

WIDER Development Conference

Revving up revenue for development – the role of domestic resource mobilization

6–8 September 2023
Oslo, Norway & online

Information Note for Participants

1. General

Domestic revenue mobilization allows governments to finance critical public goods necessary to meet the goals of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. However, developing countries continue facing significant challenges in mobilizing domestic resources. UNU-WIDER's [Domestic Revenue Mobilization \(DRM\)](#) programme, funded by Norad, addresses the challenges of domestic revenue mobilization through seven thematic and inter-connected projects around three themes: development of tax systems, non-tax domestic revenue mobilization, and political institutions.

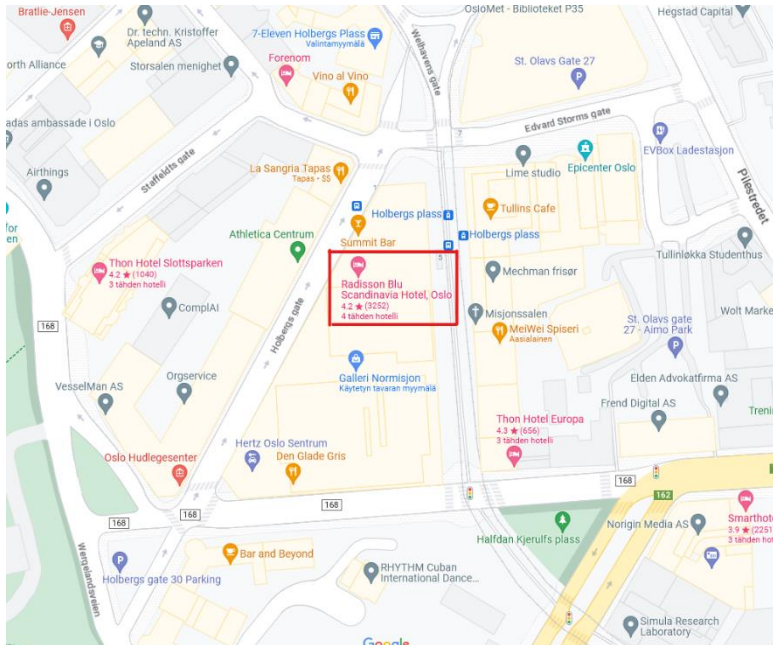
The 2023 WIDER Development Conference brings together experts from research and policy networks from around the world to discuss and debate the findings and policy recommendations of UNU-WIDER's Domestic Revenue Mobilization (DRM) research programme. The conference will support policy processes in partner countries by sharing new knowledge on how domestic revenue mobilization can be enhanced and how it can combat poverty.

2. Venue



[Radisson Blu Scandinavia Oslo](#)

Address: Holbergsgate 30, 0166
Oslo, Norway.



3. Travel

UNU-WIDER provides you with a return air ticket to Oslo, Norway from your stated departure airport and covers the cost of your hotel accommodation, airport transportation, and most meals during the conference in accordance with the United Nations University travel policy. UNU-WIDER travel team has contacted all participants regarding flights to Oslo. If you have any questions regarding your flight bookings, please check your email and contact the travel team at wider.travel@wider.unu.edu.

Reimbursements for pre-authorized flight tickets will only be reimbursed after the conference based on actual expenditures incurred. Travel-related receipts, as agreed with UNU-WIDER travel team beforehand, include:

- a copy of the flight ticket invoice
- proof of payment.

For reimbursement purposes, please send us scanned copies of all travel-related receipts by 22 September 2023 at the latest (wider.travel@wider.unu.edu). We recommend you do not dispose of any receipts until you have received your reimbursement.

4. Visa

Please note that it is travelers' responsibility to obtain the visa, and/or transit visa, before travelling to Norway.

Kindly save all receipts of expenses related to your visa, and/or transit visa, application as UNU-WIDER is only able to reimburse these costs against original receipts.

Reimbursements for visa, and/or transit visa, related expenditures will be reimbursed after the conference based on actual expenditures incurred. Visa, and/or transit visa, related receipts include:

- Invoice and proof of payments for visa-related expenditures
- Invoice and proof of payments for transit visa-related travel expenditures

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5. Insurance

Disclaimer: United Nations University disclaims all responsibility for medical, accident and travel insurance, compensation for death or disability, for loss of, or damage to, personal property and for any other loss that may be incurred during travel time or the period of participation. In this context, it is strongly recommended to secure, prior to departure, international medical insurance for the entire period inclusive of travel days to and from Oslo and participation in the conference.

Participants holding a valid UNU-WIDER individual consultancy contract (not an institutional contract) will receive an emergency medical insurance policy for the official travel duration only, covered by the Institute. This insurance does not cover personal belongings, such as luggage. We strongly recommend that all travelers arrange their insurance coverage for the travel, regardless of contract type.

6. Hotel Accommodation

For participants requiring accommodation, UNU-WIDER will provide standard rooms at [Radisson Blu Scandinavia Oslo](#). UNU-WIDER travel team will contact each conference traveler with hotel details. Check-in starts from 05 September 2023 at 15:00 p.m. and check-out on 08 September 2023 at 12:00. If you depart on 8 September, kindly check out in the morning before the conference programme begins.

Note: This may vary if you have a different travel itinerary agreed with UNU-WIDER's travel team. UNU-WIDER will only cover your accommodation expenses for the conference period. Any changes or additional requests for hotel services must be confirmed and made with UNU-WIDER travel team.

