

**Economic and Social Council
Special Meeting on International Cooperation in Tax Matters
(ECOSOC Chamber, 29 May 2013)**

TENTATIVE PROGRAMME

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| 10:00 a.m.–10:30 a.m. | <p>Opening of the meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>H.E. Mr. Néstor Osorio</u>, President of the Economic and Social Council
Opening Remarks • <u>Ms. Shamshad Akhtar</u>, Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Development, UN-DESA
Introduction of the Report of the Secretary-General on “<i>Further progress in strengthening the work of the Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters</i>” (E/2013/67) |
| 10:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m. | <p>Interactive Discussion: “International tax cooperation: Capacity development”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Mr. Alexander Trepelkov</u>, Director, FfDO, UN-DESA • <u>Ms. Marlies de Ruiter</u>, Head, Tax Treaty, Transfer Pricing & Financial Transactions Division, Center for Tax Policy and Administration, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development • <u>Mr. Socorro Velazquez</u>, Director, Planning and Institutional Development, Inter-American Centre of Tax Administrations • Mr. Lincoln Marais, Director of Institutional Development, African Tax Administration Forum • <u>Mr. Michael Keen</u>, Deputy Director, Fiscal Affairs Division, International Monetary Fund • <u>Mr. Richard Stern</u>, Global Product Specialist for Business Taxation, World Bank Group |
| 12:00 p.m.–1:00 p.m. | <p>Interactive Discussion: “Current issues in countering international tax avoidance and tax evasion”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator: Mr. Hugh Ault, Professor Emeritus, Boston College of Law School • <u>Mr. Philip Baker</u>, QC, Gray’s Inn Tax Chambers, United Kingdom
<i>Improper use of tax treaties</i> • <u>Ms. Marlies de Ruiter</u>, Head, Tax Treaty, Transfer Pricing & Financial Transactions Division, Center for Tax Policy and Administration, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
<i>Addressing base erosion and profit shifting</i> • <u>Mr. Thomas Neale</u>, Head of Unit, Company Taxation Initiatives, DG TAXUD, European Commission
<i>Fighting against tax fraud and tax evasion</i> |
| 3:00 p.m.–4:15 p.m. | <p>Launch of the UN Practical Manual on Transfer Pricing for Developing Countries</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Mr. Alexander Trepelkov</u>, Director, Financing for Development Office, UN-DESA
<i>Transfer pricing in the context of Financing for Development</i> • Mr. Armando Lara Yaffar (Mexico), Chairperson, UN Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters
<i>The work of the UN Committee of Experts on transfer pricing</i> • <u>Mr. Stig Sollund</u> (Norway), Coordinator, Subcommittee on Transfer Pricing
<i>Key features of the UN Practical Manual on Transfer Pricing</i> |

4:15 p.m.–5:45 p.m.

Interactive Discussion: “**Transfer pricing challenges for developing countries**”

- Moderator: **Mr. Michael Lennard**, Chief, International Tax Cooperation Unit, FfDO, UN-DESA
- **Mr. Stig Sollund (Norway)**, Coordinator, Subcommittee on Transfer Pricing
- [Mr. Shanwu Yuan](#), International Tax Director, Baker & McKenzie Consulting LLC; Member, UN Subcommittee on Transfer Pricing
- [Ms. Anita Kapur](#) (**India**), Member, UN Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters
- [Mr. Marcos Aurélio Pereira Valadão](#) (**Brazil**), Member, UN Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters
- [Ms. Phensuk Sangasubana](#) (**Thailand**), Head, International Tax Division, Bureau of Tax Policy and Planning, Revenue Department

5:45 p.m.–6:00 p.m.

Closing of the meeting

- [H.E. Mr. Néstor Osorio](#), President of ECOSOC
Concluding remarks