



**COMMUNIQUE OF THE 17TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING OF THE WEST
AFRICAN TAX ADMINISTRATION FORUM HELD IN ABUJA NIGERIA FROM 21-
23 SEPTEMBER 2021**

The West African Tax Administration Forum (WATAF) held its 17th General Assembly in Abuja, Nigeria from 21-23 September, 2021. The meeting was attended by representatives of Burkina Faso, Cote d'Ivoire, Ghana, Liberia, Niger, Nigeria and Senegal (Vice Chairman), The Gambia (Chairman of WATAF) and Togo.

At the meeting, the following resolutions were passed:

1. That, in order to create a platform of sustainability for the financing of the Secretariat and WATAF activities, members should take the payment of annual subscriptions as a necessary obligation.
2. That member countries yet to accede to the WATAF Agreement should endeavour to do so.
3. That Heads of Tax Administrations of Member States should make effort to be present at General Assembly meetings to avoid delays relating to making decisions for the Forum.
4. That the Secretariat should create WhatsApp group for the Heads of Tax Administrations for easy communication.
5. That the Secretariat should send letters to Members States indicating the recommendation of the Council to increase the subscription from 2022.
6. That reminder letters should be sent to Member States concerning the African Tax Administration Forum's (ATAF) and WATAF's 2022 Council elections.
7. That the Secretariat should write to Heads of Tax Administrations to solicit for hosting the General Assembly for at least two (2) years.
8. That the Secretariat should write letters to Member States requesting them to nominate Country Correspondents and indicate the Terms of Reference (TOR) for the role.

Also, the General Assembly approved the following:

1. The publication of the 2022 -2024 Strategic plan.
2. The WATAF 2021 Workplan.

3. WATAF Financial Statement as at 30th August, 2021.

4. Approved for implementation the 2022 WATAF budget.

Finally, the General Assembly thanked the Federal Inland Revenue Service (FIRS), Nigeria for the additional staff seconded to the Secretariat to handle Research Function and for hosting the WATAF 10th Anniversary, 3rd High Level Policy Dialogue (HLPD) and for the continued support of the Forum's activities.

Done this 23rd day of September, 2021 and attended by the following:

S/N	NAME	COUNTRY
1.	Dabire Mayel	Burkina Faso
2.	Sylvestre M'bra	Cote d'Ivoire
3.	Lawrence Hotsonyame	Ghana
4.	Decontee King-Sackie	Liberia
5.	Guimba Daouré	Niger
6.	Muhammad Lawal Abubakar	Nigeria
7.	Mamadou Ben Ousmane Ba	Senegal
8.	Yankuba Darboe	The Gambia (Chairman of Council)
9.	Bondjare Bifeyi	Togo



Babatunde Oladapo
Executive Secretary, WATAF



Yankuba Darboe
Chairman, WATAF