This symposium is an initiative of the IBFD Centre for Studies in African Taxation, a think tank devoted to the study and development of African taxation.
Tuesday, 9 May

Pre-Symposium - Arrival, Registration and Cocktail Reception

Invitation-only pre-Symposium lunch
Senior delegates from tax authorities will also be invited to an exclusive pre-Symposium lunch. This invitation-only event offers senior officials the chance to share insights, build networks and learn more about recent trends.

12:00 - 17:00 Arrival and Registration

19:00 - 22:00 Cocktail Reception
Hosted by H.E. Mr Ron Strikker, Ambassador of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to the Republic of Ghana

Wednesday, 10 May

Early-Morning Session: Registration and Opening Ceremony

08:00 - 09:00 Registration

09:00 Introduction
Sorrel Hidding, Head of Marketing & Member, Centre for Studies in African Taxation, IBFD

Welcome Address
Belema Obuoforibo, Chair, Centre for Studies in African Taxation & Director, IBFD Knowledge Centre, IBFD, The Netherlands

09:15 Remarks by Cooperating Partner
H.E. Mr Ron Strikker, Ambassador of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to the Republic of Ghana

09:30 IBFD in Africa – Past, Present and Future
Jan Maarten Slagter, Chief Executive Officer, IBFD, The Netherlands

09:45 Keynote Address
Guest of Honour: TBA

Kennedy Munyandi, Manager, Africa, Middle East & Latin America, IBFD, The Netherlands

10:30 Morning Refreshments & Photo Session

Mid-Morning Session: Transforming International Tax Rules

Chair: Prof. Roy Rohatgi, Foundation for International Taxation, India

11:00 Global Tax Transparency Initiatives and Their Impact on Africa
Philip Mensah, Deputy Commissioner, Ghana Revenue Authority

11:40 Recent International Tax Developments – UN Initiatives
Michael Lennard, Chief, International Tax Cooperation, FDO, United Nations

12:20 Recent International Tax Developments – Global Overview
Ridha Hamzaoui, Africa, Middle East & Latin America, IBFD, The Netherlands

13:00 Networking Lunch
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Early-Afternoon Session: Transforming International Tax Rules (Cont'd)

Chair: Prof. Johann Hattingh, University of Cape Town, South Africa

14:00 Post-BEPS International Tax Planning – Problems and Prospects for Africa
Elandre Brandt, Head of Group Tax, Imperial Holdings Limited, South Africa

14:30 Legislat ing Against Tax Havens and Non-Cooperative Jurisdictions – A Global Survey
Márcio F. Verdi, Executive Secretary, Inter-American Center of Tax Administrations (CIAT), Panama

15:00 Post-BEPS Tax Reform: New Wine into Old Wineskins?
Prof. Victor van Kommer, Director, Tax Services, IBFD, The Netherlands

15:30 Afternoon Refreshments

Mid-Afternoon Session: Transforming International Tax Rules (Cont’d)

Chair: Laila Benchekroun, Head of International & Cooperation Division, Moroccan General Administration of Taxes

16:00 The Multilateral Instrument and Africa’s Tax Treaties – Practical Strategies for the Future
Speaker: OECD representative

16:30 Protecting Tax Base for Developing Countries – Lessons from India
Speaker: TBA

17:00 International Tax Litigation in India – Lessons for Africa
Pramod Kumar, Member, Income Tax Appellate Tribunal, Ministry of Law & Justice, India

17:30 End of Day 1 Sessions
Thursday, 11 May

**Early-Morning Session: Transfer Pricing in the Post-BEPS Era – Changes and Impact on Governments and Business**

Chair: Emily Muyaa, Managing Senior, Sub-Saharan Africa, IBFD, The Netherlands

08:15 Aligning Transfer Pricing Outcomes with Value Creation  
*George Obell, Chief Manager – Audit Operations, LTO, Kenya Revenue Authority*

09:00 The Role of Compliance in Pricing Inter-Company Transactions – Documentation Requirements  
*Taiwo Oyedele, Head of Tax & Regulatory Services and West Africa Tax Leader, PwC, Nigeria*

