

Health *versus* Wealth? Tax and Transparency in the Age of COVID-19

Thursday 28th of May 2020, 13.00 - 15.30 (UCT, Coordinated Universal Time)

Lima 8 a.m., Washington DC 9 a.m., London 2 p.m., Brussels 3 p.m., Nairobi 4 p.m., New Delhi 6.30 p.m., Manila 9 p.m.

Time in UCT

12.45 – 13.00 **Short Video broadcasts from partners on their take on Health versus Wealth**

13.00 – 13.05	Introduction
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sargon Nissan, Financial Transparency Coalition (FTC) - Susana Ruiz, Oxfam and Co-Chair of The Independent Commission for the Reform of International Corporate Taxation (ICRICT)
13.05 – 13.15	Keynote remarks
	<p><i>Fiscal challenges & Risks for Developing Countries</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Professor Jayati Ghosh Professor at Jawaharlal Nehru University and ICRICT Commissioner <p><i>The impact of the crisis on workers and the public sector</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rosa Pavanelli General Secretary of Public Services International (PSI)
13.15 – 14.00	Panel 1 - Increasing domestic revenue mobilization from corporate taxation
	<p><i>On the options for increasing corporation tax in the face of the Crisis.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Logan Wort, African Tax Administration Forum (ATAF) <p><i>A proposal for excess profit taxation on corporations – ‘Pillar 3’</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Professor Allison Christians, McGill University, Canada <p><i>Respondents</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rajat Bansal, Department of Revenue, India - Wayne Swan, Former Finance Minister of Australia and ICRICT Commissioner <p>Moderated by Severine Picard from the Trade Union Advisory Committee to the OECD</p>

14.00 – 14.45

Panel 2 – Revenue-raising from wealth & ensuring it reaches intended beneficiaries

Issues & corruption-related challenges related to anticipated Covid-19 expenditure

- **Professor Susan Rose-Ackerman** Professor at Yale Law School, United States

On the potential for a South African wealth tax

- **Professor Ingrid Woolard** Stellenbosch University, South Africa

Respondents

- **Hakim Hamadi** Global Forum, OECD
- **Neeti Biyani** Centre for Budget and Governance Accountability India (FTC member)

Moderated by **Max Heywood** - *Transparency International (FTC member)*

14.45 – 14.50

Video Case Study - Argentina's new Beneficial Ownership Register law

Veronica Grondona Chief of International Taxation
Argentine Revenue Authority (AFIP)

14.50 – 15.30

Tax and Transparency in the Age of Covid – What have we learned?

- **Alex Cobham**, Tax Justice Network (FTC member)
- **Marilou Uy**, Group of Twenty-Four on International Monetary Affairs and Development (G-24)
- **Samuel Makwe**, Counsellor at Nigeria's Permanent Mission to the United Nations Headquarters
- *Selected speakers from previous sessions*

Moderated by **Susana Ruiz** - *Oxfam*

15.30 – 15.35

Wrap-up

- **Daniel Bertossa**, Public Services International

Press Conference *Priorities for tax and transparency reform in the Age of Covid-19*

- **Sargon Nissan** – Financial Transparency Coalition
- **Susana Ruiz** – Oxfam and co-chair, The Independent Commission for the Reform of International Corporate Taxation (ICRICT)
- **Daniel Bertossa**, Public Services International
- **Tommaso Faccio** – The Independent Commission for the Reform of International Corporate Taxation (ICRICT)