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1 Aims and objectives

The Global Tax Transparency Summit

The United Kingdom House of Commons Committee of Public Accounts (PAC) has a strong interest in promoting tax transparency and the prevention of aggressive tax avoidance by multinationals. As such, we are organising a global summit for parliamentarians from across the world, in order to bring together colleagues to address how governments can be held to account on this vital issue.

As you may be aware, the House of Commons Public Accounts Committee have taken a keen interest in promoting fair and efficient tax systems, with Members recently promoting an amendment to the United Kingdom’s Finance Bill which gives Government the power to introduce public Country-by-Country Reporting (CbCR). We have also made progress with recommendations to HM Revenue and Customs about how it can collect taxes more efficiently and effectively in the UK, with our work also highlighting harmful tax practices, which has contributed to the reforms to the international tax system.

We are holding this global summit in London to continue the momentum on fair taxation. We want to hear the views of fellow parliamentarians, business, academics, campaigners and tax experts on how to achieve transparent taxation. We want to increase our understanding of the complex issues involved and provide an opportunity for key stakeholders to contribute to the debate beyond the constraints of our traditional committee settings. The summit will influence the work that we will do for the remainder of the Parliament.

What we hope to achieve

The overriding purpose of the Summit is to bring together parliamentarians from across the world to demonstrate a commitment to holding governments to account on tackling tax avoidance and promoting tax transparency. We aim to stimulate discussion on the main issues facing governments and tax administrations and consider ‘where next?’ for tax transparency.

- We will be working towards agreement on a concordat which will outline how parliamentarians will hold governments to account on this issue.
- We will work together to promote these issues both domestically and internationally, and use the discussions to bring together a summary report of discussions to hold governments and tax administrations to account on tax transparency.
Who we are

The Committee of Public Accounts (PAC) is the oldest select committee of the House of Commons.

Expectations about the proper stewardship and accountability for public money go back many centuries. Generations of politicians and public officials have recognised the significance of the proper handling of public funds, the need to combat fraud and corruption and the importance of getting the most from tax revenue. Such themes have been at the heart of relations between the Crown and Parliament.

The Committee of Public Accounts is a key part of the United Kingdom’s accountability arrangements to safeguard public money. One hundred and fifty-five years ago this year – in 1861 – a select committee of the House of Commons recommended the creation of a committee to oversee government accounts. Over time, the role of the Committee has changed in line with the needs of the day but the administration of tax revenue remains a key area of enquiry for Committee of Public Accounts, as it has a role in scrutinising value for money - the economy, efficiency and effectiveness - of public spending and holds the Government and its civil servants to account for the delivery of public services.

Her Majesty’s Revenue & Customs’ (HMRC) mission is to collect the money that pays for the United Kingdom’s public services. HMRC aims to administer the tax system in an efficient way and the Committee of Public Accounts has a vital role in ensuring that HMRC is doing its utmost to achieve this effectively and to the benefit of all taxpayers.

The Committee of Public Accounts has therefore routinely scrutinised HMRC’s ability to collect taxes fairly and efficiently, exposed concerns about the tax planning industry, and contributed to the debate on the way in which multinational organisations arrange their tax affairs.

In 2016, the Committee of Public Accounts is hosting the Global Tax Transparency Summit in London, in response to calls to bring together parliaments from across the world to promote tax transparency and prevent tax avoidance.

Practicalities: timings and rooms

The conference will begin with a Welcome Reception for all delegates at 6pm on Thursday 8th December in Westminster Hall, followed by a breakfast meeting for parliamentarians on Friday 9th December in the Speaker’s Private Apartments and the main plenary sessions in Portcullis House.
Useful contact numbers

All enquiries about the conference should be route through our dedicated email channel at globaltaxsummit@parliament.uk but staff of the Committee of Public Accounts and the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association UK are available for further information

Committee of Public Accounts
Dr Mark Ewbank, Second Clerk of the Committee of Public Accounts
020 7219 0336 or 0787 933 7834
Mr George James, Senior Committee Assistant, Committee of Public Accounts
020 7219 4099 or 0795 027 2333
Ms Ruby Radley, Committee Assistant, Committee of Public Accounts
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Commonwealth Parliamentary Association UK
Ms Helen Gardner, Commonwealth Parliamentary Association UK
020 7219 5373 (French and English)

Other useful information

Internet access
Free public Wi-Fi is available in Portcullis House. Please use the following details to gain access:
Network: InternetDirect
Username: guest
Password: P4lace1512

Media Room
Representatives of the media will be attending the conference. Room U in Portcullis House (see map) has been reserved as a muster room.

Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Room
Room O in Portcullis House (see map) has been reserved for the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), should delegates need to contact them.

Summit Partners Room
Room N in Portcullis House (see map) has been reserved for conference partners, should delegates wish to see a representative.
2 Programme

Thursday 8th December

From 3pm  Registration for delegates (Westminster Hall)

6pm  Welcome Reception, hosted by the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association UK, Westminster Hall, Palace of Westminster

The conference will begin with a reception hosted by the Chair of the Committee of Public Accounts.

Speakers:  Meg Hillier MP, Chair, Committee of Public Accounts, United Kingdom

Yunus Carrim MP, Chair, Committee on Finance, South Africa

7.30pm  Optional tour of the Palace of Westminster

Friday 9th December

8.30am  Breakfast for parliamentarians in the Rt Hon. Speaker of the House of Commons’ Apartments

Roundtable discussion for parliamentarians to discuss the aims and objectives for the conference.

8.30am  Summit registration (for officials and stakeholders)

9.30am  Plenary One: Global Tax Transparency

Address:  Meg Hillier MP, Chair of the Committee of Public Accounts, House of Commons, United Kingdom

Chair:  Professor Rumen Gechev MP, Budgetary and Finance Commission, Parliament of Bulgaria

Speakers:  Pascal Saint-Amans, Director, Centre for Tax Policy and Administration, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)

Alain Lamassoure MEP, Chair, TAXE2 Committee, European Parliament

Hon. Luigi Di Maio MP, Vice President, Camera dei Deputati, Italy
10.30am  **Plenary Two: Global Action to Combat Tax Avoidance**

**Chair:** Rt Hon. Caroline Flint MP, Committee of Public Accounts, United Kingdom

**Speakers:**
- Edward Troup, Executive Chair, Her Majesty’s Revenue & Customs (HMRC), United Kingdom
- Hans Christian Holte, Director General, Skatteetaten, Norway
- Colin Powell, Chief Minister’s Department, Government of Jersey
- Alex Cobham, Chief Executive, Tax Justice Network and Visiting Fellow, King’s College London

11.30am  **Plenary Three: Beyond BEPs – Driving Change in the World**

**Chair:** Mrs Anne-Marie Trevelyan MP, Committee of Public Accounts, United Kingdom

**Speakers:**
- Professor Rita de la Feria, Professor of Tax Law, School of Law, University of Leeds
- Professor Michael Devereux, Director, Centre for Business Taxation, University of Oxford
- Duncan Hames, Director of Policy, Transparency International UK
- Martin McEwen, Head of Tax, SSE plc.

12.30pm  **Lunch (Attlee Suite)**

*The signing of the summit concordat*

13.30pm  **Plenary Four: The Impact of Tax Avoidance on the Developing World (Boothroyd Room)**

**Chair:** Fabio De Masi MEP, Vice-Chair, Panama Committee, European Parliament

**Speakers:**
- Makena Mwobobia, Head of Programmes and Policy, ActionAid Kenya
- Tovony Randriamanalina, Tax Auditor in Ministry of Finance, Madagascar & University of Paris – Dauphine
- Professor Sol Picciotto, Emeritus Professor, Lancaster University, Senior Fellow, International Centre for Tax & Development
Professor Valpy FitzGerald, Independent Commission for Reform of International Corporate Taxation

14:30pm  Summit close

Closing address:  Meg Hillier MP, Chair of the Committee of Public Accounts, House of Commons, United Kingdom

Post-conference:

Opportunities for bilateral & multilateral meetings (Rooms available and booked through registration desk)

Wilson Room  Grindon Room

Thatcher Room  Room Q (available 2-4pm)

Interview Room 1 (available 12-3pm)  Room R (available 12.30-2.30pm)
3 Biographies

Friday 9th December - Plenary One

Meg Hillier, MP, Chair, Committee of Public Accounts, House of Commons

Meg Hillier is the Member of Parliament for Hackney South and Shoreditch and Chair of the Committee of Public Accounts.

The cross-party committee scrutinises the value for money of public spending and holds the government to account for the delivery of public services. First elected in 2005, Meg has been a junior Home Office Minister and Shadow Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change.

