


## Economic and Social Council

### Special meeting

10:00

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Economic and Social Council Chamber (CB)

Special meeting on international cooperation in tax matters

Opening of the meeting:

Statement by His Excellency Néstor Osorio (Colombia), President of the Economic and Social Council

Introduction by Ms. Shamshad Akhtar, Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Development, of the report of the Secretary-General [E/2013/67](#)

10:30 to 12:00

Topic: "International tax cooperation: Capacity development"

Panellists:

Mr. Alexander Trepelkov, Director, Financing for Development Office,  
Department of Economic and Social Affairs

Ms. Marlies de Ruiters, Head, Tax Treaty, Transfer Pricing and Financial Transactions Division, Centre for Tax Policy and Administration, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development

Mr. Socorro Velázquez, Director, Planning and Institutional Development, Inter-American Centre of Tax Administrations

Mr. Lincoln Marais, Director of Institutional Development, African Tax Administration Forum

Mr. Michael Keen, Deputy Director, Fiscal Affairs Division, International Monetary Fund

Mr. Richard Stern, Global Product Specialist for Business Taxation, World Bank Group

Interactive discussion

12:00 to 13:00

Topic: "Current issues in countering international tax avoidance and tax evasion"

Moderator:

Mr. Hugh Ault, Professor Emeritus, Boston College Law School

Panellists:

Mr. Philip Baker, Queen's Counsel, Gray's Inn Tax Chambers, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Ms. Marlies de Ruiters, Head, Tax Treaty, Transfer Pricing and Financial Transactions Division, Centre for Tax Policy and Administration, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development

Mr. Thomas Neale, Head of Unit, Company Taxation Initiatives, DG TAXUD, European Commission

Interactive discussion

15:00

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15:00 to 16:15

Launch of the United Nations Practical Manual on Transfer Pricing for Developing Countries

Panellists:

Mr. Alexander Trepelkov, Director, Financing for Development Office, Department of Economic and Social Affairs

Mr. Armando Lara Yaffar (Mexico), Chair, Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters

Mr. Stig Sollund (Norway), Coordinator, Subcommittee on Transfer Pricing – Practical Issues

Interactive discussion

16:15 to 17:45

Topic: "Transfer pricing challenges for developing countries"

Moderator:

Mr. Michael Lennard, Chief, Internation.000 "Transfer pricing challenges for developing countries"

Mr. Shanwu Yuan, International Tax Director, Baker and McKenzie Consulting LLC, and Member, Subcommittee on Transfer Pricing – Practical Issues

Ms. Anita Kapur (India), Member, Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters

Mr. Marcos Aurélio Pereira Valadares (Brazil), Member, Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters

Ms. Phensuk Sangasubana, Head, International Tax Division, Bureau of Tax Policy and Planning, Revenue Department, Thailand

Interactive discussion

17:45 to 18:00

Conclusion of the meeting

Statement by His Excellency Néstor Osorio (Colombia), President of the Economic and Social Council

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