

2024 Special Meeting on International Cooperation in Tax Matters

Monday, 18 March, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. (New York time)

(See the programme [here](#))

Speaker Biographies

OPENING REMARKS

H.E. MRS. PAULA NARVÁEZ OJEDA



H.E. Mrs. Paula Narváez was elected the seventy-ninth President of the Economic and Social Council on 27 July 2023. Ambassador Narváez is currently the Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Chile to the United Nations in New York. She assumed her duties on 08 June 2022. Prior to her latest appointment, Ms. Narváez was the Officer-in-Charge at the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) in Guatemala, from February to May 2022. She also served as Socio-Political Adviser at the UN-Women Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean, from October 2021 to February 2022, and Regional Adviser for Governance and Political Participation in the same office, from 2018 to 2020. Between 2016 and 2018, Ms. Narváez was Minister Secretary General of Government, and she served as a Presidential Adviser from 2014 to 2016. From 2012 until 2014, she was a Latin America and Caribbean Section Program Specialist at UN-Women, based in New York. Following the eruption of the Chaitén Volcano in Chile in May 2008, Ms. Narváez served as the delegate of then-President Michelle Bachelet to the Chaitén Volcano Emergency, from 2008 to 2009. She has also held a number of other Government positions. Ms. Narváez earned a master's degree in Latin American Studies from Georgetown University in the United States; a master's degree in economics and regional management from the Universidad Austral de Chile; and a degree in psychology from the Universidad Nacional Andrés Bello, also in Chile.

MS. AMINA J. MOHAMMED



Ms. Amina J. Mohammed is the Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations and Chair of the United Nations Sustainable Development Group. Prior to her appointment, Ms. Mohammed served as Minister of Environment of the Federal Republic of Nigeria where she steered the country's efforts on climate action and efforts to protect the environment. Ms. Mohammed first joined the United Nations in 2012 as Special Adviser to former Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon being responsible for the post-2015 development planning. She led the process that resulted in global agreement around the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the creation of the Sustainable Development Goals. She began her career working on the design of schools and clinics in Nigeria and advocated on increasing access to education and other social services, before moving into the public sector, where she served as adviser to four successive Presidents on poverty, public sector reform, and sustainable development. Ms. Mohammed has been conferred several honorary doctorates and has served as an adjunct professor, lecturing on international development. The recipient of various global awards, Ms. Mohammed has served on numerous international advisory boards and panels.

MS. LISELOTT KANA



Ms. Liselott Kana is a law graduate from Stockholm University and a Master of Laws graduate from London School of Economics. She worked in London for Arthur Andersen & Co and since 1990 she has been involved as a public official with international trade and tax issues in Chile. In 1997, she was appointed Head of international taxation in charge of negotiating taxation treaties at the Revenue agency. She was a member of the permanent scientific committee of IFA until 2008 and a founder and president of the IFA branch of Chile in 2004. She has also been a president of IFA Latin America and she is Co-Chair of the United Nations Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters. She teaches international tax at the Catholic University in Santiago and at the Vienna Akademie der Wirtschaftstreuhänder in Austria.

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

MR. BENJAMIN E. DIOKNO



Benjamin E. Diokno was appointed as a full-time Member of the Monetary Board of Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) for a six-year term effective 12 January 2024, after having served as Secretary of the Department of Finance from July 2022 to January 2024. Within his first month in office as Finance Chief, he led the crafting of the Philippines' first-ever Medium-Term Fiscal Framework to help the country achieve three main objectives: reduce the deficit-to-GDP ratio to pre-pandemic levels, achieve upper middle-income status by 2025, and bring down poverty incidence to single digits by the end of the President's term. Prior to his appointment as Secretary of Finance, he served as Governor of the BSP from 2019 to 2022. In 2022, he was named Global and Asia-Pacific Central Banker of the Year by *The Banker*, an international finance publication owned by Financial Times, in recognition of his leadership of the BSP through the COVID-19 pandemic and efforts to advance the modernization of the country's banking system. Before taking charge of monetary affairs, he served as Budget Secretary under three presidents (Corazon Aquino, Joseph Estrada, and Rodrigo Duterte) where he pursued an expansionary fiscal policy to finance investments in human capital development and public infrastructure. He is Professor Emeritus of the University of the Philippines Diliman, and also Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Pamantasan ng Lungsod ng Maynila (City University of Manila).