Professor Rumen Gechev MP, Budgetary and Finance Commission, Parliament of Bulgaria


Pascal Saint-Amans, Director, Centre for Tax Policy and Administration, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)

Pascal Saint-Amans took on his duties as Director of the Center for Tax Policy and Administration at the OECD on 1 February 2012. Mr. Saint-Amans, a French national, joined the OECD in September 2007 as Head of the International Co-operation and Tax Competition Division in the CTPA. He played a key role in the advancement of the OECD tax transparency agenda in the context of the G20. In October 2009 he was appointed Head of the Global Forum on Transparency and Exchange of Information for Tax Purposes, a programme with the participation of over 100 countries.
Alain Lamassoure MEP, Chair of the Committee on Rulings and Other Measures Similar in Nature or Effect (TAXE 1 & 2)

Born in 1944 in Pau, South-West of France. Alain Lamassoure is graduated of ENA (National School of Administration). Advisor to the Court of Auditors in France, he became a Member of the European Parliament in 1989 and was nominated Minister for European Affairs from 1993 to 1995 and Minister for the Budget and Government spokesman from 1995 to 1997. He returned to the European level and is an MEP since 1999. Former Member of the European Convention, Alain Lamassoure chaired the Budgets Committee in the previous legislature. Former Head of the EPP French delegation, he chaired the committee on Tax Rulings and Other Measures Similar in Nature or Effect (TAXE 1 & 2).

Luigi Di Maio, Vice-President of the Italian Chamber of Deputies

Luigi Di Maio is Vice-President of the Italian Chamber of Deputies. Since 2007, he has been part of the Five Star Movement, one of the main Italian political forces, currently serving as opposition, and ran for city councilman in 2010 in his city, Pomigliano. After being voted in the Five Star Movement online elections for the Italian Parliament, he was elected deputy for his district and was then appointed Vice-President of the Chamber of Deputies in March 2013, as the youngest person holding this office in the history of the Italian Republic.

He is a member of the 14th Commission for Policies of the European Union and he is the President of the Vigilance Committee of the Chamber Library focusing on documentation activities. As a Deputy of the Italian Parliament, he has been working particularly on administration transparency, environmental protection and on reducing misuse and waste of money in Italian politics and institutions.
Friday 9th December – Plenary Two

The Rt Hon. Caroline Flint, MP, Committee of Public Accounts

Caroline sits on the House of Commons’ Public Accounts Committee. A former Employment, Housing, Health and Foreign Office Minister under the last Labour government, Caroline served as Labour’s Shadow Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change from 2011 to 2015. She recently led a successful campaign to put the principle of public country-by-country reporting into UK law.

Edward Troup, Executive Chair and Permanent Secretary of HM Revenue and Customs

Edward is Executive Chair and Permanent Secretary of HMRC. He also chairs the HMRC Board which is responsible for shaping and developing the department’s strategy and, as HMRC’s most senior tax professional, oversees the department’s relationship with HM Treasury and provides tax policy advice to ministers.

Edward chairs the OECD Forum on Tax Administration through which Commissioners from tax administrations in 47 OECD and non-OECD countries identify, discuss and influence global trends and develop new ideas to enhance tax administration around the world.

Hans Christian Holte, Director General, Norwegian Directorate of Taxes,

Hans Christian Holte (1965) was appointed Director General of the Norwegian Tax Administration in August 2013. In 2016 he was appointed to serve as a Vice Chair of the OECD FTA’s Bureau. Mr. Holte has been a member of the Forum of Tax Administrations since 2013

After graduating with a Cand.Polit. specializing in Political Science from the University of Oslo in 1992, Mr. Holte pursued a further year of research. In 1993 Mr. Holte took a consultant position at Andersen Consulting ANS until 1997, and was stationed in Chicago, USA for a year (1993 – 1994). After three years as Project Manager at The Ministry of Labour with responsibility for, among other areas, the Year 2000 Conversion for the government sector (1998-2000), Mr. Holte went on to work as a Director at the Ministry of Health and Social Security and as Head of Department in the Norwegian Directorate for Health and Social Security respectively, where he was responsible for IT statistics development (2000 – 2004). During 2005 - 2008 Mr. Holte held the position of Director General and Deputy Secretary General in the Ministry of
Education and Research. From 2008 to his present appointment in 2013, Mr. Holte was Director of the Agency for Public Management and eGovernment.

