

## All full of praise for GRA as curtain comes down on 38<sup>th</sup> CATA Technical Conference

It was another very proud moment for Ghana Revenue Authority (GRA) and the Commonwealth fraternity as the 38<sup>th</sup> edition of the CATA Annual Technical Conference came to a close in Accra, Ghana.



The Vice President of Ghana Dr Bawumiah (centre) poses for a photo with the Heads of Delegation at the 38<sup>th</sup> CATA Technical Conference

Hosting the event for the second time, Ghana, through their elaborate and prodigious preparation, demonstrated that the ideals of CATA are still cherished in this country. Suffice to say that the history of Ghana is intricately intertwined with that of CATA. Nothing attests to this more than the fact that Ghana is a founding member of CATA having joined the Association at its inception in 1978. Since then Ghana has served for several years in the various governance organs of CATA. One of Ghana's Presidents, the late HE John Atta Mills, served as an active member of the Management Committee for a number of years before he took office, while the former Commissioner General of GRA, Mr George Blankson, was CATA President from 2013 to 2015.

That the Conference was presided over by a special representative of His Excellency the President of the Republic of Ghana, and graced by the personal attendance by the Vice President, Dr Mahamoudou Bawumiah, does not only

demonstrate the importance of this event to the country but also the timeliness of the theme - ***Leveraging Technology to enhance Revenue Administration.***

Somewhere in Ghana's territorial water lies the convergence point between the Equator and the Greenwich Meridian, making Ghana the actual centre of the globe. It was therefore fortuitous that the CATA family from the six continents also found a point of convergence in this beautiful country where the word "Akwaaba" or "welcome" beckons from every corner.