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IFA - MAURITIUS 12TH ASIA / AFRICA CONFERENCE 2018



- THEMES :** 1) CHALLENGES UNDER ACTION 1 OF BEPS:
THE DIGITAL ECONOMY - IS IT UNFINISHED BUSINESS?
2) DISPUTE RESOLUTION IN AN UNCERTAIN TAX ENVIRONMENT
- CHAIRMAN :** RAJESH RAMLOLL
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- CONFERENCE :** 17th & 18th MAY 2018
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Conference Programme

Thursday 17th May 2018

08.00 - 09.00	REGISTRATION
09.00 - 10.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Opening Ceremony▪ Welcome address: Rajesh Ramloll SC, Conference Chairman, IFA- Mauritius▪ Speech: IFA Central President Chairman, Murray Clayson (Freshfields, London) <i>(by skype)</i>▪ Keynote address: Prof Kees Van Raad Head ITC Leiden, The Netherlands▪ Ministerial Address: Minister for Financial Services and Good Governance▪ Book launching▪ Vote of thanks: Prof. Roy Rohatgi, Conference Advisor and Director, Foundation of International Tax (India)
10.00 - 10.30	Tea/Coffee Break
10.30 - 11.00	FIRST TECHNICAL SESSION OECD's approach to Fintech and how to tax it: Loretta Joseph, Leader of the OECD's Global Blockchain Directorate and Chair of the Australian Digital Currency and Commerce Association
11.00 - 11.30	Blockchain technology and its uses Dr. Neil Pennington (UK)
11.30 - 12.00	Looking at Taxation in the Digital Age How can blockchain technology help in AEOI, BO registration and tax administration? Rita Da Cunha (UK)
12.00 - 12.30	Post BEPS: An Industry perspective , Girish Vanvari (India)
12.30 - 14.00	Lunch



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14.00 - 15.00	SECOND TECHNICAL SESSION YIN moot chaired by Daniel Erasmus Participants: Avinash Gupta (YIN Chair - India), Partner (APT & Co, India), Vikram Chand (Lausanne University), Bobby Yeremiah (KPMG, Mauritius), Ahmed Bhurtun (ARC VP, Mauritius)
15.00 - 15.30	Tea/Coffee Break
15.30 - 17.30	THIRD TECHNICAL SESSION Unblocking the chain: Panel discussion chaired by Rick MacDonell (Austria) Panelists: Neil Pennington (UK), Shikha Mehra (India), Ashwin Dwarka (Mauritius), Loretta Joseph (Australia), Shailen Sreekeessoon (SBM), Deven Coopoosamy (Rogers Capital)
18.00	Cocktail



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09.00 - 09.30 **Challenges of taxing the digital economy (BEPS Action Point 1)**

Keynote address: Pascal St. Amans (OECD)

09.00 - 10.30 **FOURTH TECHNICAL SESSION**

BEPS Action Point 1 Interim Report
The Digital Economy: Is it unfinished business?

Panel Discussion chaired by Kees Van Raad

Panelists: Pascal St Amans (OECD), Daniel Erasmus (USA), Shikha Mehra (India), Vikram Chand (Switzerland), Jeremy Cape (UK), Avinash Gupta (India)

10.30 - 11.00 **Tea/Coffee Break**

11.00 - 12.00 **FIFTH TECHNICAL SESSION**

FHTP/BEPS substance requirements: A conundrum for small economies

Panel discussion chaired by Mr. S. Lal, C.S.K. (Director General, MRA)

Panelists: Jeremy cape (UK), Pascal St Amans (OECD), Vikram Chand (Switzerland), Dhiren Puholoo (PWC), Uday Gujadhur (Essar, Mauritius), Harvesh Seegolam (FSC)

12.00 - 12.30 **Taxation of Investment Funds and IFA London 2019 General Reporter**
Ocktavia Weidmann (Switzerland)

12.30 - 14.00 **Lunch**

14.00 - 15.00 **Improving MAP and Dispute Settlement (BEPS Action Point 14) - Progress**

Panel Discussion chaired by Prof Rick McDonell (WU University, Vienna) **Panelists:** N.Meyyapan

(Nitish Desai Associates), Rajesh Ramloll SC (Mauritius), Renier Van Rensburg (RSA), Anjana Khemraz-Chikhuri (MARC), Tulio Toledo (PCA, Mauritius)



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15.00 - 16.00	SIXTH TECHNICAL SESSION (OPTION A) Reconciling Cross Border Tax Reporting and Disclosure requirements Chaired by Rick McDonell (Vienna University) Panelists: Representative of ATMC, Chas Chowdhury (ACCA UK), Jeremy Cape (UK), Vikram Chand (Switzerland)
15.00 - 16.00	SEVENTH TECHNICAL SESSION (OPTION B) Transfer Pricing Panel Discussion chaired by Daniel Erasmus Panelists: Girish Vanvari (India), Mario Hannelas (Mauritius), Hariom Jindal (India), Vikram Chand (Switzerland), Wasoudeo Balloo (KPMG, Mauritius)
16.00 - 16.30	Tea/Coffee Break
16.30 - 17.30	EIGHTH TECHNICAL SESSION Africa Centre: Tax structuring and investment challenges in Africa in a post BEPS context Chaired by Rama Sithanen (SANNE, Mauritius) Panelists: Jeremy Cape (UK), Renier Van Rensburg (RSA), A representative of GFM (Mauritius), Octavia Weidmann (Switzerland), Faraz Rojid (EDB)
17.30	Closing remarks by Conference Chairman



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