

ILLICIT FINANCIAL FLOWS AND REGIONAL PERSPECTIVES FROM THE SOUTH

This side-event introduces a number of regional and national perspectives to the discussion concerning Illicit Financial Flows (IFFs), as each country and region face specific types of issues in fighting illicit financial flows. IFFs are related to both the attainment of human rights and sustainable development goals. Speakers to reflect what types of activities should be included in a definition of IFFs at the global level both in the FfD and SDG contexts.

This event also announces the creation of an independent working (IWG) group on Illicit Financial Flows, led by the Financial Transparency Coalition and its allied organisations, with the aim of investigating, exploring both actual case-studies and risks of IFFs – and feeding directly into defining, monitoring and stopping IFFs both in the context of the Financing for Development (FfD) as well as the SDG Indicators for goal 16.4.

February 16, 2018 1.30pm – 2.30pm
UN Building, Conference Room 12,



SPEAKERS

Alvin Mosioma is the founding Executive Director of Tax Justice Network, Africa



He holds a Master's degree in Economics from the Johannes Gutenberg University of Mainz. As the

founding Director of TJN-A, Mr. Mosioma is the leading voice on tax policy in Africa and has spear headed numerous civil society campaigns in Africa since 2007.

Dereje Alemayehu, Director, Global Alliance for Tax Justice



Dereje Alemayehu is Director of the Global Alliance for Tax Justice. Mr. Alemayehu has previously worked at

Christian Aid, leading the Kenya Country Programme from 2003 – 2015, contributing to the formation of many pan-African initiatives such as PACJA, TJN-Africa, leading to being first Chair of the Global Alliance for Tax Justice, and now its Director.

Sakshi Rai, Programme Consultant, Centre for Budget Governance Accountability (CBGA)



Sakshi works on the issues of illicit financial flows, tax justice, geo-politics, and development at the advocacy and research team of

CBGA for the Southern Regions Program in Asia. She holds a MSc Economic Development from the University of Glasgow and has prior experience working in gender-sensitive projects in marginalised communities.

Carlos Bedoya Bonelli, General Coordinator of the Latin American Network on Debt, Development and Rights



Lawyer and journalist, with master's degree in gender studies. He is currently General Coordinator of the Latin American Network on Debt, Development and Rights (Latindadd)

and author of the book "Power and Investments in Peru 2011-2016". He has been coordinator of the Jubilee Peru Campaign for the cancellation of the debt and Founder of the National Public Budget Group in 2009.

Dr. Attiya Waris, Senior Lecturer, Commercial Law Department, School of Law, University of Nairobi (Nairobi, Kenya)

Dr. Waris has experience and teaching responsibilities in a wide range of legal disciplines including Tax Law, Public Procurement and, Accountability Law, Islamic Law at the University of Nairobi. She is also a visiting lecturer at the National University of Rwanda on International Tax Law, she has also served on a number of international bodies and expert committees, including on illicit trade, and right to health. Her specialisation is in the link between taxation and human rights, which she has pioneered as an area of expertise first in her rights-based analysis of the Kenyan tax system and the emergence of a rights based narrative in legitimising taxation, and raising revenue for Kenya's social and economic development.

Toby Quantrill, Global Policy Lead,

FACILITATOR

Economic Justice



Toby is an experienced development professional with over twenty years of experience in the development sector working with a number of major NGOs. Toby has worked both in the UK and in developing countries in programme, policy, advocacy and campaigning roles, and has worked on a broad range of development related issues. Toby started working on Tax Justice policy in July 2013 and is currently the Global Lead on economic justice with Christian Aid. Christian Aid was one of the first major Development NGOs to work on tax justice and financial transparency, launching the landmark report, 'Death and Taxes' in May 2008