

Women's Rights and Tax Justice Convening June 13, 14, 15 2017 - Bogotá, Colombia

Expectation setting for this convening:

We expect participants to:

- Come prepared (case studies)
- Come to work (engage actively)
- Come to build relationships (constructive conversations)
- Come to build a movement (this will be one of many convenings)

This hopes to be:

- An ongoing meeting; the first of many convenings
- A meeting that results in a roadmap as a first step towards a collaborative cohesive strategy.

Preparation for convening:

- Please read through the Resources folder
- Please read through the Case Studies provided

Facilitator:

Natalie Visser

DAY ONE

7:00 registration opens + breakfast

Welcome Session

Time: 0800 - 0815

Welcoming delegates to the Global Convening and doing a quick overview of the 3 days to follow

Session 1

Time: 0820 - 0945

Format: Conversation [45 minutes] + Facilitated Q&A session [30 minutes]

Rosa Pavanelli (General Secretary, Public Services International) in conversation with **Jose Antonio Ocampo Chairman of the Board of Banco del República (Central Bank of Colombia)** and **Maria Nieves Rico (Director of Gender Affairs, CEPAL)**

- Why are we doing this now?
- The trajectory of the movement from both their perspectives (past/present)
- Relationship /tension between public and private (public services and corporation)

- Engaging with grassroots / citizens
- Call to action/challenge to the movement to take up

Moderated by: Veronica Grondona

COFFEE BREAK - 0945 - 1000 - 15 MINUTES

Session 2

Time: 1000 - 1130

Format: Plenary + Facilitated Discussion

Case studies for this session circulated in advance

Discriminatory tax regimes and their gendered impacts - domestic and international

[40 minutes] International (PLENARY DISCUSSION)

Impact of global financial architecture such as secrecy jurisdictions, use of trusts, beneficial ownership, use of trusts, beneficial ownership.

[40 minutes] Domestic (PLENARY DISCUSSION)

A feminist gender analysis will explore a range of features within regressive tax systems which discriminate against women e.g. VAT, tax competitive policies to attract MNCs

Discussions guided by questions:

- *What do discriminatory policies look like?*
- *What are the gendered impacts?*
- *What are alternative policies/responses*

Speakers:

Kathleen Lahey
Corina Rodriguez
Everline Aketch
Ngo Thi Thu Ha

Moderator: Liz Nelson

LUNCH BREAK - 1130 - 1300 - 90 MINUTES

ICEBREAKER ACTIVITY - 1300 - 1330 - 30 MINUTES

Session 3

Time: 1330 - 1430

Format: Plenary + Facilitated Discussion

Public service provision through domestic resource mobilization

- Health, education, water, housing, transportation et cetera



- Care work: Socio-cultural norms reinforce existing gender inequalities in care work and shape women's engagement and opportunities in paid and unpaid care work; in formal and informal care work.
 - Explore the ideological underpinnings (it is a key element of capitalist and patriarchal systems and structures)
 - Demonstrate that addressing this issue goes beyond better budgets

Speakers:

Jennifer Besong
Wangari Kinoti
Mary Collins

Moderator: Veronica Montufar

COFFEE BREAK - 1430 - 1445- 15 MINUTES

Session 4

Time: 1445 - 1545

Format: Plenary

Extractive industries, how they are allowed to operate [tax incentives, etc] and the impact on women in specific countries

Presentation of Country Case Studies

- Philippines - Mae Buenaventura
- Uganda - Nelly Busingye
- Ecuador - Veronica Montufar

Moderator: Kathleen Lahey

COFFEE BREAK - 1545 - 1600 - 15 MINUTES

Session 5

Time: 1600 - 1700

Format: Plenary

Realisation of sustainable development progress/goals

- National and international level barriers and opportunities (implementation; financing)
- SDGs/Agenda 2030 - which goals are salient to this discussion? Opportunities to use the goals as a platform for bringing this perspective to the policy debate and also to highlight how more progressive equitable fiscal policy is key to realizing the SDGs.
- Perspectives to be included
 - environmental perspective, climate financing
 - A focus on economic inequality and how it interacts with gender inequality and poverty

Speakers:

Kate Donald
Carmen Benitez

Moderator: Liz Nelson

Wrap up Session

Time: 1700 - 1715

Overview of the day and the day ahead; other housekeeping + bike rack

1900 - RECONVENE FOR DINNER IN LOBBY

DAY TWO

What are the advocacy needs to “equip and support” a well informed movement and in order to bridge the gaps in knowledge, resources, and coordination?

