



### **Topic 3: The positive role of the Belt and Road Initiative Tax Administration Cooperation Mechanism (BRITACOM) in promoting cooperation among tax administrations**

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CIAT (Inter-American Centre of Tax Administrations) is honored to collaborate with the Belt and Road Initiative Tax Administration Cooperation Mechanism (BRITACOM) as an Observer organization since its foundation, and to be part of its Advisory Board, as well as of the Belt and Road Initiative Tax Journal (BRITJ) Editorial Advisory Board.

Along these years our participation in BRITACOM activities (BRITACOF conferences, Belt and Road Initiative Tax Journal, task forces, workshops and seminars) enriched our knowledge of the last developments in areas like tax certainty, capacity building in tax administrations and tax administrations digitalization, allowing us also to share with the international community the best practices of our member countries in these fields.

Our mission at CIAT is to promote international cooperation and the exchange of experiences and information and provide technical assistance, studies, and training, thus contributing to the strengthening of tax administrations, and the promotion of equitable development in member countries. And in BRITACOM we have found a reliable partner to continue strengthening our partnerships around the world in order to fulfill our mission.

The Belt and Road Initiative 10th anniversary is the perfect occasion to congratulate BRITACOM for all its successes along the last decade. These years have not been easy, especially due to the health and humanitarian crisis we all have been through. From CIAT we want to thank BRITACOM and all the international partners for their efforts to overcome the difficulties and to continue cooperating together to enhance tax administrations efficiency to the benefit of economic growth and the world population wellness.

As Mr. Sheldon Cohen -first President of CIAT's Executive Council in 1967, more than fifty years ago- stated reflecting about CIAT's foundation: "when you have some cooperation, is easier to have more cooperation". And this 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of BRITACOM is a great example.



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