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DRC Joins African Tax Administration Forum, Becoming 44th Member

The Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) has officially joined the African Tax Administration Forum (ATAF), marking a significant milestone as the 44th member of the organization. The accession ceremony took place on June 7, 2024, during an ATAF workshop on Domestic Resource Mobilisation in Central Africa, funded by the African Development Bank (AfDB).

Representing the Executive Secretary, ATAF’s Acting Head of Member Services, Mr. Emeka Nwankwo, highlighted the importance of this event, stating, "This is a significant milestone, not only for the Democratic Republic of Congo but for the entire African continent, as we continue to strengthen our collective efforts towards robust and effective tax administrations."

Since its establishment in 2009, ATAF has seen substantial growth, with 19 additional members joining, including four in the past two years. This rapid expansion aligns with ATAF’s New Decade Strategic Vision, which aims to encompass all African countries in its membership within the next decade. Having firmly established itself as Africa’s voice on tax matters, ATAF’s continued growth is a testament to its pivotal role in enhancing tax administration across the continent.

The DRC holds a strategic position in the Southern African region due to its vast natural resources, political influence and significant economic potential. Until today, it was the only SADC and EAC Member country not part of ATAF.

“The 7th of June 2024 will forever be remembered in the tax history of the DRC as the day that we officially joined hands with other African countries to work together towards the modernisation of our respective tax administrations and the enhancement of our domestic resource mobilisation capabilities”, said the Director General of Taxes of the DRC, Mr Barnabé Muakadi Muamba during his inception speech.
About ATAF
The African Tax Administration Forum (ATAF) is a platform that brings together African tax administrations to engage in mutually beneficial discussions and capacity-building initiatives. ATAF works towards promoting efficient and effective tax systems that contribute to the sustainable development of African nations.