

Conference Programme

Wednesday, 17 October 2007

09:00 – 11:00 **Opening Welcome Ceremony**

Welcome Address: Mr. Miguel Peirano, Minister of Economy and Production, *Argentina*.

Welcome Address on behalf of the International Tax Dialogue: Mr. Máximo Jeria, Vice President, *Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)*.

Emerging Challenges & Prospects: High level panel

Mr. Oscar Tangelson, Secretary of Economic Policy, Ministry of Economy and Production, *Argentina*; Mr. Youssef Boutros-Ghali, Minister of Finance, *Egypt*; Mrs. Teresa Ter-Minassian, Director of Fiscal Affairs, *International Monetary Fund (IMF)*; Mrs. Maria Dolores Beato Blanco, Secretary-General of Finance, *Spain* and Mr. Marcelo Giugale, Director, Economic Policy and Poverty Reduction Programs, Latin America and the Caribbean Region, *World Bank (WB)*.

Chair: Mr. Pier Carlo Padoan, Deputy Secretary General, *Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)*.

11:00 – 11:30 **Break**

11:30 – 13:00 **Plenary Session I: Setting the Stage**

The Importance of SMEs in the Economy

Presenter: Prof. Albert Berry, *University of Toronto*.

The Role of Taxation & Tax Administration in the Sustainable Development of SMEs in the Economy

Presenter: Prof. Joel B. Slemrod, *University of Michigan*.

Business Perspective on SME Taxation, Policy & Administration

Presenter: Mr. André Spinola, Micro Enterprise and Small Business Support Service (SEBRAE), *Brazil*.

Chair: Mrs. Teresa Ter-Minassian, *IMF*.

13:00 – 14:15 **Lunch**

14:15 – 15:30 **Plenary Session II: Current Practice in Taxing SMEs, Trends & Challenges**

Presenters: Mr. Michael Keen, Head, Tax Policy Division, *IMF* and Mr. David Butler, Head, Tax Administration & Consumption Taxes Division, Centre for Tax Policy & Administration, *OECD*.

Chair: Ms. Laura Berta Calderón Regjo, National Superintendent for Tax & Customs Administration (SUNAT), *Peru*.

15:30 – 16:00 **Break**

16:00 – 17:30 **Parallel Session 1, Stream A**

Special Regimes & Thresholds for SMEs

Presenters:

- Mr. Donato Raponi, Head of Tax Administration, *European Commission*.
- Mr. Vincent Mazauric, Head of Service, Direction Générale des Impôts, *France*.
- Prof. Graham Glenday, Duke Centre for International Development, *Duke University*.

Chair:

- Mr. Alex Aleksishvili, Member of the Board, National Bank of Georgia, *Georgia*.

16:00 – 17:30 **Parallel Session 1, Stream B**

Tax Administration Strategies to Respond to SMEs, including Risk Management & Organisational Design, & Overall Resources Devoted to this Group of Taxpayers

Presenters:

- Mr. Robert Pakpahan, Director of Business Process Transformation, Directorate General of Taxes, *Indonesia*.
- Mr. Carlos Herrera, Head, International Relations, Tax Agency (AEAT), *Spain*.
- Ms. Suzanne Lindblom, Production Director & Mr. Lennart Wittberg, Compliance Strategist, Tax Agency, *Sweden*.

Chair:

- Mr. Juan Hernandez Batista, Director General of Taxation (DGII), *Dominican Republic*.

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09:30 – 10:45 **Plenary Session III: Addressing the Different Tax Policy & Tax Administrative Challenges of Micro, Small & Medium Business**

Presenters: Mr. Claudino Pita, Executive Secretary, *Inter-American Center of Tax Administrations (CIAT)*.
Mr. Fidelis Mulei, Commissioner of Domestic Taxes, Revenue Authority, *Kenya*.
Ms. Marie Pallot, Policy Manager & Mr. Charles Ronaldson, Group Manager, Inland Revenue, *New Zealand*.

Chair: Mr. José María Zubiría Maqueo, Chief, Tax Administration Service (SAT), *Mexico*.

10:45 – 11:15 **Break**

11:15 – 12:15 **Parallel Session 2, Stream A**

Tax Impediments/Distortions to SME Growth and Development

Presenters:

- Mr. Christian Valenduc, General Financial Advisor, Service Public Fédéral des Finances, *Belgium*.
- Mr. Richard Stern, Regional Program Coordinator for Central & Southern Africa, *FLAS-IFC* & Mr. Max Everest-Phillips, Senior Governance, Advisor, *DFID*.

Chair:

- Mr. Igor Luksic, Minister, Ministry of Finance, *Montenegro*.
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11:15 – 12:15 **Parallel Session 2, Stream B**

Identification & Registration of SMEs & Methods to Reduce the Informal Economy

Presenters:

- Mr. Gregory Topping, Assistant Commissioner, Australian Taxation Office, *Australia*.
- Mr. Jorge Deher Rachid, Secretary of Federal Revenues, *Brazil*.

