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Webinar on Responding to Pillar Two: Global Perspectives

19 November 13:00 - 1430 GMT

The African Region of the International Fiscal Association will be hosting an international tax webinar on 19 November 2024 at 13:00 GMT.

A distinguished panel of country experts and thought leaders in taxation will discuss a variety of professional opinions and thinking around the globe on 'Responding to Pillar Two: Global Perspectives.'

The panel will examine the impact of the OECD's Pillar Two proposal, which introduces a global minimum tax as a sequel to the OECD's decade-long campaign against 'harmful' tax practices, firstly among European countries but subsequently and especially from non-OECD countries.

"From the OECD perspective," they wrote, "the forces of globalisation and the integration of global financial markets has created concerns that the OECD revenue base is being eroded by cross border tax competition by international financial centres outside the OECD."

PANELISTS

Moderator:

Dapo Ladimeji- Chair of IFA Africa Region.

Panellist and their jurisdictions

Shigeki MINAMI – Japan
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Shigeki Minami is a lawyer licensed in Japan (admitted in 1997) and a partner at the Tokyo office of Nagashima Ohno& Tsunematsu. He is an expert in tax law matters, including transfer pricing, cross-border mergers and acquisitions, international reorganizations, anti-tax-haven (CFC) rules, withholding tax issues, tax treatment on various financial instruments, corporate tax issues and other general tax issues. With respect to such matters, he has acted as counsel in various tax disputes on behalf of major Japanese and foreign companies.

Mr. Minami served as the Chair of the Asia-Pacific Regional Committee of the International Fiscal Association(IFA) from 2016 to 2018 and is a member of the Practice Council of the International Tax Program at the New York University School of Law.

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Martins Ezeogbuefi is a Nigerian-qualified lawyer and tax professional with over seven years of experience advising multinational corporations and financial institutions on commercial, tax, and dispute resolution matters. His expertise spans transfer pricing, international tax planning, and cross-border corporate transactions. Martins has a proven track record of delivering innovative tax solutions and securing significant client savings.

Martins holds an LL.M. in International Tax Law from Queen Mary University of London (having graduated with Distinction). He is a member of the International Fiscal Association (IFA)and co-authored the Nigerian chapter of the 2024 Cahiers de droit fiscal international. He is also the Representative for the Young IFA Network(YIN) Nigeria and an Advisor to the Tax Technology Committee of CFE Tax Advisers Europe.

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Shwetha is a Senior Associate at Andersen in the United Kingdom, specialising in International Tax and Crypto/Web3 Tax. She provides strategic tax structuring and planning advice on cross-border issues to corporates, trusts, and individuals. Her expertise spans a broad range of international tax matters, including the interpretation of double taxation agreements, withholding tax management, CFC planning, and

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Elizabeth Ulrick is an Australian-qualified solicitor with over five years of experience advising domestic and international clients, including ultra-high-net-worth individuals, high-net-worth individuals, family offices, corporations, and charities. She specialises in private client tax, providing counsel on residence and domicile taxation, corporate tax structuring, trust tax planning, and pension-related matters.

Elizabeth has recently completed her Tax LLM with Distinction at Queen Mary University of London and received the Valedictorian award for the programme. She has presented on significant tax issues, including delivering a talk at the Centre for Commercial Law Studies on the landmark 2023 transfer pricing case, European Commission v. Amazon. She has an extensive network with international tax practitioners in the UK and Australia, often collaborating on key developments, including transfer pricing and OECD's Pillars One and Two initiatives.

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