



# UPDATE

## The Belt and Road Initiative Tax Administration Cooperation Mechanism

### The Second Belt and Road Initiative Tax Administration Cooperation Forum

The Second Belt and Road Initiative Tax Administration Cooperation Forum (BRITACOF) themed “Digitalization of Tax Administration” was convened virtually between 7-9 September, with heads and representatives of tax authorities from 61 jurisdictions in attendance including Algeria, China, Kazakhstan, Russia, Sierra Leone, Singapore, UAE, Uruguay. Heads of 12 international organizations, as well as representatives from the academia and the business also participated in this successful event.



The three-day event, hosted by the State Revenue Committee of the Ministry of Finance of Kazakhstan, features 4 topics, namely Tax Administration Digitalization, Tax Service Digitalization, New Technologies in Taxation, and Tax Related Data Governance. Aiming at facilitating the

establishment of a growth-friendly tax environment in the new era, it opens another chapter of digitalized tax administration in the information age, promote taxation development against the backdrop of the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), and contribute to the global economic recovery through sound development of the BRITACOM and enhanced capacity of tax administration.

There are important deliverables along the successful conclusion of the 2nd BRITACOF, namely, the Joint Statement, the new Action Plan, the Annual Report, and the Final Reports of Five Task Forces of the Wuzhen Action Plan (2019-2021).

See more at: [https://www.britacom.org/xw\\_7086/jzdt/202109/t20210909\\_1121173.html](https://www.britacom.org/xw_7086/jzdt/202109/t20210909_1121173.html)

### **Post-BRITACOF Work**

#### **➤ Publishing Outcomes**

Immediately after the event on September 9, the BRITACOM Secretariat issued the press release on the Second BRITACOF, uploaded outcomes of the Forum, namely the [Joint Statement of the Second Belt and Road Initiative Tax Administration Cooperation Forum](#), the [Nur-Sultan Action Plan \(2022-2024\)](#), and the [Annual Report of the Belt and Road Initiative Tax Administration Cooperation Mechanism \(2021\)](#), and launched the Virtual Exhibition on the official website of the BRITACOM. After that, the Secretariat released the video entitled *Update of the BRITACOM*, recordings and photos of the Plenary Sessions of the Forum, and the five Final Reports of the *Wuzhen Action Plan (2019-2021)* Task Forces one after another. The above materials are categorized and published in columns of News, Resources, BRITACOF, and Virtual Exhibition on the BRITACOM official website.

See more of the outcomes at: <https://www.britacom.org/gkzljxz/Documents/>

See more of the Virtual Exhibition at: [https://www.britacom.org/news/exhibition\\_2/](https://www.britacom.org/news/exhibition_2/)

#### **➤ Releasing News**

The 2nd BRITACOF participants also released the news. Up till now, 11 countries and regions including Russia, Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, Uruguay, Cambodia, Georgia, Sierra Leone, Namibia, Algeria, Hong Kong China, Macao China and two international organizations, i.e., the International Tax and Investment Center (ITIC) and the Inter-American Center of Tax Administrations (CIAT)

have published news related to this forum on their websites. Meanwhile, the Secretariat has selected close-up pictures of each guest speaker of the Forum among a myriad of photos and sent the pictures to the speakers as a keepsake.

➤ **Sending Letters of Appreciation**

The BRITACOM Secretariat has sent thank-you letters to all participating delegations shortly after the Forum, expressing sincere gratitude to them for their participation in and contribution to the 2nd BRITACOF, informing them that they can download the videos, pictures, slides, and texts of the Forum on the official website of the BRITACOM, and inviting them to continue to support the BRITACOM and to attend the Seminar on Tax Dispute Resolution to be held in mid-October. The Secretariat also received appreciation from tax administrations in Kazakhstan, Tanzania, Egypt, and Hong Kong China, and eminent scholars such as Jeffrey Owens, Director of the WU Global Tax Policy Center (WU GTPC) at the Institute for Austrian and International Tax Law, etc.

➤ **Sending Material on Tax Digitalization to Some Jurisdictions**

After the 2nd BRITACOF, the Secretariat has collected material on tax digitalization including those used in the High-level Virtual Conference held in 15 December 2020, Second BRITACOF, and working-level seminars on Business Continuity in Response to Covid-19, Digitalization of VAT, and Tax-related Data Governance. All the above-mentioned material have been sent to relevant jurisdictions that have expressed great interest on tax digitalization to the Secretariat.

**Next Steps**

Going forward, the Secretariat will take the success of the Second BRITACOF as an opportunity to continue to expand the circle of friends, promote cooperation and advance the development of the BRITACOM.

➤ **Holding More Seminars**

The BRITACOM Secretariat will hold the Seminar on Tax Dispute Resolution and Seminar on Digitalizing Tax Administration in mid-October and December respectively, and will serve as a bridge of communication and coordination to ensure that the seminars are held with high quality.

Highlights of the seminars will be technical presentations and in-depth discussions by prominent scholars and tax administrations.

➤ **Organizing BRITACEG Training Courses**

The BRITACEG will continue to launch online courses successively with themes of tax dispute resolution, tax administration digitalization, taxpayer services, and VAT administration. The said themes are carefully selected and seriously deliberated in the hope of disseminating advanced practices of tax administration and helping BRITACOM jurisdictions enhance capacity building.



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