



# Capacity Building: BRICS Perspective

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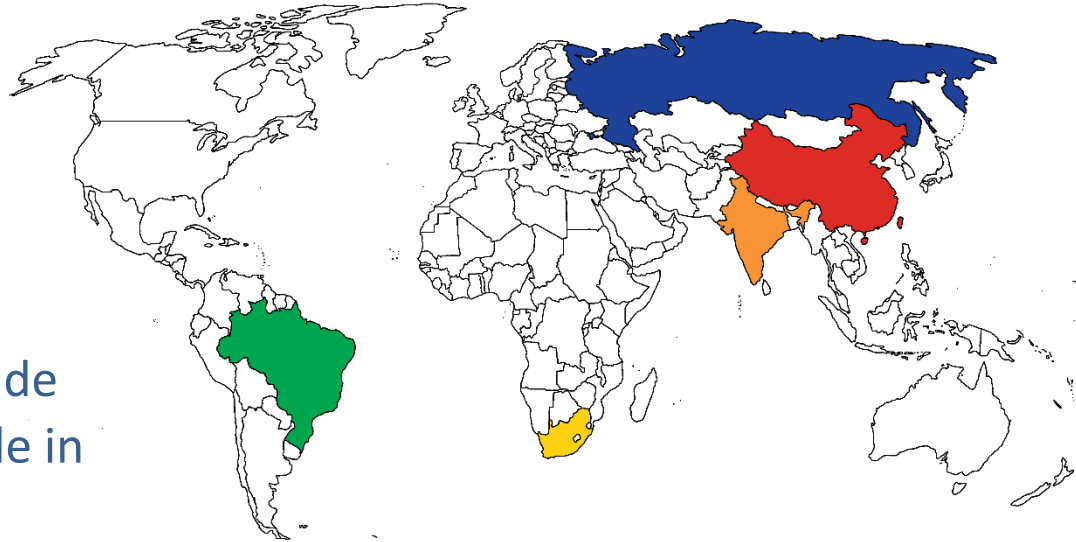
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# An Overview of BRICS

## BRICS' share in global indicators

- 43% of population
- 30% of total land area
- 21% of GDP
- 45% of agricultural production
- 17% of merchandise trade
- 13% of commercial trade in services



# BRICS Meetings of Heads of Revenue

## BRICS countries Heads of Revenue meetings:

- New Delhi, January 2013
- Moscow, May 2013
- Moscow, November 2015

## Moscow meeting Agenda:

- BEPS Action Plan
- CRS, CTS, AEOI
- **Supporting engagement of developing countries**



# Extending the Reach of Cooperation and Building Capacity

## Moscow Communiqué 2015

- Building a fair and modern global tax system requires the involvement of as many countries and jurisdictions as possible
- Deeper engagement of developing countries in the international tax system
- Commitment to work closely with developing countries to facilitate and deepen collective involvement in the implementation of BEPS measures as well as to share best practices in international taxation

