



TAX JUSTICE: A HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE?

Venue: Constitutional Court Auditorium, Constitution Hill, Johannesburg

Draft Programme

21 November 2013	
08:30 – 09:00	Arrival, Registration, and Tea
09:00 – 09:30	Opening Address Pravin Gordhan , South African Minister of Finance (tbc)
09:30 – 11:00	<p style="text-align: center;">Session 1: Should tax abuse be a human rights issue?</p> <p>Attiya Waris, Senior Lecturer, Department of Commercial Law, University of Nairobi in Kenya; Visiting Lecturer, National University of Rwanda</p> <p>David Quentin, UK barrister</p> <p>Jack Blum, Lawyer and Chair, Tax Justice Network USA</p> <p>William Black, Associate Professor, Economics and Law, University of Missouri</p> <p>Moderator: Adrienne Margolis, Founder, Lawyers for Better Business</p>
11:00 – 11:30	Tea
11:30 – 12:30	<p style="text-align: center;">Session 2: International Bar Association’s Human Rights Institute (IBAHRI) Taskforce on Illicit Financial Flows, Poverty and Human Rights Findings of the report: Tax Abuses, Poverty and Human Rights</p> <p>Lloyd Lipsett, Task force rapporteur</p> <p>Robin Palmer, Director, Institute for Professional Legal Training, University of KwaZulu-Natal</p> <p>Moderator: David Bilchitz, Faculty of Law, University of Johannesburg & Director, South African Institute for Advanced Constitutional, Public, Human Rights and International Law</p>
12:30 – 13:15	<p style="text-align: center;">Session 3: The impact on communities - ActionAid’s Zambia case studies</p> <p>Specific examples of corporate tax avoidance have played a key role in creating public debate and driving political action to combat the problem. ActionAid has been involved with three cases. This session will outline some of the findings.</p> <p>Henry Malumo, ActionAid advocacy co-ordinator for South Africa.</p> <p>Moderator: Rev Malcolm Damon, Economic Justice Network</p>
13:15 – 14:15	Lunch

14:15 – 15:45	<p>Session 4: What is the role of revenue authorities, tax lawyers and corporations in improving tax collection and living standards?</p> <p>Lincoln Marais, Director, Institutional Development, African Tax Administration Forum</p> <p>Joseph Ayee, Rector, Mountcrest University, Ghana</p> <p>Speaker, Law Society of South Africa (tbc)</p> <p>An accountant’s perspective: (tbc)</p> <p>Moderator : Fanie van Zyl, Senior Lecturer, Department of Mercantile Law, University of South Africa</p>
15:45 – 16:15	Tea
16:15 – 17:30	<p>Session 5: A new approach to tax collection - examples from different countries</p> <p>This session will outline new initiatives to boost tax revenues.</p> <p>Theminkosi Dlamini, Governance Manager, Oxfam South Africa</p> <p>Edmond Kangamungazi, Caritas, Zambia</p> <p>Deepak Xavier, Essential Services Lead Specialist, Oxfam India</p> <p>Moderator: Masego Madzwamuse, Economic justice programme manager, OSISA</p>
17:30 – 18:00	Transfer to Dinner for Speakers
18:00 – 20:00	Dinner

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