Chair:

- Mr. Armando José Sarmiento Ney, Executive Director for Tax & Customs (DEI), *Honduras*.
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12:15 – 13:15 **Parallel Session 3, Stream A**

A Closer Look at Presumptive Tax Methods

Presenters:

- Mr. Enrico Martino, Director of International Relations, Ministry of the Economy and Finance, *Italy*.
- Mr. Ashraf Al Arabi, Deputy Minister for Tax Policy & Commissioner, Ministry of Finance, *Egypt*.

Chair:

- Mr. Anthony Ramarozatovo, Directeur Général, Direction Générale des Impôts, *Madagascar*.
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12:15 – 13:15 **Parallel Session 3, Stream B**

Taxpayer Service & Education Strategies for SMEs

Presenters:

- Mr. Ricardo Escobar, Commissioner, Internal Tax Service (SII), *Chile*.
- Ms. Kathy Petronchak, Commissioner for Small Business, Internal Revenue Service (IRS), *United States*.

Chair:

- Mr. Shigeru Ino, Assistant Deputy Regional Commissioner, National Tax Agency, *Japan*.
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13:15 – 14:30 **Lunch**

14:30 – 16:00 **Plenary Session IV: Reducing the Compliance Burden for SMEs**

Presenters: Mr. Horacio Castagnola, Director General, Administración Federal de Ingresos Públicos (AFIP), *Argentina*.
Mr. Kors Kool, Programme Manager Supervision, Tax and Customs Administration, *Netherlands*.
Mr. Vinesh Pillay, Tax Specialist, South African Revenue Service, *South Africa*.

Chair: Mr. William V. Baker, Commissioner & Chief Executive Officer, Canada Revenue Agency, *Canada*.

16:00 – 16:30 **Break**

16:30 – 17:30 **Parallel Session 4, Stream A**

Bringing Informal Sector Firms into the Formal Economy

Presenters:

- Ms. Nora Caballero, Administrator for Taxpayer Services, Tax Administration Service (SAT), *Mexico*.
- Ms. Irena Erjavec, Director General, Ministry of Finance, *Slovenia*.

Chair:

- Mr. Geir Axelsen, State Secretary, Ministry of Finance, *Norway*.
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16:30 – 17:30 **Parallel Session 4, Stream B**

SME Audit & Verification Strategies and Techniques Based on Risk Detection and Risk Selection

Presenters:

- Mr. Jim Gauvreau, Director General, Canada Revenue Agency, *Canada*.
- Mr. Shulin Fu, Director, Tax Administration, State Administration of Taxation (SAT), *China*.

Chair:

- Ms. Hasmah Abdullah, Chief Executive Officer, Inland Revenue, *Malaysia*.
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Friday, 19 October 2007

09:30 – 10:30 **Parallel Session 5, Stream A**

Tax, Small Business, & Growth: Effects of Taxation on Investment & Cross-Border Trade

Presenters:

- Mr. Yaobin Shi, Director General, Tax Policy Dept., Ministry of Finance, *China*.
- Ms. Jacqueline Coolidge, Lead Investment Policy Advisor, Doing Business Project, *WB*.

Chair:

- Mr. William Layne, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Finance, *Barbados*.

Parallel Session 5, Stream B

Management of Tax Debt Collection

Presenters:

- Mr. Muhammad Yusuf, Secretary General, Central Board of Revenue (CBR), *Pakistan*.
- Ms. Theresa Middleton, Director, Small & Medium Enterprises, HM Revenue & Customs, *United Kingdom*.

Chair:

- Mr. Luis Pedroche y Rojo, Commissioner, Tax Agency (AEAT), *Spain*.

10:30 – 11:00 **Break**

11:00 – 12:30 **Plenary Session V: Challenges Ahead**

Panel: Mr. Stephen Bill, Head of Cabinet of Mr. Laszlo Kovacs, *European Commission*; Mr. Alberto Barreix, Senior Fiscal Economist, *Inter-American Development Bank*, Ms. Victoria Perry, Chief Revenue Administration 1 Division, Fiscal Affairs Department, *International Monetary Fund*; Mr. Jeffrey Owens, Director, OECD Centre for Tax Policy & Administration & Mr. Marcelo Giugale, Sector Director, Poverty Reduction and Economic Management, Latin America & the Caribbean Region, *World Bank*.

12:30 – 12:45 **Conference Close**

Social Events

Tuesday, 16 October:

18:00 – 20:00 Cocktail Reception (Sheraton Buenos Aires Hotel)

Wednesday, 17 October

20:00 – Informal Dinner & Tango Show (Zanjón de Granados)

Thursday, 18 October

20:00 – Official Dinner (Alvear Palace Hotel)