

1st NTO Technical Conference Agenda



DAY ONE: TUESDAY, 19 OCTOBER 2021
“International developments and existing challenges”

- **14:30 – 14:40** **Introduction**
Moderation by Dr. Melinda Crane | Deutsche Welle

- **14:40 – 15:00** **High-level opening remarks**
 - *Dr. Maria Flachsbarth | Parliamentary State Secretary to the Federal Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development, Germany*
 - *Ruud de Mooij | Advisor to the Immediate Office of the Fiscal Affairs Department, IMF*
 - *African Union Representative | (tbc)*
 - *Carlos Lopes | Professor at the Mandela School of Public Governance, University of Capetown*
 - *Irene Ovonji-Odida | Advocate and Member of the UN FACTI High Level Panel and the AU/ECA High Level Panel on Illicit Financial Flows from Africa*

- **15:00 – 15:30** **Welcome by the NTO Council**
Márcio Ferreira Verdi | Head of the NTO Council and CIAT Executive Secretary
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- **15:30 – 15:45** Break

- **15:45 – 17:00** **Opening Panel: Tax administrations in the fight against IFFs – a first high-level overview**
Moderator: Dr. Melinda Crane | Deutsche Welle
Keynote speech
Prof. Attiya Waris | UN Independent Expert on Foreign Debt and Human Rights
Panelists
 - *Godfrey Baloyi | Head of Criminal & Illicit Economic Activities, South African Revenue Service*
 - *Marcos Roca | Tax and Crime Adviser at the OECD*
 - *Simen Bjørnerud | Senior Adviser at the Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation*
 - *Brig. Gen. Giuseppe Arbore | Head of Operations Department, Guardia di Finanza, Italy*
 - *Agnes Asabola Nabwire | AG Commissioner for Tax Investigation, Uganda Revenue Authority*

- **17:00 – 17:15** Break

- **17:15 – 18:15**

<p>The role of beneficial ownership in combating tax crimes</p> <p>Discussion leader <i>Ridha Hamzaoui Principal Research Associate at the International Bureau of Fiscal Documentation (IBFD)</i></p> <p>Speakers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Ljubinka Andonovska Expert in Beneficial ownership Registration, Central Register of the Republic of North Macedonia</i> ● <i>Lotfi Bouchaala Head of the International Exchange of Information Unit at DGI, Tunisia</i> ● <i>Daphne Bakae Principal Investigator, Anti-Money Laundering Department, Botswana</i> ● <i>Mabifi Mabengane Principal Investigation Officer, Compliance Department, Botswana</i> </p>	<p>Financing of terrorism, money laundering and tax evasion: What is the effective response from tax administrations?</p> <p>Discussion leader <i>Cléber Homem da Silva Head of the Research and Investigation Office in Rio de Janeiro, RFB, Brazil</i></p> <p>Speakers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Col. t.ISSMI Claudio Petrozziello Head of the Information Coordination Office of Guardia di Finanza, Italy</i> ● <i>Stephan Robinson Special Agent and Senior Analyst at IRS Criminal Investigation, USA</i> ● <i>Izazi Mubarok Head of Tax Forensics Section I, Directorate General of Taxes, Indonesia</i> </p>
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Welcome and opening

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● 14:40 – 15:55

Plenary session: How can international cooperation contribute to combating IFFs?

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Panelists

- Muazu Umar | Director of the Inter-Governmental Action Group against Money Laundering in West Africa
- Philip Mensah | Deputy Commissioner at the Ghana Revenue Authority
- Abd Muiz Kamaludin | Director of the Inland Revenue Board of Malaysia
- Chenai Chido Mukumba | Policy Research and Advocacy Manager at the Tax Justice Network Africa
- Rusudan Kemularia | Head of the Tax Inspectors Without Borders Secretariat

● 15:55 – 16:10

Break

● 16:10 – 17:10

International cooperation: Cooperation between tax administrations

Discussion leader

Sameera Khan | Head of Technical Assistance at the African Tax Administration Forum

Speakers

- Robert Thomson | Australian Taxation Office Delegate to the OECD
- Tom Gardiner | Leader of Competent Authority at Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs Offshore Intelligence, UK
- María Pilar Jurado Borrego | Director of Customs and Tax Department of the Agencia Estatal de Administración Tributaria (AEAT), Spain

Regional and national cooperation: Cooperation between tax administrations and other institutions

Discussion leader

Elfrieda Tamba | Former Commissioner General, Liberia Revenue Authority

Speakers

- Dr. Abubakar Nacanabo | Head of Large Companies' Tax Audit Unit at the Direction Générale des Impôts, Burkina Faso
- Biola Shotunde | Associate Director at the Nigerian Financial Intelligence Unit
- Hans Petter Tetmo | Senior Adviser for Tax Crimes, Norwegian Tax Administration

● 17:10 – 17:20

Break

● 17:20 – 18:20

Digital tools for tackling tax fraud, evasion and other tax-related IFFs.

