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VAT AND COVID-19: IMPACT, RESPONSE, AND THE NEW NORMAL

November 17, 2020

8:00 A.M.–10:00 A.M. EST

Login will start at 7:30 A.M. EST via Zoom

AGENDA

08:00AM – 08:05AM

Welcome remarks.

By Katherine Baer, IMF.

08:05AM – 08:20AM

Presentation – “How has the VAT weathered the COVID-19 crisis so far and what is next?”

Presented by Victoria Perry, IMF.

08:20AM – 09:00AM

Panel discussions: Moderated by Katherine Baer, IMF.

1. What countries could have done (or can still do) to mitigate the impact of the crisis and the impact on businesses?
Piet Battiau, Head Consumption Taxes Unit, OECD.
2. The role of the VAT following the COVID-19 crisis, in the medium term.
Helen Miller, Deputy Director, IFS.
3. Role of the VAT in the Mexico’s “tax mix”, policy options to help businesses during the crisis, and other structural improvements and base broadening initiatives.
Gabriel Yorio, Deputy Minister of Finance and Public Credit, Mexico.
4. VAT implementation in the UAE, the impact of COVID-19, and lessons learned.
H.E. Khalid Ali Al Bustani, Director General of Federal Tax Authority of the United Arab Emirates.

09:00AM – 09:55AM

Q&A session: Moderated by Katherine Baer, IMF.

09:55AM – 10:00AM

Summary of key issues and closing remarks.

Presented by Katherine Baer, IMF.

BIOGRAPHY OF THE PANELISTS



Victoria Perry is Deputy Director of the FAD of the IMF, where she was previously head of the Revenue Administration and Tax Policy Divisions. She is a coauthor of the “The Modern VAT” (2001). Prior to joining the IMF, Ms. Perry was the Deputy Director of the Harvard University International Tax Program and practiced tax law with the Boston law firm of WilmerHale. She is Past President of the National Tax Association and is also a past president of the American Tax Policy Institute, past Chair of the VAT Committee of the American Bar Association Section of Taxation and serves on the Board of the International Institute of Public Finance.



Katherine Baer is an Assistant Director in the IMF’s Fiscal Affairs Department. She leads the Revenue Administration Division II, which helps develop capacity in tax and customs administration in more than 80 IMF member countries in the Western Hemisphere and Sub-Saharan Africa. During her 25-year career at the IMF she has also helped design and implement tax and customs reforms in Asia, Central Asia, and Europe. Before her appointment as division chief in the IMF she was a Financial Economist in the U.S. Treasury, where she worked on tax policy reforms and tax compliance issues. Prior to that she was head of research in the Mexican Tax Administration, where she directed the tax gap studies and helped design and implement a major customs reform program. Ms. Baer has several publications in the field of tax.



Piet Battiau, a Belgian national, is the Head of the Consumption Taxes Unit in the Centre for Tax Policy and Administration (CTPA) of the OECD. He is responsible for the OECD's work on indirect taxes, including the International VAT/GST Guidelines, the OECD recommendations for addressing the VAT challenges of digital trade, the Consumption Tax Trends publication and the OECD Global Forum on VAT.



Helen Miller is Deputy Director of the Institute for Fiscal Studies (London) and head of the tax sector. Her main research interests are the effects of the tax system on individuals and firms behavior and the design of tax policy. Her recent research also includes work on the drivers of firm investment and the UK productivity puzzle. She is chair of the Royal Economic Society's Communications Committee.



Gabriel Yorio is the Deputy Minister of Finance and Public Credit of Mexico. Prior to this position, he served as Head of the Public Credit & International Affairs Unit at the Ministry of Finance and Public Credit of Mexico and also served as an international consultant on financial management at The World Bank Governance Global Practice office in Washington, D.C. Prior to that, he was the Deputy Director of Technical and Financial Assistance and Financial Advisory Manager at the National Bank for Infrastructure and Public Services (BANOBRAS). He also held the position of Director of Public Debt, Director of Funds, Operations and Securities Custody and Deputy Director of Financial Operations at the Ministry of Finance in the Mexico City Government.



Khalid Ali Al Bustani is the Director-General of the Federal Tax Authority (FTA) where he has played an instrumental role in introducing UAE Tax laws and Establishment of FTA. With 40 years' experience in the public finance, economics, customs and technology sectors, Mr. Albustani has assumed successive leadership positions in the Ministry of Finance, his role as an Assistant Undersecretary of the International Financial Relations contributed in regional and international tax negotiations. Mr. Albustani also served as Acting Director General of the Federal Customs Authority from 2009 to 2015. During his career, he has participated in key national initiatives, such as Pensions and Social Security Law, Public Debt Management Law and the e-Dirham payment system.

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