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## IFA - MAURITIUS 11<sup>TH</sup> ASIA/AFRICA CONFERENCE 2017



**THEMES** : 1) Tax administration and its challenges in the 21st century  
2) Tax Structuring in a post BEPs era

**CHAIRMAN** : RAJESH RAMLOLL

**ADVISER** : PROF. ROY ROHATGI

**CONFERENCE** : 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> May 2017

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# Conference Programme

## Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2017

- 08.00 - 09.00**      **Registration**
- 09.00 - 09.45**      ❖ Opening Ceremony
- ❖ Welcome address: Rajesh Ramloll SC, Conference Chairman, IFA-Mauritius
- ❖ Speech by IFA Worldwide President: Porus Kaka SA
- ❖ Keynote address by Jeffrey Owens, Director, Global Tax Policy Center, Vienna - Tax in an uncertain world
- ❖ Keynote address by Pascal St Amans, Director, CTPA, (OECD)-BEPs, the progress so far
- ❖ Vote of thanks by Prof. Roy Rohatgi, Director, FIT(India)
- 09.45 - 10.00**      **Tea/Coffee**
- 10.00 - 11.00**      **First Technical Session**  
**Panel discussion** - Chaired by Porus Kaka SA - The UN and OECD approaches to BEPS issues: are they different?  
**Panel speakers:** Pascal St Amans (OECD), Ignatius Mvula (UN tax committee), Mike Kobetski (Australia)
- 11.00 - 12.00**      **Panel Discussion** - Chaired by Prof Jennifer Roeleveld (IFA South Africa Chairperson) - The Legal Challenges for MLI implementation: Gita Kothari (OECD), Rita C. Da Cunha (UK), Johann Hattingh (UCT, South Africa), David Salter(UK), Pasquale Pistone (IBFD and WU Vienna)
- 12.00 - 12.30**      **Post BEPs:** What is left for planning strategies? - An Industry Perspective - John Riva (KPMG)
- 12.30 - 12.45**      **Ministerial Address:** Hon S.Seesungkur MP, Minister for Financial Services, Good Governance and Institutional Reform
- 12.45 - 14.00**      **Lunch**
- 14.00 - 15.00**      **Second Technical Session**  
**Option One:** YIN moot chaired by Daniel Erasmus (NY)  
**Option Two:** STEP session (Breakout)
- 15.00 - 15.30**      **Tea/Coffee**

## Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2017 (cont'd)

- 15.30 - 16.30**      **Third Technical Session**  
**Taxation and Digital Technology**  
Blockchains and Open ledger technology: How blockchains work and why they are important, by Paul Brody (EY, San Francisco, USA)
- 16.30 - 17.00**      **Shikha Mehra (MCA, India):** The role of bitcoins and other crypto-currencies in tax evasion and other financial crimes
- 17.00 - 18.30**      **Panel discussion** - Chaired by Jeffrey Owens: The relevance of blockchain technology for taxation, transfer pricing documentation, construction of global registries of beneficial ownership and developing a digital tax roadmap.
- Speakers:** Clive Baxter(Maersk, Denmark), Arun Giri (TaxSutra, India), Paul Brody(EY, San Francisco), Shika Mehra (MCA, India)

## Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2017

- 09.00 - 10.00**      **Fourth Technical Session**  
Improving MAP and Mandatory Dispute Settlement (BEPs action point 14)  
The case for arbitration in tax matters - Panel Discussion - Chaired by Jeffrey Owens  
Rajesh Ramlooll SC(Mauritius); Rajesh Simhan (Nishith Desai Assoc, India); Mrs Kamau (MIAC); Porus Kaka (IFA President worldwide)
- 10.00 - 11.00**      **Fifth Technical Session**  
**Ease of doing business and tax dispute resolution mechanisms: How relevant for economic growth?**  
**Panel discussions** - Chaired by Sushil Kushiram(Mauritius) - Speakers: Jeffrey Owens(Vienna), Chas Chowdhury(UK), Jeremy Cape(UK), Pasquale Pistone(IBFD),
- 11.00 - 11.30**      **Tea/Coffee**

## **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2017 (cont'd)**

- 11.30 - 12.30**      **Sixth Technical Session**  
**Reconciling Fiscal Incentives with BEPS substance requirements: A conundrum for emerging and transitional economies?**
- Panel Discussion** - Chaired by Wasoodeo Balloo (KPMG, Mauritius) -  
**Speakers:** - Pasquale Pistone(Vienna), Jeremy Cape(UK), Belema Obuoforibo (IBFD), Jennifer Roeleveld(IFA, South Africa) Mustupha Mosafeer (FSC, Mauritius)
- 12.30 - 14.00**      **Lunch**
- 14.00 - 15.00**      **Seventh Technical Session Transfer Pricing**  
**Panel Discussion:** Mario Hannelas(Director, Mauritius Revenue Authority), Sujit Ghosh (Advaita Legal, India) Hariom Jindal(CA, India), Mike Kobetsky (UN Transfer Pricing Sub Cmttee), Girish Vanvari (KPMG, India)
- Chaired by Gary Gowrea (CIM Global Business, Mauritius)
- 15.00 - 15.30**      **Tea/Coffee**
- 15.30 - 17.00**      **Eighth Technical Session**  
Challenges in structuring inbound and outbound investment to and from India in a changing international tax post BEPs landscape
- Panel discussion** - Chaired by Prof Rohatgi (FIT, India),
- Speakers:** Tony Leung Shing (PWC, Mauritius), Hariom Jindal (CA, India), Girish Vanvari (KPMG, India), Rajesh Simhan (Nishith Desai and Assoc, India), Rama Sithanen (Chairman, IFS Mauritius)
- 17.00 - 18.00**      **Ninth Technical Session**  
**Africa Centre: Tax structuring and investment challenges in Africa in a post BEPs context chaired by Gerard Sanspeur (President, Landscape Mauritius)**
- Ridha Hamzaoui(IBFD), Jeremy Cape(UK), Prof Keith(South Africa), A.Maherally (IFS), Ernie Lai (South Africa)

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