Discussion leader

Raul Zambrano | Director Technical Assistance and Information Technology and Communication Director, CIAT Executive Secretariat

Speakers

- Roberto Ramos | Director of the Large Taxpayer Directorate at the Honduran Tax Administration
- Miriam Guzman | Head of the Executive Directorate at the Honduran Tax Administration
- Simon Lowndes | Assistant Director at the Risk & Intelligence Service, Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs, UK

Enforcement of tax compliance in the digital space

Discussion leader

Massimo Morelli | International Tax Expert at the Intra-European Organisation of Tax Administrations (IOTA)

Speakers

- Vanessa Bianchini | Tax official of the Analysis and Strategy Division, Antifraud Unit, Italian Revenue Agency
- Renaud Rodenas | Deputy Head of the VAT Fraud Division and Coordinator of the Eurofisc WF5 VAT Fraud in E-Commerce, French Tax Administration
- Fernando J. Barraza Luengo | Commissioner, Internal Revenue Service (SII) of Chile

End of Day Two



DAY THREE: THURSDAY, 21 OCTOBER 2021
"Lessons learnt and way forward"



- **14:30 – 14:40** **Welcome and opening**
Moderation by Dr. Melinda Crane | Deutsche Welle

- **14.40 – 15:40** **Plenary session: Critical areas in the current methods of combating economic and financial crimes**
Moderation by Dr. Melinda Crane | Deutsche Welle
Panelists
 - *Biagio Carrese | Director of the Criminal Investigations Division at the Canada Revenue Agency*
 - *Marcos Roca | Tax and Crime Adviser at the OECD*
 - *Sandro Maia Leão | Tax and Customs Inspector & Criminal Investigator at the Portuguese Tax and Customs Authority*
 - *Dra. Verónica Grondona | Director of the Directorate of International Taxation Financing at the Public Revenues Federal Administration, Argentina*
 - *Jennifer Boncore | Head of Division for Strategic Coordination and Money Laundering/ Financing of Terrorism, Public Revenues Federal Administration, Argentina*

- **15:40 – 15:55** Break

- **15:55 – 16:55** **Plenary session: International development efforts in ensuring developing countries' access to global tax initiatives**
Moderation by Dr. Melinda Crane | Deutsche Welle
Panelists
 - *Zayda Manatta | Head of Secretariat at Global Forum on Transparency and Exchange of Information for Tax Purposes, OECD*
 - *Matafeo Avalisa Viali Fautua'alii | Chief Executive Officer at the Ministry of Customs & Revenue, Samoa*
 - *Koni Ravono | Head of Secretariat at the Pacific Islands Tax Administrators Association*
 - *Miroslav Palansky | Data Scientist at the Tax Justice Network*
 - *Annet Oguttu | Professor in the Department of Taxation, University of Pretoria*

- **16:55 – 17:10** Break

- **17:10 – 18:10** **Closing panel: Role of the NTO and tax organizations in the fight against tax-related IFFs and in strengthening international cooperation**
Moderation by Dr. Melinda Crane | Deutsche Welle
Panelists
 - *Logan Wort | Executive Secretary at the African Tax Administration Forum*
 - *Isaac Gonzalo Arias Esteban | International Cooperation & Taxation Director at the Inter-American Center of Tax Administrations*
 - *Catherine Lemesle | Secretary General at the Exchange and Research Centre for Leaders of Tax Administrations*
 - *Erica Gerretsen | Acting Director at DG INTPA, European Commission*
 - *Jeneba J. Bangura | Deputy Commissioner General at the National Revenue Authority-Sierra Leone, Co-Chair of the Addis Tax Initiative*

Closing remarks by panellists

- **18:10 – 18:30** Closing of the 1st NTO Technical Conference

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