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# Joint Declaration of Latin American and Caribbean civil society, towards a Regional Tax Summit

## *World Economic Forum in Davos*

The undersigned organizations applaud the call made by the government of Colombia to hold the first Latin American Summit for a global, inclusive, sustainable and equitable taxation, which will take place in Cartagena de Indias in July 2023. The announcement was made in Davos, within the framework of the World Economic Forum in which Colombian Minister of Finance Jose Antonio Ocampo is participating.

This summit is an excellent opportunity for Latin American governments to consolidate a powerful tax bloc with greater combined weight in international negotiations and to strengthen tax cooperation mechanisms. Pressing challenges such as the use of tax havens by elites to avoid taxes, harmful tax competition, and the lack of common policies and standards across the region demand the construction of a robust tax cooperation agenda. With the unanimous decision to initiate talks towards a global tax cooperation framework at the United Nations, the timing could not be more propitious for announcing the Summit.

Several Latin American countries, such as Colombia and Chile, have begun to discuss or implement progressive tax reforms at the national level. Now, it is necessary to take a step towards regional coordination to increase tax collection and guarantee rights, combat unfair and unnecessary corporate tax incentives and fight against tax abuse.

**We, the undersigned organizations, call on the governments of Latin America and the Caribbean to join Colombia's proposal and show leadership in the construction of a fair fiscal deal for the region.**

We also welcome the Colombian government's willingness to ensure that the voice of civil society is taken into account from the outset of this process, and we encourage the rest of the region's governments to open spaces for equal and direct citizen participation, so that the construction of the roadmap towards greater fiscal justice emerges from a collective, transparent and accountable process.

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