8:00 BREAKFAST

Session 6

Time: 0900 - 1015

Format: Presentations [45 minutes] + Facilitated discussion [30 minutes]

Baseline 2017 - Mapping where the field is in terms of collaboration between tax justice, development, human rights and women’s right movements.

- Baselines
 - GATJ campaign overview
 - Regional - initial focus on Latin America, Africa, Asia
 - Trade union perspectives
 - Human rights

Speakers:

Teresa Marshall
Crystal Simeoni
Farah Al Shammi
Isolde Kunkel-Weber
Nikki Reisch

Moderator: Mae Buenaventura

COFFEE BREAK - 1015 - 1030 - 15 MINUTES

Session 7

Time: 1030-1200

Format: Roundtable discussions [60 minutes] + summary plenary of roundtable group discussions [30 minutes]



Mapping key influence points + challenge/risk points

- Research
- Fora for strategic planning, advocacy, activism..
- Institutions, policy makers
- Organisations

Guest Facilitator: Fariya Mohiuddin

LUNCH BREAK - 1200 - 1300 - 60 MINUTES

Session 8

Time: 1300 - 1410

Format: Presentations [40 minutes] + Facilitated discussion [30 minutes]

Resource needs for action + Discussion of potential solutions (national/international) and accompanying advocacy strategies/tactics

Case studies to be presented:

- GATJ's recent campaign - #TaxJusticeforWomen'sRights
- How to mobilise Public Sector Workers
- Whistleblowing

Speakers:

Caroline Othim
Ana María Lizárraga
Nicole Bidegain Ponte
Maria Isabel Beron

Moderator: Maria Fernanda Valdes

Session 9

Time: 1410 - 1430

Format: 2 short presentations

Journalism as advocacy: How to work with media in general to illuminate a narrative which aims to support policy change in the government and public space. Nurture and inform journalists working in the gender/human rights the potency and relevance of tax justice issues.

Speakers:

Marta Núñez
Teresa Marshall

COFFEE BREAK - 1430 - 1450 - 20 MINUTES

Session 10

Time: 1450 - 1620



Format: Roundtable discussions [60 minutes] + summary plenary of roundtable group discussions [30 minutes]

Where do we go from here?

- What is the structure to continue the conversation?
 - List of strategic goals
 - Mapping spaces for networks
 - Keep connecting people, networks, resources
- Reflection as a group
 - How does a women's rights framing strengthen TJ work, and vice versa. What do we do differently armed with this new framing, discourse, network and tools?

Guest Facilitator: Crystal Simeoni

BREAK - 1620 - 1630 - 10 MINUTES

Closing Session

Time: 1630 - 1700

Wrap up, thank yous, see you tomorrow, and other housekeeping

1900 - RECONVENE FOR DINNER IN LOBBY

DAY THREE - LOCAL ACTION IN COLOMBIA

PARTICIPANTS:

- International representatives
- Representatives of International organizations associated to the PSI and FES in Colombia, trade unions and the tax justice network-Colombia.
- Representatives of feminist national organizations and women's organizations.

PRELIMINARY AGENDA:

08:00 Registration

08:15 Welcome by organizers

08:45

Panel # 1: International and Colombian tax structure and their impacts on women human rights

Format: Academic panel.

Panelists: : Javier Ávila, Natalia Moreno, Corina Rodriguez, Rosa Pavanelli, Cecilia Lopez Montaña , Patricia Muñoz

Moderator: FES

9:50



Panel # 2 A political and legal perspective.

Panelists: Angela María Robledo (tbc), Isabel Cristina Muñoz, Kathleen Lahey, Liz Nelson, Stella Jeannette Carvajal Basto

Moderator: Red Justicia Tributaria

11:15 Coffee break

11:30

Panel # 3: Experiences and Mobilisation:

Panelists: Laura Rangel, Verónica Paz, Tulia Martinez, Jennifer Kakah Besong

Moderator: PSI

13:00 Conclusions

Press Conference will be held simultaneously