countries strengthen their ability to challenge complex avoidance schemes and improve overall compliance in international tax.*

*Launched in June 2015 at the Addis Ababa UN Financing for Development Conference as a joint initiative of OECD and UNDP, the TIWB Programme has already proved to be a smart form of development assistance having generated in excess of US\$260 million in additional tax revenue from 2012 to date. This includes more than \$100 million in new tax revenues generated through TIWB audits in Zimbabwe, demonstrating the tremendous potential for future projects.*

*Looking ahead, we have an ambitious goal to scale-up the assistance and facilitate at least 100 expert deployments in the developing world between 2016 and 2020 including the development of more South-South cooperation.*

*Thank you for your interest and I welcome your support for the TIWB Programme.*



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