

Consensus Key To UN Tax Progress, Developing Nations Say

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Law360 (April 17, 2024, 4:43 PM EDT) -- Achieving consensus is important to ensure progress on the United Nations framework convention on tax, the top group for developing countries to coordinate on financial policy said in a formal statement.

The Intergovernmental Group of 24 on International Monetary Affairs and Development, whose members include China, India and Brazil, hopes the process will raise the profile of sustainable development in global tax discussions and generate significant tax revenues for developing economies, according to a **communiqué** shared with Law360 late Tuesday after a meeting of the group's finance ministers. Governments are drafting terms of reference for the global tax convention with an August deadline, after which the U.N. General Assembly is expected to adopt the terms and begin negotiations for the convention itself next year.

The Group of 20 nations and the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development have led global tax discussions over the past decade under a forum with more than 140 member jurisdictions called the inclusive framework. The G-24 meeting took place in Washington, D.C., on the sidelines of the annual spring meetings of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank, which have assisted developing countries in implementing the OECD's tax standards and policies.

Developing countries are looking forward to the U.N. process, which began in February, after actively participating in the OECD/G20 inclusive framework, Iyabo Masha, director of the G-24's secretariat, said during a news conference Tuesday.

"We believe that it is going to be more inclusive, the agenda will be more democratic and it will address the challenges that we, as developing countries, face," Masha said. "We take the issue of reform of international tax cooperation very seriously."

Masha did not respond to a request for comment.

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