Sixth meeting of the LAC Fiscal Policy Forum

The *sixth LAC Fiscal Policy Forum* brought together 56 policy makers from 14 countries in the Latin American and the Caribbean region, 6 international organisations and academics on 26-27 September in Buenos Aires, to discuss the fiscal challenges countries are facing in an increasingly complex regional and international context.

The Forum, organised by the Center for Tax Policy and Administration and the Development Centre (OECD) and hosted by the Ministry of Economy and Public Finances of Argentina, discussed the current trends shaping fiscal policies, the lessons learned from tax policy reforms in recent times in LAC, ongoing and upcoming tax reforms and the sustainability of public finance in the current macroeconomic situation. Participants also shared experiences on tax policy for economic growth, addressing informality and tax uncertainty, as well as health-related taxes.

The Buenos Aires meeting is the sixth of the LAC Fiscal Initiative, a network of policy makers aimed at improving tax and public expenditure policies in Latin America and the Caribbean, in order to facilitate domestic resource mobilisation, support economic growth and reduce inequality. The programme works on the basis of the well-established OECD methodology in public policy making: data collection / analysis and discussion / policy formulation.

The Forum provided for the analysis and discussion of the data collected through internationally comparable data, *Revenue Statistics in Latin America and the Caribbean 2016*, this year reinforced with the launch of *Taxing Wages in Latin America and the Caribbean 2016*.

The LAC Fiscal Network is part of the *OECD Latin America and the Caribbean Programme*, a strategic, horizontal, whole-of-government framework for interaction with Latin America and the Caribbean to support key priorities for the region: increasing productivity, enhancing social inclusion and strengthening institutions and governance.
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