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Tax Inspectors without Borders

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Why is in news? Saint Lucia's Tax Inspectors without Borders (TIWB) programme launched in partnership with India

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Under TIWB, tax audit experts work alongside local officials of developing country tax administrations on tax audit and tax audit related issues.

TIWB aims to **transfer technical know-how and skills to developing countries' tax auditors**, as well as share general audit practices.

The host administrations of developing countries are the lead partners in TIWB programmes, clearly specifying their needs and scope of work.

A **dedicated central unit** (TIWB Secretariat) jointly managed by OECD and UNDP operates as a clearing house to match the demand for auditing assistance with appropriate expertise.

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