Panel 1: Promotion of inclusive and effective international tax cooperation at the United Nations

MODERATOR

MR. ARMANDO LARA YAFFAR



Armando leads the International Tax Group within KPMG's Mexico office. Prior to joining KPMG, Armando 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. Armando is a frequent speaker and

writer on a variety of international tax topics. In addition to numerous articles, Armando is the author of an analysis of the Common Reporting Standard (CRS)2015 and the update of the UN Model Double Taxation Convention 2011.

PANELISTS

MR. MATHEW GBONJUBOLA



Mathew Olusanya Gbonjubola is a fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nigeria and an associate member of the Chartered Institute of Taxation of Nigeria. He holds the Higher National Diploma in Accountancy and Masters of Business Administration. He has about 30 years' experience in taxation including tax audit, tax investigation, tax policy, transfer pricing and international tax functions. He rose to the rank of Director in the Federal Inland Revenue Service, Nigeria before his latest appointment as a Coordinating Director. Mr. Gbonjubola has had extensive exposure and track record in international taxation, holding key positions in various prominent tax bodies such as the UN Tax Committee, where he serves as Co-Chair, the G20 Inclusive Framework on Base Erosion and Profit Shifting (BEPS), where he holds the role of Co-Vice Chair, and the G24 Tax Working Group on Taxation. Additionally, he has contributed significantly to African Regional Tax Bodies. In recognition of his expertise and achievements, Mr. Gbonjubola was honored as one of the World's Top 50 Tax Persons for the year 2022 by the International Tax Review (ITR).

MS. MYA MYA OO



Ms. Mya Mya Oo is the Deputy Director General of Internal Revenue Department (IRD), Ministry of Planning and Finance, Myanmar. She has held several positions within the Department including Director of Large Taxpayers Office and the Program Director of Tax Reform. Since 2013 she has been operating at senior levels of management in IRD. Her career has been built on strong values and a high level of confidence in reform implementation.

In her current capacity as Deputy Director General, Ms. Mya spearheads the monumental task of overseeing the reform of the Myanmar tax system reform, which is the biggest reform program in history of the country's tax system. 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 Law, Institute of Economics, Yangon, Myanmar.

MR. FELIPE ANTUNES OLIVEIRA



Dr Felipe Antunes de Oliveira is the Coordinator-General for International Economic Cooperation at the Brazilian Ministry of Finance. During the Brazilian Presidency of the G20, he is acting as the coordinator of the International Financial Architecture Working Group and the Taxation talks. Dr Felipe Antunes de Oliveira is also Senior Lecturer in Development and Global Governance in the School of Politics and International Relations at Queen Mary University of London.

MR. TIM POWER



Mr. Tim Power is the Deputy Director for Business and International Tax in His Majesty's Treasury of the United Kingdom. Since December 2023, Mr. Power serves as the Chair of the OECD's Committee on Fiscal Affairs (CFA). As Chair of the CFA, Mr. Power also serves as Co-Chair of the OECD/G20 Inclusive Framework on BEPS.

At HM Treasury, Mr. Power and his team are primarily responsible for corporation tax, with responsibilities spanning tax base design, base protection measures, transfer pricing, and tax treaties. Additionally, they manage other taxes on incorporated businesses and those specific to the financial sector. Mr. Power has significant experience representing the United Kingdom in multilateral discussions within the OECD, starting with the origins of the Base Erosion and Profit Shifting (BEPS) project in 2013. Notably, he has had long-standing involvement in the Steering Group of the OECD/G20 Inclusive Framework on BEPS. More recently, he also served as Co-Chair of the Task Force for the Digital Economy including in finalizing the Multilateral Convention (MLC) to implement Amount A of Pillar One.

RESPONDENT

MR. STEVEN DEAN



Steven Dean is a Professor of Law at Boston University School of Law. Dean has published books about taxation, philanthropy, and social enterprise. He has testified before the Congressional House Ways and Means Committee about the impact of racism on tax policy, served as a consultant to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, been a General Rapporteur for the International Academy of Comparative Law, and is a member of the American Law Institute. Before entering academia, he practiced tax law with Debevoise & Plimpton and with Cravath, Swaine & Moore. He earned his law degree from Yale. Before attending law school, he interned with the UN Department for Economic and Social Information and Policy Analysis.

MR. CLAES HAMMARSTEDT



Mr. Claes Hammarstedt is Director of International Tax Policy at the Confederation of Swedish Enterprise. He is responsible for Global Tax Policy, EU tax law and Tax Treaties. He has previously worked at the Ministry of Finance, Sweden, responsible for tax treaty negotiations. He is on the Board of the International Fiscal Association in Sweden and is a member of the Tax Policy Group of BusinessEurope, the International Chamber of Commerce and Business at OECD (BIAC). He holds a Master of Law from Uppsala University, Sweden.

