

**1<sup>st</sup> 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*

**NTO Conference Video**
- **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
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| <p>● <b>17:15 – 18:15</b>    <b>The role of beneficial ownership in combating tax crimes</b></p> <p><b>Discussion leader</b><br/> <i>Ridha Hamzaoui   Principal Research Associate at the International Bureau of Fiscal Documentation (IBFD)</i></p> <p><b>Speakers</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <i>Ljubinka Andonovska   Expert in Beneficial ownership Registration, Central Register of the Republic of North Macedonia</i></li> <li>● <i>Lotfi Bouchaala   Head of the International Exchange of Information Unit at DGI, Tunisia</i></li> <li>● <i>Daphne Bakae   Principal Investigator, Anti-Money Laundering Department, Botswana</i></li> <li>● <i>Mabifi Mabengane   Principal Investigation Officer, Compliance Department, Botswana</i></li> </ul> | <p><b>Financing of terrorism, money laundering and tax evasion: What is the effective response from tax administrations?</b></p> <p><b>Discussion leader</b><br/> <i>Cléber Homem da Silva   Head of the Research and Investigation Office in Rio de Janeiro, RFB, Brazil</i></p> <p><b>Speakers</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <i>Col. t.ISSMI Claudio Petrozziello   Head of the Information Coordination Office of Guardia di Finanza, Italy</i></li> <li>● <i>Stephan Robinson   Special Agent and Senior Analyst at IRS Criminal Investigation, USA</i></li> <li>● <i>Izazi Mubarak   Head of Tax Forensics Section I, Directorate General of Taxes, Indonesia</i></li> </ul> |
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- **14:30 – 14:40** **Welcome and opening**  
*Moderation by Dr. Melinda Crane | Deutsche Welle*
  
- **14:40 – 15:55** **Plenary session: How can international cooperation contribute to combating IFFs?**  
*Moderation by Dr. Melinda Crane | Deutsche Welle*  
**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**  

<b>International cooperation: Cooperation between tax administrations</b> <b>Discussion leader</b> <i>Sameera Khan   Head of Technical Assistance at the African Tax Administration Forum</i> <b>Speakers</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <i>Robert Thomson   Australian Taxation Office Delegate to the OECD</i></li><li>● <i>Tom Gardiner   Leader of Competent Authority at Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs Offshore Intelligence, UK</i></li><li>● <i>María Pilar Jurado Borrego   Director of Customs and Tax Department of the Agencia Estatal de Administración Tributaria (AEAT), Spain</i></li></ul>	<b>Regional and national cooperation: Cooperation between tax administrations and other institutions</b> <b>Discussion leader</b> <i>Elfrieda Tamba   Former Commissioner General, Liberia Revenue Authority</i> <b>Speakers</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <i>Dr. Abubakar Nacanabo   Head of Large Companies' Tax Audit Unit at the Direction Générale des Impôts, Burkina Faso</i></li><li>● <i>Biola Shotunde   Associate Director at the Nigerian Financial Intelligence Unit</i></li><li>● <i>Hans Petter Tetmo   Senior Adviser for Tax Crimes, Norwegian Tax Administration</i></li></ul>
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- **17:10 – 17:20** Break
  
- **17:20 – 18:20**  

<b>Digital tools for tackling tax fraud, evasion and other tax-related IFFs.</b> <b>Discussion leader</b> <i>Raul Zambrano   Director Technical Assistance and Information Technology and Communication Director, CIAT Executive Secretariat</i> <b>Speakers</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <i>Roberto Ramos   Director of the Large Taxpayer Directorate at the Honduran Tax Administration</i></li><li>● <i>Miriam Guzman   Head of the Executive Directorate at the Honduran Tax Administration</i></li><li>● <i>Simon Lowndes   Assistant Director at the Risk &amp; Intelligence Service, Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs, UK</i></li></ul>	<b>Enforcement of tax compliance in the digital space</b> <b>Discussion leader</b> <i>Massimo Morarelli   International Tax Expert at the Intra-European Organisation of Tax Administrations (IOTA)</i> <b>Speakers</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <i>Vanessa Bianchini   Tax official of the Analysis and Strategy Division, Antifraud Unit, Italian Revenue Agency</i></li><li>● <i>Renaud Rodenas   Deputy Head of the VAT Fraud Division and Coordinator of the Eurofisc WF5 VAT Fraud in E-Commerce, French Tax Administration</i></li><li>● <i>Fernando J. Barraza Luengo   Commissioner, Internal Revenue Service (SII) of Chile</i></li></ul>
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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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