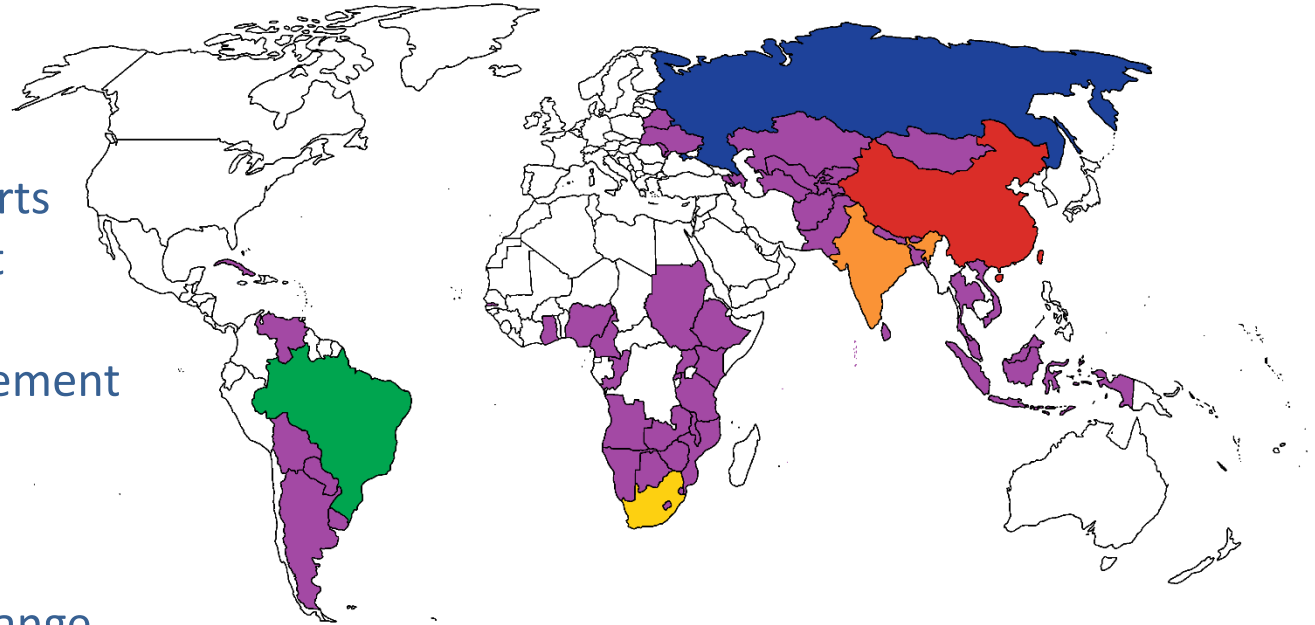
# Assisting Developing Countries

## Forms of assistance

- Workshops
- Study visits
- Provision of experts
- Technical support

## Main themes

- Audit and enforcement
- Service delivery
- Indirect taxation
- Transfer pricing
- Information exchange
- IT infrastructure
- Human resources



# Capacity Building Activities by Federal Revenue of Brazil

- Continuous exchange of experiences with other tax administrations – mainly Countries in Latin America and Africa.
- Negotiating cooperation agreements with other countries besides promoting technical visits and training projects.
- In 2015, promoted the IV meeting of Experts of Public Sector in Brasilia and was attended by delegations from Argentina, Bolivia, Paraguay and Uruguay. Topics – BEPS Project and AEOI.

# Capacity Building Activities by Federal Tax Service of Russia

- FTS is sharing its knowledge with the countries in the region within the framework of the Coordinating Council of Heads of Tax Administrations of the CIS Member Countries.
- Russia has assisted Armenia, Belarus, Kazakhstan and Kirgizia in implementing automatic exchange of tax information by transferring technology to these countries.
- Russia is always keen on inviting representatives from tax administrations from neighboring countries to take part in the workshops which are co-organized by the OECD and the FTS.

# Capacity Building Activities by Tax Administration of Government of India

- India organised following Seminars/Training Programmes for SAARC countries (India, Pakistan, Nepal, Maldives, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Afghanistan and Sri Lanka)
  - Seminar on Automation and System Management (11-14 July, 2011)
  - Seminar on International Taxation and Transfer Pricing (4-7 March, 2014)
  - Seminar on Taxation Issues in Digital Economy (17-20 March, 2015)
  - Modern Techniques of Investigation and Intelligence Gathering (17-20 March, 2016)



# Capacity Building Activities by Tax Administration of Government of India

- Assistance in form of Resource Persons/Experts
  - SAARC Seminar on Corporate Taxation Issues at Colombo, Sri Lanka during 20-23 February, 2012
  - Regional Seminar on Tax Transparency and EOI for tax purposes during 9-12 September, 2013 in Manila, Philippines.
  - OECD Global Relations Programme “Exchange of Information” from 27-31 October, 2014 in Indonesia.
  - Workshop on EOI organised by Global Forum on Transparency & exchange of Information at Tanzania.

# Capacity Building Activities by Tax Administration of Government of India

- Visit of 10 Officers from National Board of Revenue, Bangladesh in 2014 to get practical knowledge about operation of forensic lab, administration and procedures regarding withholding taxes and experience sharing on tax evasion, search and seizure, data extraction, forensic analysis.
- Bhutanese tax officials are being provided short, medium and long-term training under the Technical Cooperation Scheme (TCS) of the Colombo plan.
- 2 days study visit of Officials from Tax Administration Services of Mexico on topic of Risk Assessment in Transfer Pricing (18-19 February, 2016).

