



9th ASIA / AFRICA IFA
CONFERENCE - 2015

MAURITIUS

7th & 8th May 2015



INTERNATIONAL FISCAL ASSOCIATION
MAURITIUS BRANCH

Dear IFA Friends,

Every year, the Mauritius Branch of the International Fiscal Association (IFA) organises an international tax conference in Mauritius in the month of May. It is the only conference of its kind in this part of the world bridging Africa and Asia, the way it does. In 2014, the conference had an attendance of nearly 200 delegates, a quarter coming from abroad. Latter included high level professionals from 15 different countries.

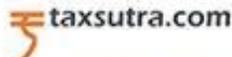
For 2015, we shall be focusing on the most recent issues relating to the Asia/Africa region. Our topics shall be:

- Day 1: Recent Developments in International Tax (including BEPS issues)
- Day 2: Tax challenges for investors in Africa

It is our great pleasure to invite you to Mauritius and we look forward to seeing you at the conference.

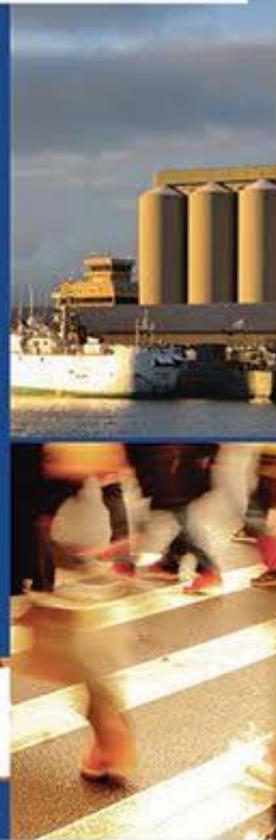
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Conference Programme

Thursday 7th May 2015

08.45 - 09.30	Registration
09.30 - 10.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ Opening Ceremony❖ Welcome address: Rajesh Ramloll, Conference Chairman❖ Address: Porus Kaka, Senior Advocate President, International Fiscal Association (Worldwide)❖ Address: Hon. S. Bhadain Minister for Financial Services , Good Governance and Institutional Reforms❖ Vote of Thanks: Prof. Roy Rohatgi, Conference Advisor
10.00 - 10.30	Tea/Coffee
10.30 - 11.30	KEYNOTE ADDRESS - CHIEF GUEST - Prof. P. Shome (India) Topic: Impact of Global International Taxation Policies and Practices on Developed and Developing Countries Speaker: Parthasarathy Shome, former advisor to Ministry of Finance, India , State Minister (Finance), India
11.30 - 11.45	First Technical Session Topic: Emerging International Tax Policy Trends Session Chairman: Sushil Khushiram , Former Minister for Financial Services, Mauritius Chairman's Remarks
11.45 - 12.05	Topic: Emerging Trends in the United Nations Model and Impact of BEPS on Developing Countries Speaker: Hon. Pramod Kumar, Tax Judge Income Tax Appellate Tribunal (India)
12.05 - 13.05	Topic: Global Impact of Emerging Tax Trends on « Mid-shore » Jurisdictions – looking into the crystal ball ! Panel Discussion led by Sushil Khushiram, Mauritius (Moderator). Panellists : Gary Gowrea, CIM Global Business, Mauritius, Shreya Rao, Nitish Desai Associates, India – Ridha Hamzaoui, IBFD, The Netherlands Jonathan Schwarz, UK - Jeremy Cape (Dentons, UK), Lancaster University (United Kingdom)
13.05 - 13.15	Chairman's Comments
13.15 - 14.30	Lunch
14.30 - 16.30	Second Technical Session (concurrent sessions) Option One: Session Chairman: Mr Vimal Damree - Chairman STEP Mauritius Option Two: Session Chairman: Rajesh Ramloll - Chairman IFA Mauritius

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- 14.30 - 15.00** **Fatca Developments**
- Speaker:** Ms P. Gokulsingh - Head - Gokulsingh Chambers and formerly Head of Legal (Barclays)
- 15.30 - 16.00** **Topic:** New EOI challenges : Peer Review Phase III – automatic Exchange of information and CRS
- Speaker:** Melanie Robert, Global Forum Secretariat, OECD
- 16.00 - 16.30** **Topic:** Diverted Profits Tax (Google tax) and GAAR Developments in the United Kingdom
- Speaker:** Chas Roy Chowdhury, Professor, ACCA, United Kingdom
- 16.30 - 17.00** **Tea/Coffee**
- 17.00 - 19.30** **Third Technical Session:**
- Session Chairman:** Professor Roy Rohatgi, Director, Foundation for International Taxation, India
- Topic:** Recent Developments in International Taxation
- 17.00 - 17.15** **Third Technical Session:**
- Chairman's Introduction**
- 17.15 - 17.45** **Presentations on Impact of BEPS on:**
- Topic:** Digital Economy under BEPS and future Trends
Speaker: Yan Sheng Zhu, Associate Dean, Professor in Law, Xiamen University, China
- 17.45 - 18.45** **Topic:** Enhanced Substance Rules in the BEPs context – An Update
- Speaker:** Ramon Dwarkasing, Associate Professor, Maastricht University, The Netherlands
- 18.45 - 19.15** **Topic:** Tax Justice issues in Africa and the Impact of BEPS on Africa
- Speaker:** Ms Luckystar Miyandazi, Coordinator, East African Tax and Governance Network (Kenya) and Nora Honkaniemi Action Aid-Kenya
- 19.45 - 20.00** **Chairman's Remarks**
- 20.00 - 22.30** **Cocktails and Dinner**

