

UN Virtual Workshop on Taxation and Gender
14 November 2023 from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
(New York Time)

Agenda

Opening	
8:00 – 8:10 a.m.	<p>Opening remarks</p> <p>Shari Spiegel, Acting Director, Financing for Sustainable Development Office (FSDO), United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA)</p>
<p>Panel 1: Taxation and Gender: An Overview</p> <p>Objective: This panel aims at giving participants a general overview of the interaction between taxation and gender equality, its interface with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and how considerations of taxation and gender equality have evolved in developing and developed countries. It will discuss the basic elements of taxation and gender equality that have advanced in the international landscape and those that have received limited attention to date. Participants will also learn about gender-based analysis in connection with the SDG 5 (gender equality) and other relevant SDGs and how such analysis is relevant for taxation and domestic resource mobilization. The Panel will also discuss the different impacts of taxes on women and men, and explicit and implicit biases and their impact particularly on the participation of women in economic and other activities.</p>	
8:10 – 9:10 a.m.	<p>Discussions will focus on the following questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – What is the status of global discussions on taxation and gender equality? What aspects of such discussions have progressed in developing and developed countries? And what are those that have received limited attention and why? – What do we know about the SDG 5 and other relevant SDGs and their connections with taxation and domestic resource mobilization? – How do different taxes impact women and men? What are the examples of explicit and implicit biases and why are they relevant? What have been the main changes in the composition of tax systems and policies in the past decades and how do they impact gender? <p>Moderator: Caren Grown, Senior Fellow Global Economy and Development, Center for Sustainable Development, Brookings Institution</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Katherine Gifford, Policy Specialist, Governance and National Planning, UN Women – Maria Coelho, Fiscal Affairs Department, International Monetary Fund – Ceren Ozer, Senior Economist, World Bank Group

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Michelle Harding, Senior Tax Economist, Head of the Tax Data and Statistical Analysis Unit, Centre for Tax Policy and Administration, OECD
9:10 – 9:30 a.m.	Q&A
9:30 – 9:45 a.m.	<i>Coffee break</i>
<p>Panel 2: Regional and Country Experiences</p> <p>Objective: This panel will offer an opportunity for speakers/moderators and participants to exchange views and perspectives on the role of tax policies and systems in reducing the gender gap and promoting gender equality. Participants will have a better idea of how countries are applying various tax measures that take into account a gender perspective and to help them achieve revenue collection goals. Participants will learn about challenges and opportunities in designing and putting in place tax measures that can encourage gender equality. Furthermore, the panel will explore the challenges faced by countries in disaggregating gender data for use in tax policy design. It is anticipated that through an active engagement in the discussions, participants will be better equipped to advise their senior officials and policymakers about role of gender-responsive fiscal and tax policies in promoting effective and efficient tax systems for sustainable development.</p>	
9:45 – 11:00 a.m.	<p>Discussions will focus on the following questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – What is the role of tax policies and systems in reducing the gender gap and promoting gender equality from the regional and national perspectives? – What are the key considerations in identifying specific gender-responsive tax measures that can contribute to addressing tax-related issues and gaps, to promote effective and efficient tax systems? – What are some of the notable trends in tax policy design and practice across different countries globally on gender issues (direct and indirect taxes as well as tax administration processes)? – What are the gaps that still exist and prevent countries from disaggregating data that could inform policymaking to effectively address gender bias in tax systems? <p>Moderator: Elissa Braunstein, Professor and Chair of Economics at Colorado State University</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Varsha Singh, Head – Strategy, Planning & International Cooperation, Senior Advisor to the Executive Secretary, African Tax Administration Forum (ATAF) – Hannelore Niesten, International Tax and Gender Consultant, Asian Development Bank & International Center for Tax and Development – Sandy Radmanesh, Expert on National and International Tax Policy, Federal Ministry of Finance, Germany – Maude Lavoie, Associate Assistant Deputy Minister, Department of Finance, Canada – Angeni Daley, Senior Technical Specialist for Tax Research, Interpretation and Advisory, Tax Administration, Jamaica

11:00 – 11:25 a.m.	Q&A
11:25 – 11:30 a.m.	Closing remarks Caroline Lombardo , Chief, International Tax and Development Cooperation Branch, FSDO, DESA

