

Statistics on foreign bank accounts: Use for developing countries



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Close to 100 countries have been engaging in automatic exchange of bank account information based on the OECD's Common Reporting Standard (CRS). However, exchanges are confidential, so civil society organisations are unable to estimate foreign account holdings or hold authorities to account for how they use the information. On top of this, not all countries are able to join the automatic exchange system. In this backdrop, the Financial Transparency Coalition has been calling for countries to publish statistics on automatic exchanges. Thanks to the research and advocacy by civil society organisations, Australia and Germany have published very useful statistics. The webinar will explore how to use these statistics both to detect undeclared money but also to find mistakes and schemes involving tax havens. It will also suggest measures for how countries which are excluded from the automatic system may try to obtain at least some foreign account information.

Agenda for the Webinar

Welcome and Introduction

Eryn Schornick (Financial Transparency Coalition)

12:00-12:05 pm

Presentation

Andres Knobel (Tax Justice Network)

12:05-12:20 pm

Panel Discussion

- Ephraim Murenzi (African Tax Administration Forum (ATAF))
- Nana Amoako (Consultant, ATAF)
- Abdul Muheet Chowdhary (South Centre)
- Aurore Arcambal (Asian Development Bank)
- Irene Ovonji-Odida (FACTI Panel member)

12:20-1:10 pm

Moderator

Asha Ramgobin (Human Rights Development Initiative)

Open Discussion / Q&A followed by Closing Remarks

1:10-1:30 pm

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