Panel 2: The role of net wealth taxes in promoting equality and financing the SDGs

MODERATOR

MR. PABLO FERRERI



Mr. Pablo Ferreri has a distinguished career in civil service, notably serving as the Vice Minister of Economy and Finance of Uruguay from 2015 to 2020. Prior to this role, he held the position of General Director of the Uruguayan Tax Administration from 2010 to 2014. He also served as President of the General Assembly of the Inter-American Center of Tax Administrations (CIAT) 2010-2011 and member of the Board of Directors from 2010 to 2014. At present, Mr. Ferreri is a participant in the UN Tax Committee's Subcommittee on Wealth and Solidarity Taxes. He has worked as a consultant on tax and fiscal policy with various international organizations such as the World Bank, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), and Inter-American Development Bank (IDB). Mr. Ferreri is a public accountant and holds a master's degree in tax law.

PANELISTS

MR. LORENZO URIBE BARDON



Mr. Lorenzo Uribe is an advisor to the Deputy Minister of Finance of Colombia, specializing in international tax matters. He holds an undergraduate degree in social sciences and a graduate degree in economics from Sciences Po, Paris, as well as a Master of Arts in Public Policy from the University of Chicago. Previously, he has worked in international organizations and in both the legislative and executive branches of the Colombian government on issues related to economic development and tax policy.

MR. SHAFIK HEBOU



from the Goethe University Frankfurt (Germany).

Shafik Hebous is deputy division chief in the IMF's Fiscal Affairs Department. Shafik leads and supervises capacity building in tax policy, assisting countries in key issues including revenue mobilization and improving the efficiency and inclusiveness of the tax system. His main area of research is public finance, covering topics such as wealth taxation, the implications of emerging technologies on taxation, and the taxation of multinational enterprises. Shafik obtained his Ph.D. in economics

MS. BELEMA OBUOFORIBO



She also serves on the editorial boards of several leading international tax publications, including the Bulletin for International Taxation and the European Taxation journal. She is also the Director of the annual Africa Tax Symposium, the leading global conference on African taxation. Belema also serves in an advisory capacity for various African governments, particularly on matters relating to international tax policy, tax treaties, and effective anti-avoidance legislation.

Ms. Belema R. Obuoforibo, CTA ATT (Fellow) is the Director of the IBFD Knowledge Centre, Chair of the Centre for Studies in African Taxation, and a Member of the IBFD Executive Board. Belema is also Extraordinary Lecturer in International Taxation at the University of Pretoria. She is also a member of the UN Subcommittee on Wealth and Solidarity Taxes. Belema is an authoritative speaker and writer on international tax issues.

MR. AH MAFTUCHAN



tank on fiscal issues, social issues, and sustainable development issues since October 2015 until now. Maftuchan is a co-founder and coordinator of Responsibank Indonesia, a national network of CSOs advocating and promoting sustainable finance. Maftuchan is a member of the working

Mr. Ah Maftuchan is a public policy specialist, development practitioner, writer, researcher, campaigner, and trainer, providing advisory services to the Indonesian government, CSOs, and the private sector. Maftuchan is a member of the International Advisory Committee of Civil-20 (C20) of the G20 Brazil Presidency 2024, the Troika of Civil-20 (C20) of the G20 India Presidency 2023, and the Sherpa of Civil-20 (C20) for the G20 Indonesia Presidency 2022. Maftuchan is the executive director of PRAKARSA, a Jakarta-based civil society organization (CSO) think

group on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the Republic of Indonesia and serves as an advisor for the Indonesian Delegation to the United Nations High-Level Political Forum (UN-HLPF) 2017 on SDGs. At the regional level, Maftuchan is the Co-coordinator of Tax and Fiscal Justice Asia (TAFJA), a regional Asian network of CSOs campaigning for fiscal transparency and tax justice. Maftuchan is also one of the leaders of Fair Finance Asia, a regional network of CSOs advocating and promoting sustainable finance. At the global level, Maftuchan is a member of the Coordinating Committee of the Global Alliance for Tax Justice (GATJ), a global coalition in the tax justice movement working for a world where progressive and redistributive tax policies generate the public funding needed to ensure essential services and human rights.

RESPONDENT

MS. ERICA PAYNE



Ms. Erica Payne is the Founder and President of the Patriotic Millionaires, a collection of wealthy Americans alarmed by the destabilizing concentration of wealth and power in America and around the world. Before the Patriotic Millionaires, Payne founded and ran The Agenda Project, a public policy advocacy organization, and the Tesseract Group, a boutique marketing and communications strategy firm specializing in public policy advocacy. She previously served as the Deputy National Finance Director for the Democratic National Committee.

