

# Open Forum on the Tax Justice Agenda

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The debate around tax justice is a debate concentrated on combating tax evasion and avoidance as well as on the dismantling of the underlying structures that enable those practices - by transnational corporations as well as rich individuals. In development oriented circles discussions focus on the precarious state of public finance in many countries in the South and North as well as around the issue of domestic resource mobilization through means of fairer and more effective tax systems and more efficient tax administrations.

At the open forum, we want to share experiences and strategies towards our common goals and enable us to cooperate more closely to achieve them in solidarity. In an interactive discussion, we want to talk along the lines of the following lead questions:

- What are pressing issues the participants are working on - nationally as well as internationally?
- Is there a need and room for better cooperation? What could this look like?
- What's on the agenda of participants in the future? What strategies are to be employed?

We cordially invite all working on and interested in the issues of fair taxation and tax justice to share their views, to strategize for fairer tax systems and better ways to properly tax corporations and rich individuals.

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Le débat autour de la justice fiscale se centre sur la lutte contre l'évasion et la fraude fiscale, ainsi que sur les structures sous-jacentes qui permettent ces pratiques –par les corporations aussi bien que les individus. Dans le milieu du développement, les discussions portent sur l'état précaire des finances publiques de nombreux pays du Sud et du Nord, ainsi que sur la mobilisation des ressources nationales par des systèmes et administrations fiscales plus justes et plus efficaces. Nous voulons partager des expériences et stratégies orientées vers nos objectifs partagés et qui nous permettent de mieux coopérer pour atteindre ces objectifs de façon solidaire. Quelles sont les questions les plus pressantes au niveau local et global? Une meilleure coopération est-elle souhaitable et envisageable? Quelles stratégies doivent être employées?