

# Tax for Sustainable Development Goals Initiative

The Tax for Sustainable Development Goals Initiative, or Tax for SDGs, supports developing countries in increasing domestic resource mobilization (DRM) and achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Under the Initiative, taxation is considered both a tool for revenue collection and a policy instrument to encourage sustainable growth strategies and influence behaviour towards desired outcomes related to climate, environment, well-being, and governance.

Tax for SDGs leverages UNDP's role as an enabler, integrator and catalyst at the country level and works to expand people's choices for a fairer, sustainable future with planet and people in balance and to achieve the vision of the world as set out in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Taxation stands at the core of public development financing and is integral to achieving the SDGs. Recognizing the integrated nature of these goals, Tax for SDGs focuses on practical actions for capacity building, technical assistance, institutional development, and societal change to support the financing and achievement of the SDGs. Tax for SDGs supports countries to identify, understand and leverage the role of taxation towards recovery from the COVID-19 crisis and to build forward better based on the following improvements:



National tax administrations (NTA) and other relevant agencies have increased capacity to tackle tax avoidance, tax evasion and illicit financial flows (IFFs).



Governments increasingly align tax and fiscal policies with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)



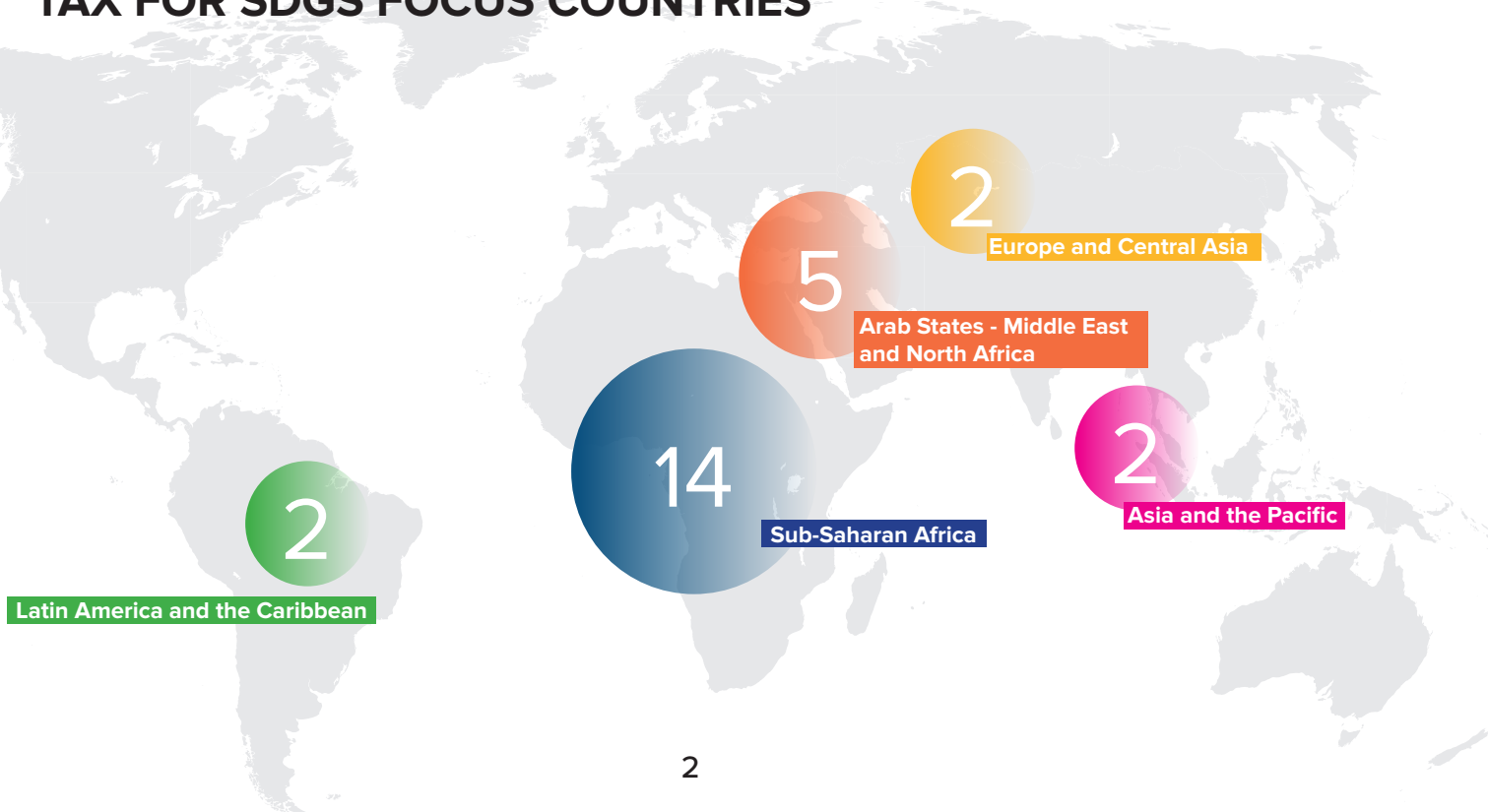
Evidence and perspectives from developing countries are incorporated into regional and international discussions on taxation.

