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Arab Regional Tax Forum for Ministries of Finance and Tax Administrations

Regional-Reforms-amidst-Global-Tax-Developments

4 February 2026 | Mina A' Salam Hotel - Dubai, UAE

8:30 - 9:00	Registration
9:00 - 9:30	Session 1: Opening & Welcome Remarks • Welcome from AMF – H.E. Dr. Fahad M. Alturki, Director General, Chairman of the Board, Arab Monetary Fund • Welcome from UAE MoF – H.E. Younis Haji AlKhoori, Under Secretary, UAE Ministry of Finance • Welcome from UAE FTA – H.E. Khalid Al Bustani, Director General of the UAE Federal Tax Authority (FTA) • Welcome from ITIC – Mr. Daniel A. Witt, President, ITIC
9:30 - 10:00	Session 2: Recent Tax Reforms in the UAE <u>Speakers:</u> • UAE Ministry of Finance • UAE Federal Tax Authority • Professor. Pascal saint-Amans, Lausanne University, and HEC Paris business school <u>Topics to be Discussed:</u> • Corporate tax reforms implemented in 2025 • Indirect tax reforms initiated in 2025
10:00 - 11:00	Session 3: Tax Policy in the Arab Region: Current Challenges and Future Development

	<u>Moderator:</u> Mr. Daniel Witt <u>Speaker:</u> Mr. Mario Mansour, Division Chief, Tax Policy Division, Fiscal Affairs Department, International Monetary Fund <u>Discussants:</u> • Egypt Ministry of Finance representative • Kingdom of Saudi Arabia representative • Mr. Guy Janssens, Chief Financial Controller, ADNOC <u>Topics to be Discussed:</u> • Challenges and reform strategies • Status of CIT regimes in Arab countries • Interactions with PE taxation and ensuring credit is given against mainstream CIT • Impact of BEPS 1.0, emphasis on substance and value generation in TP guidelines, and now Pillar 2 for large MNEs • Application of withholding taxes following amendments to the UN Model and consequences of updates to OECD model • VAT, excises, and future indirect tax reforms in the region
11:00 -11:15	Coffee Break
11:15 - 12:15	Session 4: Technology for Effective Tax Administration <u>Moderator:</u> UAE FTA <u>Speaker:</u> Mr. Jay Riche, Partner, Partner, TLS Tax Strategy & Transformation Leader, PwC Middle East <u>Discussants:</u> • Two Arab Country Representatives • Ms. Sneha Jain, Reganalytics <u>Topics to be Discussed:</u> • Application of technology in GST collection • Use of new technologies: AI, Blockchain • Integrating WHT collection data with CIT filing requirements • Using technology for transfer pricing and BEPS compliance

	• Use of technology for other indirect tax automation
12:15 - 13:00	Closing Session: • Closing Keynote Address (20 minutes) Mr. Rodrigo Valdes, Director, Fiscal Affairs Department, IMF • UAE MoF and/or UAE FTA • ITIC • AMF