**Colin Powell CBE, Adviser to the Chief Minister, Jersey**

From 1969 to 1999 Colin Powell was Adviser to the States of Jersey on the Island’s economic development including as an international finance centre. From 1999 to September 2009 he held the position of Chairman of the Jersey Financial Services Commission, the body responsible for the regulation of all financial services in Jersey. He is currently Adviser on International Affairs to the Chief Minister, and in this capacity advises on and participates in the implementation of the various international initiatives on transparency and information exchange.

He represents Jersey on the Global Forum on Transparency and Exchange of Information for Tax Purposes. From 2009 until the end of 2013 he was a Vice Chair of the Global Forum Peer Review Group, following which he was appointed and remains a Vice Chair of the Global Forum’s Working Group on Automatic Exchange of Information.

**Alex Cobham, Chief Executive, Tax Justice Network**

Alex Cobham is Chief Executive of the international Tax Justice Network, and a visiting fellow at King’s College, London. A development economist, he was previously a research fellow at the Center for Global Development, and before that held posts at Christian Aid (playing a central role in the establishment of the first major development INGO campaign on tax justice), Save the Children, and at Oxford (St Anne’s College and Queen Elizabeth House).

Alex’s research has mainly focused on issues of taxation, horizontal and vertical inequality, and illicit financial flows. He is a co-creator of the global tax haven ranking, the Financial Secrecy Index.
Friday 9th December – Plenary Three

Mrs Anne-Marie Trevelyan, MP, Committee of Public Accounts

Anne-Marie Trevelyan was elected MP for the Berwick-upon-Tweed constituency in 2015 and lives in the constituency with her husband John and their two teenaged children. The constituency is large and predominantly rural, covering over 1,000 square miles of north Northumberland from Hartburn in the south, to the Scottish border, and includes large parts of Northumberland National Park, the Coquet Valley, Holy Island and the historic towns of Alnwick and Berwick.

A chartered accountant by trade, Anne-Marie sits on the House of Commons’ Public Accounts Committee and is committed to ensuring taxpayers’ money is spent well in ways which are accountable to the public. Her other areas of interest and topics of campaigns include rural broadband, dualling the A1, and the armed forces covenant.

Her wider interests involve spending time with her family, making the most of the incredible landscape her vast and varied constituency affords and putting her passion for singing to good use by taking part in Singing for Syrians concerts in Westminster.

Professor Rita de la Feria, University of Leeds

Professor and Chair of Tax Law at the University of Leeds. She is an International Research Fellow at the Centre for Business Taxation, Oxford University, and a Visiting Professor at the University of Lisbon; and holds a law degree from the University of Lisbon, and a PhD from the University of Dublin, Trinity College. Her research focuses primarily on tax law and policy – particularly on the intersection between tax law and EU constitutional law, and between tax law and public economics – having published widely on these areas, including four books, and over 50 journal articles and book chapters.

She was Tax Policy and Legal Adviser to the Portuguese Government (2011-2012), and to the Government of Timor-Leste (2015-2016); and has provided tax legal advice to the Irish Revenue Commissioners (2016), and tax policy advice to the Governments of Sao Tome and Principe (2016) and Angola (2016), the latter two under the auspices of the IMF. Professor de la Feria was listed in the Global Tax 50 2015, by the International Tax Review, as one of the most influential people in tax in the World; and was co-recipient of the 2016 Outstanding Women in Tax Award, awarded by the Tax Analysts.
Professor Michael Devereux, Director of the Oxford University Centre for Business Taxation

Michael Devereux is Director of the Oxford University Centre for Business Taxation, Professor of Business Taxation at Saïd Business School, University of Oxford and a Professorial Fellow at Oriel College, Oxford. He is Research Director of the European Tax Policy Forum, and Research Fellow of the Centre for Economic Policy Research and CESifo. He is Honorary President of the International Institute for Public Finance, Assistant Editor of the British Tax Review and a member of the Editorial Board of the World Tax Journal. Professor Devereux is a member of the Business Forum on Tax and Competitiveness, chaired by the Exchequer Secretary, and in 2014 was a member of the European Commission High Level Expert Group on Taxation of the Digital Economy.

Duncan Hames, Director of Policy, Transparency International

As Director of Policy at Transparency International, Duncan takes a strategic lead on UK focused work, building on TI-UK’s efforts to end the UK’s status as a safe haven for corrupt money, address corruption in the political sphere, as well as navigate new areas of work. He joined TI-UK after working on information security with Templar Executives, following 5 years as a Member of Parliament. He also serves on the board of the South London and Maudsley NHS Foundation Trust, where he chairs their audit committee.

