

The Forum on Economic and Fiscal Policy

PROGRAM



CONFERENCE

"BEYOND TAX POLICY"

FRIDAY, 13 MAY 2016

venue:  KIT | Royal Tropical Institute
Amsterdam, the Netherlands

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12 MAY 2016: FEFP Meeting in Van Gogh Museum (only for the Members of the Forum of Economic and Fiscal Policy)

13 MAY 2016: INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE " BEYOND TAX POLICY" in the Royal Tropical Institute in Amsterdam, the Netherlands

The official conference programme will be published very soon on our website www.fefp.org
There are only few seats available. Therefore we recommend you to register before 30 April 2016.

The following Members of the Forum of Economic and Fiscal Policy will speak at the Conference:

Dr. Ruud de Mooij, Deputy Division Chief Tax Policy at the International Monetary Fund IMF in Washington

Dr. Parthasarathi Shome, Chairman of the International Tax Research and Analysis Foundation, India, former Advisor / Minister of State to the Indian Finance Minister

Mr. Heinz Zourek, Director-General until 1/1/2016 of the Directorate General Taxation & Customs of the European Commission

Ms. Monica Bhatia, Head Secretary of the OECD Global Forum on Transparency & Exchange of Information

Ms. Belema Obuoriforibo, Director of the IBFD in the Netherlands

Prof. Dr. Marcos Aurelio Valadao, Professor of Tax Law at the Catholic University of Brazil

Mr. Michael Lennard, Chief International Tax Cooperation and Trade, Financing for Development Office, United Nations, New York

Mr. D.P. Naban, Senior Partner of Lee Hishammuddin, Allen & Gledhill, Malaysia

Prof. Dr. Sol Picciotto, Professor at Lancaster University, United Kingdom,

Mr. Bawono Kristiaji, Partner of Danny Darussalam Tax Center, Indonesia,

Prof. Dr. Mick Moore, Professor at Sussex University, CEO of International Centre for Tax and Development, United Kingdom

Dr. Ednaldo Silva, Founder and Managing Director of RoyaltyStat LLC, United States

Ms. Farah Karimi, Director Oxfam Novib

Mr. Rajesh Ramlool, Deputy Solicitor General, Mauritius.

Dr. Ramon Dwarkasing, Chairman of the Forum on Economic and Fiscal Policy, the Netherlands



CONFERENCE AGENDA 13 May 2016

08:30 - 09:15 Registration and Welcome

09:00- 09:15 Introduction by Dr. Ramon Dwarkasing, Chairman of the Forum of Economic and Fiscal Policy

09:15- 10:45 First session - A Global overview: Economic Global Developments and Tax Policy

The first session will deal with the important role of tax policy to contribute to more economic productivity. The global economy remains fragile at this time. While the recovery in advanced economies is softening, many emerging market and developing economies have experienced a significant economic slowdown, and some large countries show signs of distress. The challenging environment calls for a comprehensive tax policy response to boost economic growth and reduce vulnerabilities. In particular, it is critical to identify tax policies that could lift productivity growth by promoting innovation, entrepreneurship and technology transfer. This requires an interaction between governments, business and society in designing tax policy.

During this session, **Deputy Division Chief of Tax Policy Division of the International Monetary Fund IMF, dr. Ruud de Mooij, former Minister of State of India and chairman ITRAF, dr. Parthasarati Shome and former Director-General Taxation of the European Commission, Heinz Zourek** will discuss these important developments from a global perspective. This session will be chaired by **dr. Ramon Dwarkasing**, chairman of the Forum on Economic and Fiscal Policy.

11:00 - 12:30 Second session - Tax Policy Conflicts between Countries

The second session of this Conference will deal with the controversy and conflicts of interest between different countries/continents in the area of tax policy. The role in tax policy of G20/OECD countries, developing economies and small island development states will be discussed. Countries design tax policies to realise economic growth. However, this might lead to spillovers in international taxation and to conflicts with policies of other countries. How does this correspond with the need to contribute to more economic productivity?

During this session **Prof. Dr. Marcos Valadao (Brazil), Chief of International Tax Cooperation at the United Nations, Michael Lennard, Prof. Dr. Sol Picciotto (UK), Deputy Division Chief of Tax Policy Division of the IMF, dr. Ruud de Mooij, ms. Farah Karimi (Director Oxfam, Netherlands) and Deputy Solicitor General in Mauritius Rajesh Ramlool** will discuss these important different interests in the tax policy area. This session will be chaired by **ms Belema Obuoforibo**, Director of the IBFD Knowledge Center and Member of the IBFD's executive board.

12:30 - 13:30 Lunch break

13:30 - 15:10 Third session - The Impact of Tax Policy on Business and Society

The third session of this Conference will deal with the impact of tax policy on Business and Society. The publication of the Panama Papers called for tax policy actions. However, the OECD has already introduced the Global Forum on Transparency and Exchange of Information for Tax Purposes to establish standards for exchange of tax information among 133 countries and to create a level playing field. During this session, **Head of the OECD Global Forum Secretariat, ms. Monica Bhatia** will discuss this important global project on the exchange of information and tax transparency. **Prof. dr. Mick Moore, CEO of the ICTD, mr. Bawono Kristiaji (Danny Darussalam Tax Center, Indonesia), dr. Edinaldo Silva (RoyaltyStat United States) and mr. Hans Bakker (AGTP)** will discuss the developments in the tax area, including the OECD BEPS project, and the impact of tax policy on business and society. This session will be chaired by **mr. D.P. Naban**, senior partner of Lee, Hishammuddin, Allen and Gledhill in Malaysia.

15:10 - 15:30 Coffee break

15:30 - 17:00 Fourth session - Future Developments (Beyond) Tax Policy

During this final session, chairman of the ITRAF and former Minister of State of India **dr. Parthasarati Shome**, Head of the OECD Global Forum Secretariat **ms. Monica Bhatia**, IBFD Director **ms. Belema Obuoforibo** and **prof. dr. Marcos Valadao** will provide their views and initiate a discussion with all the participants and speakers of the FEFP Conference on the future of tax policy and beyond.