

MOBILIZING RESOURCES FOR GENDER EQUALITY

The role of tax policy in reducing intersecting inequalities and achieving the SDGs

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Tax is a gendered issue and matters for women's rights and for achieving the SDGs, not least Goals 5 and 10. Without adequate, equitable and accountable mobilization of resources through tax, the 2030 Agenda and the promise to 'Leave No One Behind' will not be met. Gender equality experts and policy analysts will outline how the tax and related fiscal systems of both developing and developed countries discriminate against women and represent a barrier to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Unfair tax systems threaten the realization of women's human rights and contribute to increasing levels of gendered socio-economic inequality—exacerbated by the global trend towards fiscal austerity. Presentations include details on the multiple negative gendered impacts of VAT and other forms of consumption taxation, differential tax treatment of labour and capital incomes, business tax regimes, transnational corporate tax avoidance and tax havens.

SPEAKERS

Margaret Brew-Ward – Advocacy and Campaigns Manager, ActionAid Ghana



Margaret is a women's rights and tax justice advocate. She has previously worked with government institutions, civil society and international organizations including the Girls' Education Unit of the Ghana Education Service; Gender Studies and Human Rights Documentation Centre;

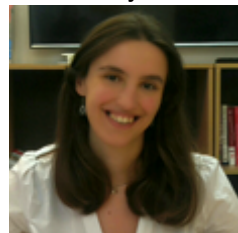
Plan International, and Family Health International (FHI360). Margaret is a member of the national networks NETRIGHT, Domestic Violence Legislation Coalition and Tax Justice Coalition. She is based in Ghana.

Kate Donald – Director of Human Rights in Sustainable Development, Center for Economic and Social Rights



At CESR, Kate works on issues including the SDGs, economic and gender inequality, and development financing. Before joining CESR in 2014, Kate worked as Adviser to the UN Special Rapporteur on Extreme Poverty and Human Rights. She is based in New York, US.

Emma Burgisser – Gender Project Manager, Bretton Woods Project



At the Bretton Woods Project, a civil society watchdog of the IMF and World Bank, Emma focuses on the macroeconomic policy impacts on gender equality and the IMF. She has previously worked in women's rights advocacy at UN human rights

mechanisms. Emma holds an LLM in International and European Law from the University of Groningen in the Netherlands. She is based in London, UK.

Kathleen Lahey – Professor and Queen's National Scholar, Faculty of Law, Queen's University



Kathleen is also Co-Director, Feminist Legal Studies Queen's, board member and senior advisor, Tax Justice Network, and member, GATJ Tax & Gender group and Canadians for Tax Fairness. She specializes in all aspects of domestic and international tax law, including gender

and tax impact analysis, corporate, business, and investment taxation, gender budgeting, and related fiscal issues. She conducts research and training on gender/tax and fiscal impact analysis for global north and south governments, parliamentary committees, policy organizations, and academic groups, with emphasis on developing country challenges. She is based in Canada.

Corina Rodriguez Enriquez – Feminist Economist; Executive Committee Member of DAWN (Development Alternatives with Women for a New Era); Researcher



Corina is an Economist (University of Buenos Aires), with an MA in Public Policy (Institute of Social Studies, The Hague, The Netherlands), and a PhD in Social Sciences (Flacso, Argentina). She is also a Researcher at the National

Council of Research (Conicet) and at the Interdisciplinary Centre for the Study of Public Policy (Ciepp) in Buenos Aires and a lecturer in national universities in Argentina. She is also a consultant for international agencies, and a member of the Latin-American Gender and Macroeconomics Group (GemLac). She applies the feminist economics approach to social and fiscal policies, labour market, poverty, income distribution and care economy issues.

CO-FACILITATORS

Dennis Howlett – Treasurer, Global Alliance for Tax Justice; Executive Director, Canadians for Tax Fairness



Dennis has launched campaigns to roll back corporate tax cuts, tackle tax havens and close tax loopholes. Prior to beginning work with Canadians for Tax Fairness in 2011, he was National Coordinator of Make Poverty

History. From 2003- 2006, he was Executive Director of the National Anti-Poverty Organization. For over 30 years Dennis worked in social justice coalitions including Ten Days for Global Justice, the Ecumenical Coalition for Economic Justice and KAIROS. Dennis is a graduate of the University of Toronto with Masters of Education and Bachelor of Arts degrees. He's based in Ottawa, Canada.

Liz Nelson – Director, Operations + Tax Justice & Human Rights, Tax Justice Network



Liz Nelson is a Director at the Tax Justice Network and heads TJN's programme of work on tax justice and human rights. Before joining TJN, Liz was Development Manager at the Skoll Centre for Social Entrepreneurship in the University of Oxford's Said Business School. Previously, she managed and

developed housing services for vulnerable and 'at risk' adults and families for twenty years. Liz studied Human Rights and Development Management from the Open University's Global Programme in Development Management and Women's Human Rights at the London School of Economics (LSE). She is based in London, UK.

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Alvin Mosioma – Executive Director, Tax Justice Network-Africa

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