## SIX THEMATIC WORKSTREAMS

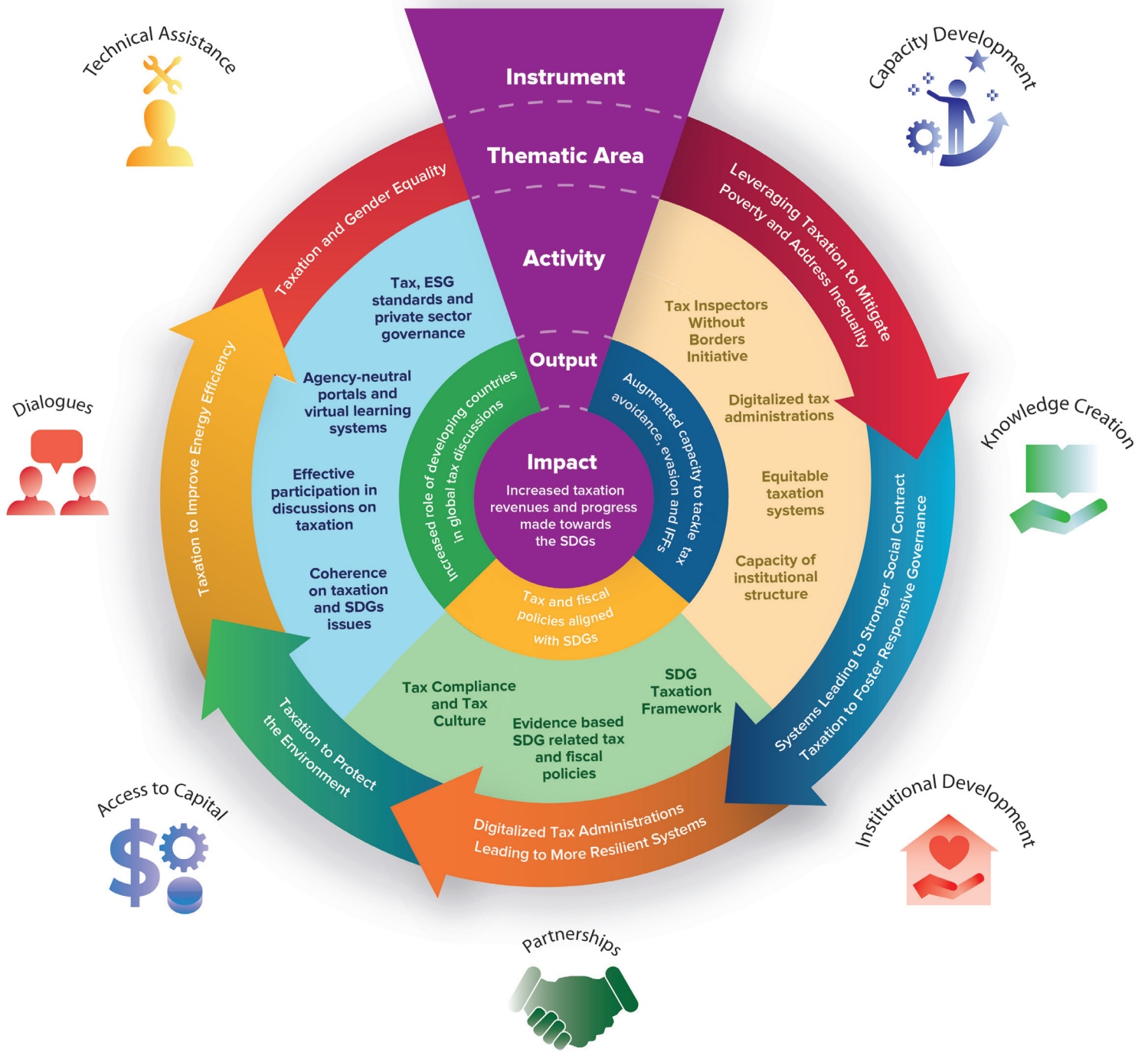
Tax for SDGs is aligned with UNDP's Strategic Plan and supports countries to develop and drive solutions that help them increase their resources and achieve the SDGs. This is done through six thematic workstreams.



## TAX FOR SDGS FOCUS COUNTRIES



# STRUCTURE OF THE INITIATIVE



## WHY UNDP?

UNDP is central to the United Nations Development System. It is a trusted partner in development, works in 170 countries and territories, and plays a critical role in supporting the achievement of the sustainable development agenda.

Tax for SDGs builds on UNDP's ongoing engagement with stakeholders at various levels in developing countries and addresses the need for strengthened multilateralism to align public finance with the SDGs and mobilize revenue at scale. Acting as an enabler, integrator and catalyst at the country level, UNDP brings together different development partners to support country-owned tax policies and administrative processes and to achieve interconnected development goals, managing trade-offs and maximizing synergies.

## OUR PARTNERS

Tax for SDGs is implemented by the UNDP, funded by the Government of Finland and the Government of Norway. It works with ministries of finance, national tax administrations and other stakeholders worldwide.



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