

Adapting to Changing Times: From Remote to Automated Digital Services and Beyond
Launch Event for the 2021 United Nations Model Double Taxation Convention
Between Developed and Developing Countries

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Ms. Caroline Lombardo - Host



Ms. Caroline Lombardo serves as Chief of the International Tax and Development Cooperation Branch in the Financing for Sustainable Development Office of UNDESA. She leads the UN teams that provide policy and capacity support in the areas of tax and domestic resource mobilization, as well the Secretariats to the UN Tax Committee and the Development Cooperation Forum. She is an Editor of the UN Handbook on Managing Infrastructure Assets for Sustainable Development and has worked in other positions in the United Nations. Caroline did her post-doctoral fellowship at Yale University, where she helped launch the Program in Grand Strategy and its multidisciplinary graduate course addressing large-scale, long-term strategic challenges of statecraft, politics and social change. Caroline was a British Marshall Scholar and earned a DPhil in International History and Politics from the University of Oxford and Bachelor's degree in Ethics, Politics & Economics from Yale University.

Ms. Carmel Peters - Opening Remarks



Ms. Carmel Peters is a Strategic Policy Lead at Inland Revenue, New Zealand. She works primarily in international taxation and negotiates New Zealand's double tax agreements. From 2017 to 2021, Ms. Peters was the Co-Chair of the United Nations Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters. Ms. Peters holds a Master's Degree in Law (Taxation), New York University, USA and a Bachelor's Degree in Law, Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand.

Ms. Patricia Brown - Moderator



Ms. Brown is an Inter-Regional Advisor on International Tax Matters in the Financing for Sustainable Development Office at the United Nations. She began her career at a large international law firm, working in New York and London. She moved to the U.S. Treasury Department in 1994, and in 1997 became the Deputy International Tax Counsel (Treaty Affairs), with responsibility for coordinating U.S. tax treaty policy. From 2006 through 2010, she was a consultant to the OECD, working on the collective investment vehicle and the Treaty Relief and Compliance

Enhancement projects. From 2010 to 2020, she was the Director of the Graduate Tax Program at the University of Miami School of Law.

Mr. Christian Kaeser - Panelist



Mr. Christian Kaeser is the Global Head of Tax and Corporate Vice President at Siemens. In his role he is responsible for the global Siemens team of 690 tax and customs experts. Mr. Kaeser is also the chairman of the Tax Commission of the International Chamber of Commerce since 2014, the chairman of the tax Commission of the German Federation of Industries (BDI) since 2021, the president of the German IFA branch since 2012, the chairman of the supervisory board of WTS AG since 2009, and a member of the advisory council of the Belt

and Road Administration Cooperation Mechanism (BRITACOM) since 2020.

Mr. Armando Lara Yaffar - Panelist



Mr. Armando Lara Yaffar leads the International Tax Group within KPMG's Mexico office. Mr. Yaffar joined KPMG in November 2019, following his tenure as partner of Chevez Ruiz Zamarripa, and General Director of International Tax Policy and Tax Treaties at the Mexican Ministry of Finance. Prior to joining KPMG, Mr. Yaffar served as General Director of tax Treaties for several years. He joined to the Ministry of Finance in 1994 and served in different positions. He was chairman of the UN Tax Committee from 2009 to 2017; Chairman of the

OECD Working Party 10 on Exchange of Information and Tax Compliance from 2010 to 2016 and Vice-chair of the OECD Committee on Fiscal Affairs from 2014 to 2015. He has been international tax consultant at the World Bank Group, United Nations; Inter American Center of Tax Administrations and International Monetary Fund. Mr. Yaffar holds a Postgraduate degree in Finance from Universidad Iberomaericana, a Postgraduate degree in taxation from Universidad Pnamericana and an LLM Escuela Libre de Derecho.

Ms. Kapembwa Namuyemba-Sikombe - Panelist



Kapembwa Namuyemba-Sikombe has been the Principal Budget Analyst at the Ministry of Finance in Zambia since 2018. In that capacity, she is responsible for coordinating and supervising the formulation and analysis of international, income and value added tax policies in order to facilitate mobilization of domestic resources and implementation of government programs and projects. Prior to that, she was a Senior Economist in the Tax Policy Unit where her duties included economic modelling to support tax treaty negotiations and preparing reports and cabinet memoranda after tax treaty negotiations. Ms. Namuyemba-Sikombe received her MPhil in Taxation from the University of Pretoria and her Bachelor of Arts – Economics major, minor in Development Studies – from the University of Zambia, Lusaka. She is currently a member of the UN Tax Committee.

Ms. Mya Mya Oo - Panelist



Ms. Mya Mya Oo is the Deputy Director General of Internal Revenue Department, Ministry of Planning and Finance, Myanmar. She held several positions within the Department including Director, Large Taxpayers Office, Program Director, Tax Reform and Director, Finance Directorate. Ms. Mya has a Master of Public Policy, National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies, Tokyo, Japan and a Bachelor's Degree in Commerce, Institute of Economics, Yangon, Myanmar. She also holds a Diploma in Business Administration and a Diploma in Business Law, Institute of Economics, Yangon, Myanmar. She is currently a member of the UN Tax Committee.

Mr. Navid Hanif - Closing Remarks



Mr. Navid Hanif is the Director of the Financing for Sustainable Development Office of the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs. He joined UNDESA in 2001. He was Senior Policy Adviser in the Division for Sustainable Development and member of the team for the World Summit on Sustainable Development held in Johannesburg in 2002. He served as the Chief of Policy Coordination Branch and later Director in the office for Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) support. He was the first head of the DESA Strategic Planning Unit established in 2010. He was Principal Officer in the Office of the United Nations Secretary-General, Vice-Chair of the UN High Level Committee on Programming (HLCP) and Co-Coordinator of the UN team on repositioning of the UN Development System that led to major reforms in 2018. He has contributed several articles on financing and investing in the SDGs in various journals and reports. He holds MIA, International Political Economy, Columbia University (NY), & M.A., English Literature, Government College University (Lahore).