Governments will generate more domestic revenue if they strengthen and increase the effectiveness of their tax systems. This is what a group of international institutions (IMF, World Bank, OECD and UN) told Governments at the first Global Conference on Taxation and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the Platform for Collaboration on Tax.

Held on 14-16 February 2018 at the UN Headquarters in New York, the conference highlighted the importance of focusing efforts on domestic resource mobilisation and recognised the challenge it represents for developing countries to finance essential services such as health and infrastructure. It also warned countries of spillovers from their tax policies and encouraged them to support stronger tax systems, while urging them and all stakeholders to collaborate on establishing a fair and efficient system of international taxation, including efforts to fight tax evasion and tax avoidance.

A conference statement summarising the discussions and next steps was issued at the end of the event.