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Conference on Tax Transparency and Corruption:

**Tracking the Tools to Enhance Tax and Financial Transparency, the
Unifying Role of Inter-Agency Cooperation and New Technologies**

July 14 - 15, 2021

Conference on Tax Transparency and Corruption

An African Perspective

Agenda for a Virtual Meeting

*Speakers Not Confirmed

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ONLINE via MS Teams

DAY 1 – AFTERNOON SESSION, JULY 14, 2021 **13.00-17.30 (ALL TIMES ARE IN CET VIENNA TIME)**

CHAIR: JEFFREY OWENS (DIRECTOR OF WU GLOBAL TAX POLICY CENTER)

13:00 – 13:10	<p>Opening remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jean-Luc Lemahieu, UNODC - Jeffrey Owens, WU
13:10 – 13:20	<p>Session I: Mapping the progress so far</p> <p>Issues for Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Overview of the findings of the focus groups – progress report o What have we achieved so far? o What are the key issues and recommendations emerging? <p>Speaker:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jeffrey Owens, WU - Chiara Bronchi, World Bank <p>Documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Project brochure <p>Open Discussion</p>
13:20 – 16:00	<p>Session II: The Role of Effective Legal and Administrative Systems in Strengthening Inter-Agency Cooperation to Combat IFFs</p> <p>Issues for Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Understanding the role of robust legal frameworks – in addition to frameworks that permit and legitimize cooperation between law enforcement agencies, regulation of collection, sharing and access to information and corresponding systems should enable cooperation. o How can regulatory frameworks and the associated administrative systems on beneficial ownership, unexplained wealth orders, exchange of information and mutual legal assistance facilitate the strengthening of collaborative efforts? o Embedding the collaborative approach in overall transparency frameworks to improve the quality of information collected.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Addressing privacy and confidentiality challenges that may arise. Identifying lessons to be learned from inter-agency cooperation efforts in South Africa, Uganda and Kenya ○ Understanding the role of cooperation nationally, regionally and globally ○ Revision of the best practices manual on inter-agency cooperation. ○ The role of shared risk management processes to enhance detection. ○ Is there a need for a legal requirement for tax administrations and FIUs to follow up on the basis of information exchanged? <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Yara Esquivel Soto, World Bank - Xolisile Khanyile, South Africa Financial Intelligence Centre - Siddhesh Rao, WU <p>Panel discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jovile Mungyereza, Uganda Revenue Authority - Francis Usani, EFFC Economic and Financial Crime Commission Nigeria <p>Documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Draft of good practices manual on Inter agency cooperation by Focus Group - Country case studies presented at the Focus Group Calls
16:00 – 16:10	Coffee Break
16:10 – 17:30	<p>Session III: Unexplained Wealth Orders</p> <p>Issues for Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Assessing the opportunities, risks and role of unexplained wealth regimes as part of a comprehensive strategy to counteracting illicit financial flows. ○ Identifying best practices and key considerations in designing unexplained wealth regimes. ○ Deriving lessons learned from UWO case studies in Kenya, Mauritius, the UK and Zimbabwe. ○ Investigating unexplained wealth, taking into account the role of tax authorities and inter-agency cooperation. <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rita Julien, WU/Georgetown - Jean Pierre Brun, World Bank Stolen Asset Recovery (StAR) Initiative - Tapiwa Manyika, Director Loss Control, Zimbabwe Revenue Authority - Preeya Raghoonundhun, Senior Integrity Reporting Officer, and Paul Keyton, Director, Integrity Reporting Services Agency, Mauritius <p>Panel discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dianne Willman, NPA Asset Forfeiture Unit, South Africa - Saitoti Maika, Director General of Financial Reporting Centre, Kenya <p>Documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Draft Focus Group report comparing UWO regimes & identifying key considerations and best practices - Country case studies presented at the Focus Group Calls <p>Open Discussion</p>

