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Mr. Daniel A. Witt is president of the International Tax and Investment Center (ITIC), which he helped found in September 1993. Since 1991, Mr. Witt has led over thirty delegations to Russia, Kazakhstan, Azerbaijan, Vietnam, Ukraine and Libya to hold meetings with senior finance, taxation, customs, and Parliamentary officials. He also organized the *Iraq Tax Reform Project* that supports the Ministry of Finance and Ministry of Oil reform initiatives. Mr. Witt is the Co-founder of the *Asia Tax Forum* that regularly brings together top tax policy officials from the Asia-Pacific region.

Mr. Witt has extensive experience working on tax reform projects in Africa. Since 1999 he has overseen all ITIC tax projects in over ten African countries, and managed the first *African Tax Forum* in 2003. He is chairing the steering committee for the 2010 *Africa Tax Forum*. Through these programs he has close working relationships with senior ministry of finance officials and the African Tax institute, the SADC, and African Tax Administrators Forum. Additionally Mr. Witt regularly works with the Fiscal Affairs Department of the International Monetary Fund and the OECD Secretariat. He will serve as liaison with these regional and international organizations for the project.

Prior to assuming the duties as president of the Center, Mr. Witt was executive director of the Tax Foundation, the oldest tax and budget research organization in the United States. Prior to joining the Tax Foundation, Mr. Witt was vice president and director of membership with Citizens for a Sound Economy, a 250,000-member Washington-based public interest group. He also served as a consultant to President Reagan's Commission on Privatization.

From 1984 to 1986 Mr. Witt spent two years traveling in the Pacific and Asia as a Rotary International Foundation Fellow. He was a visiting economist with the New Zealand Institute of Economic Research and Victoria University of Wellington, where he published a book on the deregulation of the New Zealand motorcar industry.

He received a BBA (magna cum laude) in public administration and an MBA in finance from Western Michigan University. In June 1999 Mr. Witt was elected an Honorary Professor of Economics of the Kazakh State Academy of Management.

Mr. Witt serves on the Board of Trustees of the Eurasia Foundation. He also serves on the Council Executive Board and as the District Chairman for the Boy Scouts of America in Washington, DC., a founding director on the Board of the North America-Kyrgyz Trade and Development Council, and a Director of the Hermitage Museum Foundation. He is on the Advisory Board of Carbonetworks, a California based energy management software company.