

8th MEETING OF THE PUNTA DEL ESTE DECLARATION

Tuesday 27 June 2023, Asunción, Paraguay

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09:00-09:45**Item 1. Opening ceremony**

- Welcome speech by **Mr Oscar Orué**, Vice Minister of Taxation of Paraguay, Chair of the Punta del Este Declaration
- Opening speech by **Mr Mario Abdo**, President of the Republic of Paraguay
- Welcome remarks by **Mr Gaël Perraud**, Chair of the Global Forum (video)
- Welcome remarks by **Mr David Bradbury**, Deputy Director, Centre for Tax Policy and Administration, OECD
- Welcome remarks by **Ms Zayda Manatta**, Head of the Secretariat of the Global Forum

09:45-10:00**Item 2. Group photo**

10:00-10:30**Item 3. Launch of the Tax Transparency in Latin America 2023 report**

Tax Transparency in Latin America 2023 is the third edition of the Latin America Initiative Progress Report, which shows the progress of Latin American countries in advancing the fight against tax evasion through improved tax transparency and exchange of information (EOI). The 2023 edition takes stock of the efforts made and the results achieved in the region during 2022 and highlights the remaining challenges to realise the full potential of EOI.

Presentation of the report and its main findings by **Ms Zayda Manatta**, Head of the Global Forum Secretariat.

10:30-11:30**Item 4. High-level discussion on the five years of the Punta del Este Declaration: taking stock of the current state of tax transparency in the region**

In this session, high-level panelists will have a discussion on the Latin America Initiative, what it has brought to the region since its launch in November 2018 and what they expect for the next five years.

Introduction

- **Mr David Bradbury**, Deputy Director, Centre for Tax Policy and Administration, OECD

Speakers

- **Mr Oscar Llamosas**, Minister of Finance, Paraguay
- **Ms Priscilla Zamora**, Vice Minister of Revenue, Ministry of Finance, Costa Rica
- **Mr Zósimo Pichihua Serna**, Vice Minister of Economy, Peru
- **Ms Adriana Gomes Rego**, Undersecretary General of the Federal Revenue Service, Brazil
- **Ms Manuela Francisco**, Global Director of Macroeconomics, Trade and Investment, World Bank

Moderator

- **Mr David Bradbury**, Deputy Director, Centre for Tax Policy and Administration, OECD

Coffee break (11:30-11:50)

11:50-12:40

Item 5. High-level panel on “Lessons learnt from the Tax Transparency in Latin America 2023: what is working in the region and what could be improved”

In this session, high-level panellists will discuss about the key findings of the Tax Transparency in Latin America Report and elaborate on how they believe the Latin America Initiative Members, under the auspices of the Punta del Este Declaration, could address the gaps.

Speakers

- **Mr Oscar Orué**, Vice Minister of Taxation, Under Secretariat of State of Taxation, Paraguay
- **Mr Carlos Castagneto**, Federal Administrator, Federal Administration of Public Revenues, Argentina
- **Mr Francisco Briones Rugel**, Director General, Internal Revenue Service, Ecuador
- **Mr Marvin Sorto**, Director General, General Directorate of Internal Revenue, El Salvador
- **Ms Andrea Lemgruber**, Division Chief, Revenue Administration, Fiscal Affairs Department, International Monetary Fund

Moderator

- **Ms Carmen Castiella Ruiz de Velasco**, Ambassador of Spain in Paraguay

12:40-13:30

Item 6. Wider use of treaty-exchanged information: a whole of government approach to fighting illicit financial flows

In this session, panellists will discuss the link between tax evasion and other crimes and offences, and the important role that the sharing of treaty-exchanged information with other law enforcement authorities for non-tax-purposes can play in the fight against illicit financial flows (IFFs). The Global Forum Secretariat will then present the steps taken during 2022 on the implementation of the framework for the wider use of treaty exchanged information, including the signature of the multilateral pilot project and the design and

delivery of a confidentiality and data safeguards programme for non-tax agencies to ensure that treaty-protected information is handled with proper confidentiality.

Speakers

- **Ms Priscilla Zamora**, Vice Minister of Revenue, Ministry of Finance, Costa Rica
- **Mr Carlos Castagneto**, Federal Administrator, Federal Administration of Public Revenues, Argentina
- **Mr Oscar Orué**, Vice Minister of Taxation, Under Secretariat of State of Taxation, Paraguay
- **Mr Andrés Knobel**, Lead Researcher, Tax Justice Network

Presenter

- **Mr Hakim Hamadi**, Head of the Capacity Building and Outreach Unit, Global Forum Secretariat

Moderator

- **Ms Manuela Francisco**, Global Director of Macroeconomics, Trade and Investment, World Bank

13:30-13:40**Item 7. Pilot project on the wider use of treaty-exchanged information**

During this session, additional jurisdictions will announce their interest in adhering to the pilot project on the wider use of treaty-exchanged information.

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