IFA - MAURITIUS 13th ASIA/AFRICA CONFERENCE - 2019

Themes:
1) BEPs Action 5: The substance conundrum
2) BEPs Action 1: Would consensus be reached?

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Conference: 09th & 10th May 2019
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# Conference Programme

**Thursday 09th May 2019**

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| 09.00 - 10.00 | - Opening Ceremony  
              - Welcome address: Rajesh Ramloll SC, Conference Chairman, IFA-Mauritius  
              - Speech: IFA Central President Chairman, Murray Clayson (Freshfields, London) (by skype)  
              - Keynote address: Prof (Dr) Robert J. Danon, Chairman of the Permanent Scientific Committee (IFA Central), Professor of International Tax Law, University of Lausanne, Switzerland  
              - Ministerial Address: The Hon. Mr S. Sesungkur, Minister for Financial Services and Good Governance  
              - Book launching: Ms Belema Obuoforibo (Director, IBFD, Netherlands) presents “Roy Rohatgi on International Taxation”  
              - 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                                                         |
|               | Presentation on BEPS Action 1 - Taxation of the digital economy: Forthcoming challenges (Prof Dr Robert Danon) (Switzerland) |
| 11.00 - 11.30 | Taxation of Digital Economy: UN Perspective Prof. M. Kobetsky (Australia)       |
| 11.30 - 12.30 | BEPS Action 1 - Would consensus be reached?  
              Panel discussion chaired by Prof.(Dr). Robert Danon  
              **Panelists:** Sriram Govind (WU, Vienna)), Grace Perez Navarro Deputy Director, Tax Policy and Administration (OECD), Shikha Mehra (India), Michael Kobetsky (Australia) |
| 12.30 - 14.00 | Lunch                                                                            |
| 14.00 - 14.30 | Blockchain implementation, a two-year retrospective: What next after the crypto cash crash: Clive Baxter(Head of Tax Governance and Policy, Maersk, (Denmark) |
| 14.30 - 15.30 | Second Technical Session                                                         |
|               | YIN moot chaired by Prof Sol Picciotto (UK)  
              **Participants:** Arun Kutwaroo, Bobby Yerkiah. Leena Brette and Johanne Hague (All from IFA Mauritius) |
| 15.30 - 16.00 | Tea/Coffee Break                                                                |
Thursday 09\textsuperscript{th} May 2019 (cont’d)

16.00 - 17.30  Third Technical Session

Dispute resolution

Panel chaired by Prof Rick McDonell (WU Vienna)
Panelists: Pramod Kumar (India), Ernie Lai King (South Africa), Prof. Sol Picciotto (UK), Sudhamo Lal (MRA, Mauritius), Belema Obuoforibo

18.00  Cocktail

Friday 10\textsuperscript{th} May 2019

09.00 - 10.00  Fourth Technical Session

FHTP/BEPs substance requirements:

Panel Discussion chaired by Grace Perez Navarro (OECD)
Panelists: Jimmy Wong (DTOS, Mauritius), Jeremy Cape (UK), Rita Da Cunha (UK), Mario Hannelas (MRA)

10.00 - 10.30  Tea/Coffee Break

10.30 - 11.30  Fifth Technical Session

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Panel discussion chaired by Prof (Dr) Daniel Erasmus
Panelists: Prof Michael Kobetsky (Australia), Renier Van Rensburg (South Africa), Joel Cooper (UK), Gary Gowrea (Mauritius)

11.30 - 12.00  MLI Implementation Challenges: Presentation by Ridha Hamzaoui (IBFD)

12.00 - 13.30  Lunch

13.30 - 14.30  Post-BEPS tax reforms in Mauritius: addressing harmful tax practices

Panel Discussion chaired by Sudhamo Lal (MRA)
Panelists: Yamini Rengasamy (MRA), Gary Gowrea (Taxand Mauritius), Dr. Rama Sithanen (SANNE Mauritius), Renu Audit (FSC) Mauritius

15.30 - 15.45  Tea/Coffee Break
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| 14.30 - 15.30 | Sixth Technical Session  
Private wealth and family offices: Video introduction by Prof. Philip Baker (UK)-- why Mauritius should evolve toward servicing HNWIs  
Chaired by Dr. Oktavia Weidmann (Switzerland)  
Panelists: Dr. Pascal Julien Saint Amand (France), Ashvin Dwarka, Ernie Lai King (South Africa), Assad Abdulatiff (AXIS), Mauritius |
| 15.30 - 15.45 | Tea/Coffee Break |
| 15.45 - 16.45 | Seventh Technical Session  
POEM: Is it a still born concept?  
Panel discussion chaired by Prof (Dr) Daniel Erasmus, (RSA/US)  
Panelists: Fazeel Soyfoo, Jeremy Cape (UK), Sriram Govind (WU Vienna), Dheerend Puhlooo (PWC, Mauritius), Swapna Marathe (India) |
| 16.45 - 18.00 | Eighth Technical Session  
Africa Centre: the positive contribution of IFCs  
Chaired by Sushil Khushiram (Mauritius)  
Panelists: Jeremy Cape (UK), Dr Rama Sithanen (Mauritius) (tbc), Richard Arlove, Ocorian (Mauritius) |
| 18.00 | Closing remarks by Conference Chairman |
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