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

TENTATIVE PROGRAMME

10:00 a.m.–10:30 a.m. Opening of the meeting

- **H.E. Mr. Néstor Osorio**, President of the Economic and Social Council
  Opening Remarks
- **Ms. Shamshad Akhtar**, Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Development, UN-DESA

10:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Interactive Discussion: “International tax cooperation: Capacity development”

- **Mr. Alexander Trepelkov**, Director, FfDO, UN-DESA
- **Ms. Marlies de Ruiter**, Head, Tax Treaty, Transfer Pricing & Financial Transactions Division, Center for Tax Policy and Administration, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
- **Mr. Socorro Velazquez**, Director, Planning and Institutional Development, Inter-American Centre of Tax Administrations
- **Mr. Lincoln Marais**, Director of Institutional Development, African Tax Administration Forum
- **Mr. Michael Keen**, Deputy Director, Fiscal Affairs Division, International Monetary Fund
- **Mr. Richard Stern**, Global Product Specialist for Business Taxation, World Bank Group

12:00 p.m.–1:00 p.m. Interactive Discussion: “Current issues in countering international tax avoidance and tax evasion”

- Moderator: **Mr. Hugh Ault**, Professor Emeritus, Boston College of Law School
- **Mr. Philip Baker**, QC, Gray’s Inn Tax Chambers, United Kingdom
  Improper use of tax treaties
- **Ms. Marlies de Ruiter**, Head, Tax Treaty, Transfer Pricing & Financial Transactions Division, Center for Tax Policy and Administration, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
  Addressing base erosion and profit shifting
- **Mr. Thomas Neale**, Head of Unit, Company Taxation Initiatives, DG TAXUD, European Commission
  Fighting against tax fraud and tax evasion

3:00 p.m.–4:15 p.m. Launch of the UN Practical Manual on Transfer Pricing for Developing Countries

- **Mr. Alexander Trepelkov**, Director, Financing for Development Office, UN-DESA
  Transfer pricing in the context of Financing for Development
- **Mr. Armando Lara Yaffar** (*Mexico*), Chairperson, UN Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters
  The work of the UN Committee of Experts on transfer pricing
- **Mr. Stig Sollund** (*Norway*), Coordinator, Subcommittee on Transfer Pricing
  Key features of the UN Practical Manual on Transfer Pricing
Interactive Discussion: “Transfer pricing challenges for developing countries”

- **Moderator:** Mr. Michael Lennard, Chief, International Tax Cooperation Unit, FiDO, 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

Closing of the meeting

- H.E. Mr. Néstor Osorio, President of ECOSOC
  Concluding remarks