We kindly ask you to settle any additional hotel expenses directly with the hotel before check-out. Participants are also responsible for any charges incurred with respect to rooms remaining vacant owing to late arrival or rescheduled departure for which inadequate prior notice is given.

7. Transportation from the airport to the hotel, and to the conference venue

From Oslo Airport

By train:

Flytoget Airport Express Train is the quickest way to get to Oslo city centre. It takes 28 min. from Oslo Lufthaven to National Theateret station which is located 5 min. walk from the hotel. Oslo Airport is connected to the Oslo region by the Airport Express Train (Flytoget).

Tickets and schedules are available here: <https://flytoget.no/en/>

Price: 230 NOK (approx. 20 EUR).

By bus:

SAS Airport Express Coach – takes approximately one hour from Oslo Airport to the hotel entrance. Tickets are cheapest at flybussen.no but you can also buy them on the bus (20–40 NOK extra) with cash or a credit card.

Price: approx. 230 NOK

By taxi:

Taxis, shuttles, and limousine services are also available at the airport.

Taxi services in Oslo: www.vy.no – download the Vy app and book a taxi anywhere in Oslo. Fixed prices, book right away or pre-book for later. Oslo's largest taxi company is OsloTaxi, booking at www.oslotaxi.no in the app Taxifix.

By car:

If you are driving, the journey will take approximately 45 minutes, depending on traffic (53 km).

From Oslo Central Station**By tram:**

Take trams 11, 17, or 18 from Jernbanetorget to Holbergs Plass. The hotel is located 100 meters from the stop.

8. Meals

Breakfast is included in the hotel accommodation. All conference participants will be provided with coffee and lunch during conference days. Conference dinner is also provided on 6 September 2023.

9. Lump sum payment for expenses

For those participants who are receiving UNU-WIDER travel support, a UN Daily Subsistence Allowance (DSA) will be provided. As accommodation and most meals are covered by UNU-WIDER, this allowance is to cover costs for transportation, meals and other miscellaneous costs that may be incurred during the stay for the period of 6 to 8 September 2023.

UNU-WIDER sponsored participants will receive their lump sum settlement in advance via bank transfer. You have been contacted by UNU-WIDER beforehand to be registered as a supplier, which allows for the bank transfer to be made.

In case the participants are unable to attend the conference, they will be requested to return the advance lumpsum payment provided in full or for the days that they did not attend.

10. Conference programme and presentations

The latest edition of the conference programme is available on the [conference webpage](#).

Please submit your conference presentation in advance by **27/08/2023** through [this link](#). Name your presentation in the following form: Lastname_firstname.ppt or Lastname_firstname.pdf. If you have multiple presentations in the conference, please indicate the presentation title in the file name in the following form: Title_Lastname_firstname.ppt or Title_Lastname_firstname.pdf.

We kindly ask you to bring a backup copy of your final presentation to the conference and share it with the room monitor in your assigned room prior to the start of your session. All presentations, made available by presenters, will also be posted on the website after the conference. There will be no paper copies available.

English is the working language of the conference.

11. Security

Norway remains low risk for travel. Albeit low, persons visiting should remain cognizant of petty crime. English is spoken throughout Oslo.

12. Weather

The average temperature in Oslo in September for a typical day range from a low of 7°C to a high of 15°C. Oslo is very humid with an average amount of 86% of relative humidity, which could be described as humid but cool. In September, there's a 33% chance of rain on an average day. It is

recommended to bring a selection of clothes that you can layer. That way, you can add or remove layers depending on temperature. Bring at least one sweater, waterproof coat and/or umbrella and adequate shoes.

13. Dress code

Smart casual.

14. Things to do in Oslo

Restaurants and cafés:

- Norwegian seafood restaurants: [Lofoten](#), [Louise](#) and [Tjuvholmen Sjømagasin](#).
- [Aker Brygge Docks](#) – Many restaurants and shops at dock area
- [Theatre Café](#) – Classic Café in Oslo
- Hidden Gems - <https://www.visitoslo.com/en/your-oslo/oslo-for-foodies/hidden-gems/>

Museums:

- [National Museum Oslo](#)
- [Munch Museum Oslo](#)

More information:

- [Visit Oslo](#)
- [Visit Oslo: September Events](#)

15. Miscellaneous

Currency: Norwegian krone (NOK) (www.xe.com)

Electricity voltage: 230 V, frequency is 50 Hz. Norway uses the standard Euro plug socket with two round prongs so you can use adapter types “C” or “F” (often labelled as a Northern Europe adapter). Make sure to check the voltage labels on your appliances or chargers to see if you need to use just an adapter or a converter/transformer with an adapter.

Wifi: Free wifi is available at the conference premises/hotel

16. Conference team

For any further questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us:

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UNU-WIDER travel team are available to answer any queries by email wider.travel@wider.unu.edu and telephone (+358 9 6159 9214)

17. Social media

We will be live tweeting throughout the conference. Join us!

When promoting conference on Twitter, tag [@UNU-WIDER](#) and use the hashtag [#Rev4Dev](#).

Sample promotional pre-event post:

How can the development needs in the Global South be financed? Join us to hear about the opportunities of domestic revenue mobilization, the online registration for our #Rev4Dev conference is now open!

<https://go.unu.edu/g5iRM>

Or you can retweet [this](#) post.

Photos will also be posted on Facebook and LinkedIn. After the event they will be shared on Flickr.

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