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IBFD Centre for Studies in African Taxation Awards First Scholarship

IBFD is pleased to announce that Mr Birhanu Tadesse Daba is the first-ever recipient of the foundation's [Centre for Studies in African Taxation](#) (CSAT) scholarship. Mr Daba receives a full scholarship to the [Advanced Master's in International Tax Law](#) (LLM), a joint programme of IBFD with the University of Amsterdam (UvA). The CSAT scholarship is awarded to the most promising employee from an African tax authority.

Mr Daba, an Ethiopian national, holds a Bachelor of Laws (LLB) degree from the Addis Ababa University and a Master of Laws (LLM) degree in international law from the Ethiopian Civil Service University. Mr Daba currently works at the Ethiopian Ministry of Finance and Economic Cooperation as a Coordinator, Tax Policy Directorate and Team Leader, Tax and Customs Policies Implementation, Monitoring and Evaluation. Mr Daba's experience positions him well to make an immediate impact on the tax policy of Ethiopia upon the completion of his studies.

CSAT is an autonomous think tank devoted to the study and development of African taxation and is an integral part of IBFD, an independent not-for-profit foundation that provides high-quality information and education on international taxation

The [Advanced Master's in International Tax Law](#) (LLM) is a 1-year, full-time programme that has been ranked as a top school in the LLM Guide's 2017 top-10 list for LLM programmes in international tax law. Additionally, upon completion of the LLM programme, Mr Daba will be given a 6-month internship at IBFD's headquarters in Amsterdam, where he will work with, and continue to learn from, IBFD's core team of nearly 200 experts from over 40 countries.

"We launched CSAT with the objectives to study and provide well-researched opinions on taxation in Africa and to encourage research by Africans for Africa. By awarding the first-ever CSAT scholarship, we have taken an important step forward to help achieve these goals", said Belema Obuoforibo, Director, IBFD Knowledge Centre. "We are very excited to award Mr Daba with the CSAT scholarship and look forward to working more closely with him over the next several months."

IBFD is now accepting applications for the next CSAT scholarship for the LLM programme, which starts in September 2018. To learn more, please contact IBFD at CSAT@ibfd.org.

To learn more about the activities, objectives, goals and mission of CSAT, please visit the [IBFD website](#).

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