Martin McEwen, Head of Tax at SSE plc

Martin is the Head of Tax at SSE plc, one of the UK’s largest energy companies, involved in the generation, distribution, and supply of electricity, and in the extraction, storage, distribution, and supply of gas. It supplies energy to around 8 million customers in the UK and Ireland, and is the UK’s leading generator of electricity from renewable sources. SSE plc was the first FTSE 100 company to be awarded the Fair Tax Mark, Martin being instrumental in that process. The company pays in the region of £500 million of business taxes per annum, and was ranked 13th in the UK 2015 Total Tax Contribution Survey for The Hundred Group for the level of taxes borne.

Martin joined SSE plc in 2008, having previously worked for PwC. He is a Chartered Accountant and Chartered Tax Adviser, and has sat on the Corporate Tax Sub-committee of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland. He recently appeared before the European Parliament’s TAXE Committee, to discuss tax transparency measures and the European Commission’s Tax Action Plan.
Friday 9th December – Plenary Four

**Fabio De Masi, Vice-Chair, Panama Committee, European Parliament**

In June 2014, Fabio De Masi was elected to the European Parliament for DIE LINKE party. He is responsible for Hamburg and North Rhine-Westphalia, so he spends his time between Brussels, Hamburg, Strasbourg, North Rhine-Westphalia and Berlin.

Fabio De Masi is the Vice-Chair of the Committee of Inquiry to investigate alleged contraventions and maladministration in the application of Union law in relation to money laundering, tax avoidance and tax evasion and a Member of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs.

**Makena Mwobobia, Head of Programmes and Policy, ActionAid Kenya**

Makena is based in Nairobi, Kenya and is Head of Programmes and Policy for ActionAid Kenya. In her role, she oversees all of ActionAid's programme work in Kenya, working with poor and excluded people on a range of issues including Female Genital Mutilation (FGM), claiming land rights, and accountability from public institutions. She is an expert in international development policy, and is responsible for ActionAid Kenya’s policy positions on ending poverty in Kenya, including on issues such as tax justice and women’s rights. She has worked for ActionAid since 2004.

**Tovony Randriamanalina, Tax Auditor, Ministry of Finance, Madagascar & University of Paris-Dauphine**

Tovony Randriamanalina is qualified in both telecommunications engineering and in taxation. She worked as a project manager for the telecom company in Madagascar (TELMA), and since 2012 has been a tax inspector in the Madagascar Revenue Authority (Direction Générale des Impôts). Since 2014, she has been studying for a doctorate in law at the University of Paris-Dauphine, focusing on the control of transfer pricing in developing countries; her paper on this topic won the prize for the best student paper at the inaugural conference of the Africa Tax Research Network, September 2015.
Sol Picciotto, Emeritus Professor Lancaster University & Senior Fellow at the International Centre for Tax and Development

Sol Picciotto is Emeritus Professor of Lancaster University, Senior Fellow at the International Centre for Tax and Development, a Senior Adviser of the Tax Justice Network, and coordinator of the BEPS Monitoring Group. He has taught at the Universities of Dar es Salaam (1964-8), Warwick (1968-1992), and Lancaster (1992-2007); and is the author of International Business Taxation (1992), Regulating Global Corporate Capitalism (2011), several co-written books, and numerous chapters and articles on various international tax issues and other aspects of international business and economic law.

Valpy FitzGerald, Emeritus Professor of International Development Finance, Oxford Department of International Development, University of Oxford

Valpy FitzGerald was educated at Oxford (PPE, BA 1968) and Cambridge (Economics, PhD 1972). He was Assistant Director of Development Studies at Cambridge (1973-80) and then Professor of Development Economics at the Institute of Social Studies, The Hague, until returning to Oxford in 1993. He was Head of the Oxford Department of International Development between 2007 and 2012. He is a Professorial Fellow of St Antony’s College Oxford and Visiting Professor of International Finance at the Universidad Complutense, Madrid.

In recent years, Valpy FitzGerald has advised a number of international agencies on: international investment regulation (Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, OECD); debt sustainability (United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, UNCTAD); macroeconomic policy and children (United Nations Children’s Fund, UNICEF); and international taxation as a source of development finance (United Nations-Department of Economic and Social Affairs, UN/DESA).

He currently serves as a member of the Independent Commission on the Reform of International Corporate Taxation, headed by Nobel Laureate Joseph Stiglitz and former UN Under-Secretary General José Antonio Ocampo.
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