09:45 Transfer Pricing in West Africa – Policies, Practices and Issues  
*Dr Noël-Faustin Kouame, Manager – Transfer Pricing Unit, Bile-Aka, Brizoua Bi & Associates, Ivory Coast*

10:30 **Morning Refreshments**

**Mid-Morning Session: Investing in Africa**

Chair: Duncan Onduru, Executive Director, CATA, United Kingdom

11:00 Cross-Border VAT in Africa – Current Issues and Challenges  
*Maurice Mwaniki, VAT Director – Middle East and Africa, General Electric (GE), Kenya*

11:30 Investing in Africa Through Mauritius – Post-BEPS Considerations  
*Rajesh Ramloll, Deputy Solicitor General of Mauritius and President, IFA Mauritius Branch*

12:00 Investing in Ghana – Tax and Other Considerations  
*Paul Asamoah, Tax & Risk Lead, Accra Breweries Limited, Ghana*

12:30 **Networking Lunch**

**Early-Afternoon Session: Taxation of the Extractive Industry**

Chair: Prof. David Justin Bakibinga, Makerere University, Uganda

14:00 Taxation of Oil and Gas in West Africa – Legal, Practical and Regulatory Issues  
*Theophilus I. Emuwa, Partner, AELEX, Nigeria*

14:45 Extractive Industries Taxation Issues for Developing Countries – The UN Approach  
*Eric Mensah, Chair UN Subcommittee on Extractive Industries Taxation Issues for Developing Countries and Assistant Commissioner, Ghana Revenue Authority, Ghana*

15:30 **Afternoon Refreshments**

**Mid-Afternoon Session: Taxation of the Extractive Industry**

Chair: Sebastine Odimma, Head of Tax, Maersk Group Nigeria

16:00 Taxation of the Extractive Industry in Ghana – Lessons and Challenges  
*Nana Afua Okoh, Manager – Taxation & Corporate Finance, Gold Fields Ghana Ltd, Ghana*

16:45 Taxation of the Extractive Industry – The Nigerian Experience  
*Chief Mark Anthony C. Dike (FCTI), Immediate Past President of the Chartered Institute of Taxation of Nigeria (CITN)*

17:30 **End of Day 2 Sessions**

19:30 **Symposium Gala Dinner**
Friday, 12 May

**Early-Morning Session: Domestic Resource Mobilization in Africa**

Chair: Daniel Ngumy, Partner, Anjarwalla & Khanna (A&K), Kenya

09:00 Domestic Resource Mobilization and Sustainable Development in Africa: Looking at the Capacity Dimension
Dr Barassou Diawara, Knowledge Management Expert, The African Capacity Building Foundation

09:30 Domestic Resource Mobilization in West Africa – Role, Ambitions and Challenges of the West African Tax Administration Forum (WATAF)
Babatunde Oladapo, Executive Secretary, WATAF, Nigeria

10:00 Harmful Tax Practices in Africa – Tax Incentives and the Race to the Bottom
Prof. Annet Wanyana Oguttu, Tax Law Subject Head, University of South Africa

10:30 Fiscal Management of Tax Expenditures – Challenges and Country Cases on Africa
Leif Jensen, Africa Region Tax Policy Coordinator, World Bank

11:00 **Morning Refreshments**

**Mid-Morning Session: Role of Tax Treaties**

Chair: Martin Kisuu, Director, Taxwise Consulting, Kenya

11:30 Are Tax Treaties Depriving African Countries of Vital Revenue? Two Perspectives
Speaker 1: Savior Mwambwa, Tax Power Campaign Manager, ActionAid International
Speaker 2: Prof. Johann Hattingh, University of Cape Town, South Africa

12:30 Question and Answer Session

**Noon Session: Closing Ceremony**

13:00 Updates on the Centre for Studies in African Taxation (CSAT)
Kennedy Munyandi, CSAT Manager, IBFD, The Netherlands

13:15 Closing Remarks
Belema Obuoforibo, Director, IBFD Knowledge Centre, IBFD, The Netherlands

13:30 **End of Symposium/Networking Lunch**

14:30 **Optional Tours**