Payne is the co-author of two books: *Tax the Rich: How Lies, Loopholes and Lobbyists Make the Rich Even Richer* (2021) and *The Practical Progressive: How to Build a 21st Century Political Movement* (2008). She has been featured in media outlets including The New York Times, MarketWatch, Vox, NPR, The Boston Globe, Bloomberg, The Hill, and Politico and she has appeared on networks like CNN, NBC, MSNBC, CNBC, Fox News, and several others.

MR. JOSÉ TROYA GONZALEZ



Mr. Troya has undergraduate studies in Management (Pontifical Catholica University of Ecuador) and an International M.B.A. from the Vlerick Business School (Belgium). He also has experience on finance functions in the private sector and 15 years in the Ecuadorian Tax Administration where the last 10 years José was part of the Double Taxation Agreements negotiation team, participating also in tax policy formulation and tax administration related to international taxation issues. Last year José joined CPA

Robalino, a consultancy firm in Ecuador. José is now in his second term as Member of the UN

Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters. He is also the Coordinator of the UN Tax Committee's Subcommittee on Wealth and Solidarity Taxes.

CLOSING REMARKS

MR. LI JUNHUA



United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres appointed Mr. Li Junhua of China as the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs effective 25 July 2022. Prior to his appointment, Mr. Li was Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of China to Italy and San Marino. He brings to the position perspectives and visions on fostering multilateral economic and social cooperation, with a commitment to engage with all parties to further implement the 2030 Agenda including dedication to serve Member States. He has contributed to numerous meetings of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), the United Nations General Assembly and Security Council, as well as other multilateral meetings including the G20, Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC), Asia–Europe Meeting (ASEM), BRICS etc.

As Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, Mr. Li guides UN Secretariat support for the follow-up processes of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development. He also oversees the substantive services to many intergovernmental processes, including the annual meetings of the Second and Third Committees of the General Assembly, the meetings of the Economic and Social Council, including its Development Cooperation Forum, and the work of the subsidiary bodies of ECOSOC. In addition to intergovernmental processes, Mr. Li oversees DESA's policy analysis and capacity development work. He also serves as the Convenor of the Executive Committee on Economic and Social Affairs and advises the United Nations Secretary-General on all development-related issues, including climate change, internet governance, and financing for development.

Mr. Li began his career at the Foreign Affairs Ministry in 1985. Since then, he has served in various capacities, including as Director General of the Department of International Organizations and Conferences, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China (2013-2019), Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of China to Myanmar (2010-2012), Deputy Director General of the Department of International Organizations and Conferences (2008-2010), Minister Counselor (Political), Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of China to the United Nations (2003-2008), Division Director and Counselor in charge of UN General Assembly and Security Council Affairs (2001-2003), Second and First Secretary, Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of China to the United Nations (1997-2001). Third and Second Secretary, the Department of International Organizations and Conferences (1992-1997) and Assistant to the Permanent Representative,

Permanent Mission of China to the UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, Bangkok (1986-1992).

Mr. Li holds a Master's in International Public Policy, School of Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University. Mr. Li is married.

H.E. MRS. PAULA NARVÁEZ OJEDA



H.E. Mrs. Paula Narváez was elected the seventy-ninth President of the Economic and Social Council on 27 July 2023. Ambassador Narváez is currently the Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Chile to the United Nations in New York. She assumed her duties on 08 June 2022. Prior to her latest appointment, Ms. Narváez was the Officer-in-Charge at the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) in Guatemala, from February to May 2022. She also served as Socio-Political Adviser at the UN-Women Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean, from October 2021 to February 2022, and Regional Adviser for Governance and Political Participation in the same office, from 2018 to 2020. Between 2016 and 2018, Ms. Narváez was Minister Secretary General of Government, and she served as a Presidential Adviser from 2014 to 2016. From 2012 until 2014, she was a Latin America and Caribbean Section Program Specialist at UN-Women, based in New York. Following the eruption of the Chaitén Volcano in Chile in May 2008, Ms. Narváez served as the delegate of then-President Michelle Bachelet to the Chaitén Volcano Emergency, from 2008 to 2009. She has also held a number of other Government positions. Ms. Narváez earned a master's degree in Latin American Studies from Georgetown University in the United States; a master's degree in economics and regional management from the Universidad Austral de Chile; and a degree in psychology from the Universidad Nacional Andrés Bello, also in Chile.