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- 08.30 - 11.00** **Fourth Technical Session:**
- Topic:** Recent International Tax Developments (including BEPS)
Session Chairman: Rajesh Ramlool, IFA (Mauritius) Chairman
- 08.30 - 08.45** **Fourth Technical Session:**
- Chairman's Introduction**
- 08.45 - 09.00** **Fourth Technical Session:**
- SPECIAL SPEAKER**
- Topic:** BEPS and its Impact on India and other Developing Countries
Speaker: Ms P.Saksena, Joint Secretary – (India) and member of UN (Tax) Committee of Experts
- 09.30 - 10.00** **Fourth Technical Session:**
- Topic:** BEPS and Transfer Pricing : Perceived Issues and Proposed Solutions
Speaker: Monique van Herksen, Partner, Ernst & Young, The Netherlands
- 10.00 - 10.30** **Fourth Technical Session:**
- Topic:** Impact of BEPs on Treaty Abuse (with special reference to Luxembourg Leaks)
Speaker : Michael Kobetsky, Professor – University of Melbourne, Australia
- 10.30 - 11.00** **Fourth Technical Session:**
- Topic:** Impact of BEPS on future development of Model Tax Treaties.
Speaker: Jonathan Schwarz, Barrister, Temple Tax Chambers and visiting Professor Kings College London, United Kingdom
- 11.00 - 11.30** **Tea/Coffee**
- 11.30 - 13.30** **Fifth Technical Session:**
- Topic:** Recent International Tax Developments (including BEPS) (continued)
Chairman: Johanne Hague, Juristconsult chambers
- 11.30 - 11.45** **Fifth Technical Session:**
- Chairman's Remarks**
- 11.45 - 12.15** **Fifth Technical Session:**
- Topic:** India – Recent Indian Tax Developments and Policy Changes
Speaker: Porus Kaka – Senior Advocate IFA (Central) President

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12.15 - 13.15	Fifth Technical Session: Topic: Global Impact of Indian Tax and Treaty Policy and Future Trends Panel Discussion led by Professor Roy Rohatgi, India (Moderator) Panellists: Dr. Shome , India; Pragya Saksena, India;; Tansheng Zhu, China; United Kingdom; Shreya Rao, India; Jonathan Schwarz,United Kingdom
13.15 - 13.30	Chairman's Remarks
13.00 - 14.30	Lunch
14.30 - 16.30	Sixth Technical Session: Topic: Regional International Tax Developments - Africa Chairman: Sudhamo Lal, Director General, Mauritius Revenue Authority, Mauritius
14.30 - 15.30	Sixth Technical Session: Topic: Recent Tax Developments in Mauritius - Wasoudeo Balloo - Partner (KPMG) and Anthony Leung Shing Partner (PWC)
15.30 - 16.00	Sixth Technical Session: Topic: Tax Developments and Opportunities in Western Africa Speaker: Theophilus Emuwa, Nigeria
15.50 - 16.10	Sixth Technical Session: Topic: Tax Developments and Opportunities in Southern Africa Speaker: Annet Wanyana Oguttu, Professor, University of South Africa South Africa
16.10 - 16.30	Sixth Technical Session: Topic: Ethiopian Bilateral Tax Treaties with India and China : A comparative study Speaker: Fisseha-Tsion Menghistu, Professor Institute of Tax and Customs Administration, Ethiopia
16.30 - 17.00	Tea/Coffee
17.00 - 18.30	Seventh Technical Session: Topic: The Africa Centre Chairman: Gerard Sanspeur, Chairman Board of Investment, Mauritius
17.00 - 17.15	Session Chairman's Remarks

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17.15 - 18.15

Seventh Technical Session:

Topic: International Tax Trends and Opportunities in Africa

Panel Discussion led by Gerard Sanspeur

Panelists: Ms Luckystar Miyandazi, East Africa Tax and Governance network, Tax Justice Network, Kenya; Guillaume P. Blanc, Executive (ENS Africa); Ridha Hamzaoui (IBFD), The Netherlands Jeremy Cape (Dentons UK), Rama Sithanen (IFS) Mauritius; Mahen Govinda (Abax), Mauritius; Jean Paul Djemba (Standard Chartered Cote d'Ivoire).

18.15 - 18.30

Concluding Remarks - Conference Chairman

19.00 - 20.30

Cocktails



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