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**TO: Country Representatives** 

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# WORKSHOP ON MODERN TECHNIQUES OF INVESTIGATION AND INTELLIGENCE GATHERING

The Commonwealth Association of Tax Administrators (CATA) in collaboration with The Income Tax Department of the Ministry of Finance India and the National Academy of Direct Taxes invites tax technical officials for the above workshop to be held in Nagpur, India.

Date: 22<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> August 2017

Venue: The National Academy of Direct Taxes, Nagpur, India

#### Workshop Objectives

The role of intelligence gathering and investigation is increasingly becoming one of the critical compliance enforcement strategies. While the level of voluntary compliance continues to show great improvement in many tax administrations, incidences of tax evasion and other tax crimes do not appear to be abating. In majority of instances, substantial revenues have been unearthed and successful prosecution registered through investigation backed by a robust intelligence gathering framework. Even where such breakthroughs are isolated, they still send a strong message to delinquent taxpayers and thus help reshape the compliance attitude.

This will be an interactive workshop where senior officials will share countryexperiences on the various approaches they are deploying in this area both at operational and strategic levels. Specific industries/sectors will be isolated and used as case studies.

#### **Target Audience**

Participants are expected to be senior and middle level tax officials undertaking roles within the investigations or audit units/departments within the tax organization. Good command of English is essential.

### Logistics

An information Note is attached to provide the participants with the relevant information on logistics including registration

## Registration

Guidance on registration is provided in the attached Information Note. Nominated participants must submit their online registration by 4<sup>th</sup> August, 2017