DAY 2 – AFTERNOON SESSION, JULY 15, 2021**13.00 – 17.30 (ALL TIMES ARE IN CET VIENNA TIME)**

CHAIR: CHIARA BRONCHI (WORLD BANK)

13:00 – 15:00	<p>Session IV: Tools to Improve the Implementation and Verification of Beneficial Ownership Information Frameworks</p> <p>Issues for Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Progress on the value chain tool – how it emerged, why it works and how it can be used as an overall tracking tool ○ The value of risk management approaches throughout the value chain and overall, in inter-agency cooperation ○ The role of inter-agency cooperation in verification ○ Key experiences with establishing registries ○ The value of one standard for information gathering – the Beneficial Ownership Data Standard ○ The role of technology in hosting registries and easing verification processes. <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Joy W. Ndubai, WU - Emil Meddy, Ghana Financial Intelligence Centre - Henk van Rensburg, South Africa Revenue Service <p>Panel discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Christopher Malan, South Africa Financial Intelligence Centre - Solvej Krause, World Bank - Ines Marques, EITI - Stephen Pugh, Open Ownership <p>Documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Vulnerabilities assessment - Access to Beneficial Ownership: removing the last barrier to effective EOI – draft report by Focus Group - Manual on Best Practices for the Implementation and Use of Beneficial Ownership Standards and Information - Country case studies presented at the Focus Group Calls - FACTI Panel recommendations - Revisions to Recommendation 24 - White Paper for Public Consultation, FATF <p>Open Discussion</p>
15:00 – 15:30	<p>Session V: Client attorney privilege:</p> <p>A quick overview:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Siddhesh Rao, WU <p>A debate moderated by Jeffrey Owens between:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nicola Bonucci, Paul Hastings (Europe) LLP - Ekow Eghan, EY <p>Documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Power point Slides by Focus Group - Draft list of cases of use/abuse of CAP in tax/AML cases - Country case studies presented at the Focus Group Calls - FACTI Panel recommendation on Enablers - International Bar Associations Response to FACTI Panel - Curtailing aggressive tax planning: the case for introducing mandatory disclosure rules in Australia (Part 2) - Cues from the United Kingdom and South Africa by Annet Oguttu and Ann Kayis-Kumar

15:30 – 15:40	Coffee Break
15:40 – 17:20	<p>Session VI: Emergent opportunities for new technologies to enhance efforts to combat IFFs – what can we learn?</p> <p>Issues for Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The potential of AI, ML and data analytics to improve the tracking of cross-border IFFs ○ The experience of African countries with digital registries of beneficial owners ○ Identifying relevant data and verify the quality ○ How to maximize existing technologies – a case study of the custom’s authority in Kenya (joint World Bank project) ○ Using simplified systems – the experience of the South Africa Reserve Bank in money remittance systems monitoring ○ The potential for a digital road map for FIUs and tax administrations to measure digital maturity <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Anders Agerskove, World Bank - Marius Papenfus, South Africa Revenue Authority - Saidimu Terra, Kenya Revenue Authority <p>Panel discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Alvin Mosioma, TJNA - Biola Shotunde, Nigeria Financial Intelligence Unit - Asheikh Maidugu, Coordinating Director of Digital Support Group, FIRS Nigeria <p>Documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discussion note from GTPC - Summary of Conference Transforming Tax Systems with Blockchain - Documents of Conference Transforming Tax Systems with Blockchain - WU Lecture: Leveraging the power of tax tech - Do Digital Technologies Facilitate Illicit Financial Flows? Max Planck Institute - Opportunities and Challenges of New Technologies for AML/CFT, FATF - DET brochure
17:20 – 17:30	<p>Session VII: Next steps</p> <p>Issues for discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What status should the focus group report be given? ○ How to implement any recommendation ○ How to take forward the debate on new technologies ○ Engaging Civil Society Organisations <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jeffrey Owens, WU - Melissa Tullis, UNODC <p>Open Discussion</p>