

## Visit of the Internal Revenue Services to Curaçao

On 16 December 2014, Curaçao and the United States of America entered into an agreement, a so called Inter Governmental Agreement (IGA), to improve the international compliance with tax obligations and the implementation of the Financial Agreement Tax Compliance Act (FATCA). The FATCA is an American law that compels financial institutions worldwide, including those in Curaçao, to annually report to the American Tax Office, the Internal Revenue Services (IRS) about the accounts owned by American taxpayers. Due to this agreement the financial institutions in Curaçao are not required to send the information concerned directly to the IRS. The information is provided through the Inspection in Curaçao instead. The first information supply to the IRS must occur in September this year.



In order to realize the first information supply in September a number of formalities need to be completed. One of the formalities is an onsite visit of the IRS to the jurisdiction concerned. The purpose of this visit is to form a complete picture of all kinds of affairs, which are relevant for the successful implementation of the IGA/FATCA. Examples of mentioned affairs include information concerning the organization of the Tax Authority, the IT technology and the Technical platform, the Legal Framework and the Information Security Management.

The onsite visit of Curacao took place on the 2nd and 3rd of March 2015. On 2nd of March the acting minister of Finance welcomed a four-member delegation of the IRS at the Ministry of Finance. For two days various presentations related to the aforementioned subjects were held. The Sector of Fiscal Affairs, the Inspectorate of Taxes, Bearing Point, Amicorp and CTEX held presentations. The IRS delegation also gave the participants information about their organization. Between the presentations, interactive discussions were held. In conclusion, the IRS indicated the remaining points of interest and expressed its appreciation for the fruitful visit.

The Sector of Fiscal Affairs looks back on a successful onsite visit. The Sector will work on the points of interest raised so that compliance to the obligations of the FATCA /“the IGA” can be met on time.

Photo caption: Representatives of the Sector of Fiscal Affairs, the Inspectorate of Taxes, Bearing Point, Amicorp and CTEX that participated in the meetings