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# Tax Justice Seminar

Sao Paulo, June 28-29<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Participation of PSI affiliates from: Argentina, Belize, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Guyana, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Uruguay

Participation of other organizations: FES, CSA, Latindadd, UITOC, REBRIP, INESC Brasil. Homa Brasil, DIEESE Brasil, IJF Brasil, Ibase Brasil, IOS.



# The Tax Justice approach is related to:

- Social Rights, living conditions
- Sustainable Development Goals (SDG)
- National reforms for progressive taxation
- Fighting privatization and unfair subsidy policies
- Quality Public Services
- Fighting corruption
- Fighting wealth concentration
- Free Trade Agreements and a binding treaty on corporations and human rights
- Fighting tax opacity and defending transparency

In summary, this is a struggle for democracy and against corporate power. It is not a technical issue, but it is indeed a political issue.



# ADOPTED PROPOSALS:

## 1 – To develop a Network for Tax Justice

- Skype meetings every 45-60 days
- To assess the development of the Work Plan and keep the schedule up-to-date
- To check if the participating organizations need support
- To verify the possibilities of integrating the tax justice issue with the trade unions' salary campaigns
- This network is open to include PSI affiliates, experts and NGOs which want to take part in this work.



## Topics related to the work on Tax Justice:

- UN binding treaty on Human Rights
- Bilateral investment agreements
- National Action Plans of TNCs and Human Rights
- TISA and TPP developments
- National Tax Reforms



2 – To create a database within the PSI website, in order to organize the campaign contents and facilitate dissemination and training. The newly organized Virtual Platform will help to disclose all the new contents.

Other websites for information and important documents :

- Southern Observatory on TNCs and investments
- Latindadd
- Red Justicia Fiscal



### 3 – To promote National/ Sub-regional seminars in Argentina, Brazil, Caribbean and Mexico in 2016.

If possible, to carry out seminars in Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Uruguay, Colombia and Chile in 2016 as well. If it is not possible in 2016, to carry out the events in 2017.

Other trade union leaders and NGO's should be invited to those events, besides the PSI affiliates from each country. Latindadd, UITOC and TUCA should help in this regard.



4 – Content to be produced with the support of Latindadd, which should be used to work with PSI affiliates:

- Specific material about Tax Justice and public services
- Online trade union training course on Tax Justice. The online training pilot experience will be with PSI.



## 5 - REGIONAL FORUMS WHERE WE CAN ACT IN DEFENSE OF TAX JUSTICE

- Cepal
- UNASUR
- BRICS
- Mercosur
- Supranational Parliaments
- OAS - IACHR





## 6 - Some debates that will be interesting to follow:

- SPD Germany: about tax avoidance
- ICRICT: about measuring values in scale production
- Countries' committee about automatic information exchange
- ILO Convention for the defense of state control workers (whistleblowers)
- Peace process in Colombia and Tax Justice impacts



## 7 – Events to follow in 2016:

UNCTAD- Nairobi, July

WSF – Montreal, August

WTO – Geneva, September

World Bank – IMF – fall and spring meetings

Habitat III – Quito, October

UCLG- Bogota, October

UN- HRC – Geneva, October

PSI- Media and Tax Justice

Important Date - November 4<sup>th</sup>: Continental Journey for Democracy  
and against Neoliberalism



2017

- To promote a new regional seminar in order to follow the collective planning.
- To emphasize the Gender and Tax Justice issue, by organizing subsidiary texts as from now.