# Capacity Building Activities by SAT, People's Republic of China

- Providing Staff Training

- Bilateral Training

- 2 workshops for Mongolia Taxation Administration on Risk Management and Tax Service and Tax Administration in 2010 and 2012

- Multi-lateral trainings

- 2 seminars for 82 tax officials from 18 developing countries on Tax Administration and Taxpayer Service in 2015
    - 4 workshops with tax officials from over 30 developing countries

# Capacity Building Activities by SAT, People's Republic of China

- Expertise Assistance
  - 4 senior tax officials sent to Malaysia and Korea as tax experts since 2009
- Exchange of visits
  - In four of 2015 SAT Foreign Missions, including Inner Mongolia-Mongolia, Heilongjiang Province-Russia, Xinjiang-Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan, tax officials shared Chinese experience in response to special needs of local tax administration.
  - In 2010, SAT invited delegation of Thailand to visit Human State Taxation Bureau.
  - Within the framework of SGARTAR, SAT takes advantage of annual meeting as well as working level meeting to exchange views with other members on issues such as transfer pricing, information exchange and challenges, risks as well as other administrative topics concerning taxation.

# Capacity Building Activities by SAT, People's Republic of China

- Taking lead of the FTA Capacity Building Programme
  - SAT cooperated with Canada Revenue Agency in jointly developing the FTA Capacity Building Programme aimed at probing into existing problems of developing countries capacity building and suggesting paths to solve this problem. This will contribute towards implementation of BEPS, CRS and other capacity building initiative.

# Capacity Building Activities by South Africa Revenue Service

- Organising Seminars and visit of delegations to discuss topics and issues.

## Seminars

Date	Topic	Countries
25-29 July 2011	Mining Taxation	Angola, Botswana, Cameroon, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe.
20-24 Feb 2012	Audit and enforcement Investigations	Botswana, Lesotho, Mozambique, Namibia, Rwanda, Seychelles, Swaziland, Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe

# Capacity Building Activities by South Africa Revenue Service

Period	Topic	Countries / Agencies
03-07 Dec 2012	Service and Channel Management workshop	Angola, Botswana, Kenya, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe and Swaziland
26-29 Oct 2015	Process and Information Management	Angola, Botswana, Kenya, Malawi, Namibia, Swaziland, Tanzania, Uganda and Zimbabwe
01-04 Dec 2015	Internal Audit	Angola, Botswana, Ethiopia, Kenya, Lesotho, Namibia, Swaziland, Uganda, Zimbabwe and Zambia

# Capacity Building Activities by South Africa Revenue Service

## Visits of various delegations

Period	No of Visits	Countries / Agencies
May to December 2009	11	Russia, Lesotho, Botswana, South Korea Customs, DRC, HMRC, Agha Khan Foundation and Zimbabwe
March to December 2010	10	South Korea- Seoul, Tanzania Revenue Authority, Uganda, Mauritius, Southern Sudan, Tanzania, Rwanda, Bangladesh, Zimbabwe and Swaziland



# Capacity Building Activities by South Africa Revenue Service

Period	No of visits	Countries / Agencies
January to December 2011	17	India, Tanzania, Namibia, Lesotho, Zambia, Botswana, Seychelles Revenue Commission, Zimbabwe, China, Nigeria, Mauritius Revenue Authority, Palestine, Swaziland and Bangladesh
January to December 2012	19	Rwanda, Swaziland, Angola, Kenya, Indonesia, Botswana, Tanzania, Swaziland, Zimbabwe, United Nations, Central Bank of Malaysia and 12 African Countries

# Capacity Building Activities by South Africa Revenue Service

Period	No of Visits	Countries / Agencies
April 2013 to March 2014	23	Botswana, Gambia, Nigeria, Namibia, Uganda, Malaysia, Swaziland, Rwanda, Zambia, 2 BURS attachment, Zambia, Tanzania, Zimbabwe, Congo and South Sudan
April 2014 to March 2015	19	Tanzania, Sudan, Swaziland, Uganda, Malawi, Kenya, Zambia, Nigeria, Botswana and Swaziland
April 2015 to March 2016	11	Tanzania, Uganda, Kenya, Republic of Sudan, Mozambique Revenue Authority, ATAF, Ghana and Swaziland

# Plans for 2016-2018

## BRICS countries are committed to continue their efforts in capacity building

- Arranging multi-lateral workshops
- Conducting projects aimed at improving tax administration
- Supporting developing countries in tackling global tax challenges
- Promoting participation of experts in events organized by global and regional international organizations
- Exchanging ideas and knowledge, sharing best practices and expertise

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