

Economic and Social Council
2025 Special Meeting on International Cooperation in Tax Matters
New York, 28 March 2025

ECOSOC Chamber

Timed Agenda with Speakers (as of 27 March 2025)

	MORNING MEETING
10:00 AM – 10:25 AM	<p>OPENING REMARKS <i>Opening remarks celebrating the 20th anniversary of the UN Tax Committee and commending its distinctive contributions to international tax cooperation</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - H.E. Mr. Bob Rae, President of the Economic and Social Council - Mr. Li Junhua, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA) - Ms. Liselott Kana, Co-Chairperson, United Nations Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters
10:25 AM – 10:35 AM	<p>KEYNOTE ADDRESS - <i>International tax cooperation in an increasingly digitalized global economy</i></p> <p>Ms. Maria José Garde, Director General of Taxation, Ministry of Finance, Spain</p>
10:35 AM – 1:00 PM	<p>PANEL 1: PROMOTING INCLUSIVE AND EFFECTIVE INTERNATIONAL TAX COOPERATION</p> <p><u>Part 1: Challenges and Opportunities to Strengthen Domestic Resource Mobilization (10:35 AM – 11:45 AM)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dialogue on international rules or practices that pose significant barriers to domestic resource mobilization in developing countries • Discussion on innovative solutions to strengthen domestic resource mobilization <p><u>Chair:</u> H.E. Mr. Bob Rae, President of the Economic and Social Council</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> Mr. Mathew Gbonjubola, Co-Chairperson, United Nations Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters</p> <p><u>Panellists:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Ramesh Narain Parbat, Head, Tax Policy Division, Central Board of Direct Taxes, Ministry of Finance, India - Ms. Chenai Mukumba, Executive Director, Tax Justice Network Africa - Mr. Ben Dickinson, Deputy Director, OECD's Centre for Tax Policy and Administration <p><u>Respondent:</u> Mr. Enrique Bolado, Director-General of International Treaties, Ministry of Finance and Public Credit, Mexico & Member, UN Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters</p>
	<p>INTERACTIVE DIALOGUE (<i>Open discussion with Member States and other stakeholders</i>) <i>3 minutes for individual interventions; 5 minutes for statements on behalf of groups; and 3 minutes for accredited non-state stakeholders</i></p>

	<p><u>Part 2: Taxation of Cross-Border Services – a multi-faceted approach (11:45 AM – 1:00 PM)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Examination of approaches to taxing cross-border services in an increasingly digitalized economy, including technical services and digital services taxes • Discussion of administrative challenges facing developing countries in taxing intercompany transactions and the role of withholding taxes <p><u>Chair:</u> H.E. Mr. Bob Rae, President of the Economic and Social Council</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> Mr. Mathew Gbonjubola, Co-Chairperson, United Nations Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters</p> <p><u>Panellists:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Thulani Shongwe, Head, African Multilateral Cooperation, African Tax Administration Forum (ATAF) - Mr. Marcio Ferreira Verdi, Executive Secretary of the Inter-American Center of Tax Administrations (CIAT) - Mr. John Connors, Chair, Global Tax Commission, International Chamber of Commerce (ICC)
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<p>1:00 PM-3:00 PM</p>	<p>BREAK AND RESUME AT 3:00 PM</p>
<p>AFTERNOON SESSION</p>	
<p>3:00 PM-3:05 PM</p>	<p>INTRODUCTORY REMARKS</p> <p>H.E. Mr. Lok Bahadur Thapa, Vice-President of the Economic and Social Council</p>
<p>3:05 PM-3:15 PM</p>	<p>KEYNOTE ADDRESS - Gender-responsive tax policy design in the context of Beijing+30</p> <p>Ms. Jeneba J. Bangura, Commissioner General of the National Revenue Authority, Sierra Leone</p>
<p>3:15 PM-5:45 PM</p>	<p>PANEL 2: PROMOTING GENDER INCLUSIVITY THROUGH TAX POLICY DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION</p> <p><u>Part 1: Understanding Gender Impacts in Tax Systems (3:15 PM – 4:30 PM)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Analysis of differential impacts of tax systems on women and men, including explicit and implicit biases affecting economic participation • Examination of changes in tax system composition and their gender impacts, with focus on tools for holistic analysis <p><u>Chair:</u> H.E. Mr. Lok Bahadur Thapa, Vice-President of the Economic and Social Council</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> Ms. Caren Grown, Senior Fellow Global Economy and Development, Centre for Sustainable Development, Brookings Institution</p>

	<p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Anders Stridh, Strategist, Swedish Tax Agency - Ms. Zohra Khan, Senior Policy Advisor, UN Women - Ms. Nana Akua Mensah, Tax Policy Consultant, Ghana & Member, UN Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters
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	<p>Part 2: Practical Tools and Data for Gender-Responsive Tax Policies (4:30 PM – 5:45 PM)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus on practical tools and methodologies for gender-inclusive tax policy evaluation • Discussion of the role of gender-disaggregated data in shaping equitable fiscal policies, linking to Beijing+30 process <p>Chair: H.E. Mr. Lok Bahadur Thapa, Vice-President of the Economic and Social Council</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Caren Grown, Senior Fellow Global Economy and Development, Centre for Sustainable Development, Brookings Institution</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Ceren Ozer, Senior Economist, World Bank Group - Ms. Aishath Hassan, Chief Statistician, Maldives Bureau of Statistics, Ministry of Finance and Planning, Maldives
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<p>5:45 PM- 6:00 PM</p>	<p>CLOSING REMARKS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Navid Hanif, Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Affairs, UNDESA - H.E. Mr. Lok Bahadur Thapa, Vice-President of the Economic and Social Council

