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Public sessions, Wednesday 29 November 2023

*Times indicated are in Portugal time (UTC, CET -1)*

### 09.00-09.10 Item 1. Welcome Remarks

- Mr Gaël Perraud, Chair, Global Forum
- Mr Mathias Cormann, Secretary General, OECD [video]

### 09.10-09.20 Item 2. High-level Opening Address

- Mr Fernando Medina, Minister of Finance, Portugal

### 09.20-10.20 Item 3. High-Level Panel: Building Together the Future of Transparency and Exchange of Information for Tax Purposes

Effectively tackling tax evasion need global solutions. Progress in tax transparency is steadily unfolding with the effective implementation of the EOIR and AEOI Standards. The Global Forum has grown to close to 170 members in 2023. It has demonstrated that international co-operation with a wide membership can achieve greater equity while ensuring the level playing field. Despite the impressive progress achieved since 2009, challenges remain and more work is needed. In this high-level session, panellists will share their perspective on international tax cooperation, the future of Transparency and EOI for Tax Purposes and their contribution to greater transparency and EOI.

**Moderator:** Ms Manal Corwin, Director, Centre for Tax Policy and Administration, OECD

#### Panellists:

- Ms Lisa Cummins, Minister of Energy and Business Development, Barbados
- Ms Amel Abdellatif, Director General of Taxes, Algeria
- Mr Julapun Amornvivat, Deputy Minister of Finance, Thailand
- Mr Nuno Santos Félix, Secretary of State for Tax Affairs, Portugal
- Ms Fabrizia Lapecorella, Deputy Secretary-General, OECD

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10.20-10.50 Official group photo followed by a coffee break

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## 10.50-11.20 Item 4. Global Forum's Progress in 2023

This session will focus on the progress made in the implementation of the EOI Standards and their impact, including the capacity-building activities, as reflected in the Global Forum annual report.

### Presentation:

- Mr Gaël Perraud, Chair, Global Forum
- Ms Zayda Manatta, Head, Global Forum Secretariat

## 11.20-12.50 Item 5. Ownership, Leadership, Partnership to Reap the Benefits of Tax Transparency

This session will focus on key ingredients of the Global Forum's capacity building programme. For a successful capacity building programme, jurisdictions, partners and donors have a key role. Jurisdictions should be ready to take the lead in implementing the supporting tools and to work collaboratively with partners. The success stories of the capacity-building programme at global, regional and local levels are only possible thanks to the financial support provided by the donors.

### Item 5.a: From a Myth to Reality - Developing Countries' Success Stories in AEOI

Despite the complexity of the implementation of AEOI, many developing countries have successfully implemented and benefited from it. The ground experience showed that through a strong political and technical commitment and agreed capacity building actions, the challenges can be overcome.

**Moderator:** Ms Grace Perez-Navarro, International Tax Expert

**Presenter:** Mr Hakim Hamadi, Head, Capacity Building and Outreach Unit, Global Forum Secretariat

### Panellists:

- Ms Shamshad Akhtar, Federal Minister of Finance & Revenue, Economic Affairs and Privatization, Pakistan [video]
- Ms Claudia Consuelo Vargas Cifuentes, Head of the International Tax Office, National Tax and Customs Directorate, Colombia
- Mr Mohd Nizom Sairi, Chief Executive Officer, Director General Inland Revenue, Malaysia
- Mr Dave Jeffery, Deputy Commissioner General Operations, Tax Administration of Jamaica
- Ms Liza Helena Vaz, National Director of State Revenues, National Directorate of State Revenues, Cabo Verde

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## Item 5.b Advancing Tax Transparency Regionally

The regional initiatives demonstrate how leadership of senior officials from jurisdictions and partner organisations, and a strong ownership of shared objectives helped advance the tax transparency agenda regionally.

**Moderator:** Ms Nana Sarfo, Contributing Editor, Tax Notes

### Panellists:

- Mr Edward Kieswetter, Co-Chair of the Africa Initiative, Commissioner, South African Revenue Service, South Africa
- Mr Oscar Orué Ortiz, Chair, Punta del Este Initiative, National Director, National Directorate of Tax Revenues, Paraguay
- Mr Sanjay Malhotra, Co-Chair of the Asia Initiative, Revenue Secretary, Ministry of Finance, India
- Mr Suryo Utomo, Co-Chair of the Asia Initiative, Director General, Directorate of General of Taxes, Indonesia
- Mr Salifou Tiemtore, Director, Customs Union and Taxation at the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) Commission

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## 13.00 End of the public sessions

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