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Matthias Witt is a trained economist. He joined GTZ in 1998. His experience includes working with the Ministry of Finance in Romania, the Tanzania Revenue Authority in Tanzania and setting up the GIZ Competence Centre for Public Policy at the GIZ Head Office. In 2011, he was seconded part-time as advisor of the German Federal Ministry of Economics to the European Commission's Task Force for Greece, supporting their work on assistance to administrative reforms in Greece. Since November 2012 Matthias is based in South Africa, heading the Good Financial Governance in Africa programme.

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Tassilo von Droste zu Hulshoff holds a Master’s from the Institut d’Etudes Politiques in Paris. His professional background includes experience in journalism and development cooperation. Having started with GIZ in 2008 in Mauritania, he was subsequently seconded as national expert to the European Commission to work on the linkage between taxation and development. He joined the Good Financial Governance in Africa team as a Technical Advisor on External Audit in 2013 after working for the Corporate Development department at GIZ head office in Germany.

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