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## IFA - MAURITIUS 12<sup>TH</sup> ASIA/AFRICA CONFERENCE 2018



THEMES	: 1) Challenges under Action 1 of BEPS: The Digital Economy - Is it unfinished business? 2) Dispute Resolution in an uncertain tax environment
CHAIRMAN	: RAJESH RAMLOLL
ADVISER	: PROF. ROY ROHATGI
CONFERENCE	: 17 <sup>th</sup> & 18 <sup>th</sup> May 2018
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# Conference Programme

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

- 08.00 - 09.00**      **Registration**
- 09.00 - 10.00**
- **Opening Ceremony**
  - **Welcome address:** Rajesh Ramlooll SC, Conference Chairman, IFA-Mauritius
  - **Speech:** IFA Central President Chairman, Murray Clayson (Freshfields, London) (by skype)
  - **Keynote address:** Prof Kees Van Raad Head ITC Leiden, The Netherlands
  - **Ministerial Address:** Minister for Financial Services and Good Governance
  - **Book launching**
  - **Vote of thanks: Prof. Roy Rohatgi**, Conference Advisor and Director, Foundation of International Tax (India)
- 10.00 - 10.30**      **Tea/Coffee Break**
- 10.30 - 11.00**      **FIRST TECHNICAL SESSION**  
OECD's approach to Fintech and how to tax it: Loretta Joseph, Leader of the OECD's Global Blockchain Directorate and Chair of the Australian Digital Currency and Commerce Association
- 11.00 - 11.30**      **Blockchain technology and its uses**  
Dr. Neil Pennington (UK)
- 11.30 - 12.00**      **Looking at Taxation in the Digital Age**  
How can blockchain technology help in AEOI, BO registration and tax administration? Rita Da Cunha (UK)
- 12.00 - 12.30**      **Post BEPS: An Industry perspective**, Girish Vanvari (India)
- 12.30 - 14.00**      **Lunch**
- 14.00 - 15.00**      **SECOND TECHNICAL SESSION**  
**Option One:** YIN moot chaired by Daniel Erasmus  
**Participants:** Avinash Gupta (YIN Chair - India), Partner (APT & Co, India), Vikram Chand (Lausanne University), Kate Li (YIN Chair - Mauritius), Ahmed Bhurtun (ARC VP, Mauritius)
- 15.00 - 15.30**      **Tea/Coffee Break**
- 15.30 - 17.30**      **THIRD TECHNICAL SESSION**  
**Unblocking the chain:** Panel discussion chaired by Rick MacDonell (Austria)  
**Panelists:** Neil Pennington (UK), Shikha Mehra (India), Ashwin Dwarka (Mauritius), Loretta Joseph (Australia)
- 18.00**              **Cocktail**

## **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

- 09.00 - 09.30**      **Challenges of taxing the digital economy (BEPS Action Point 1)**
- Keynote address: Pascal St. Amans (OECD)**
- 09.30 - 10.30**      **FOURTH TECHNICAL SESSION**  
BEPS Action Point 1 Interim Report  
The Digital Economy: Is it unfinished business?
- Panel Discussion chaired by Kees Van Raad**  
**Panelists:** Pascal St Amans (OECD), Daniel Erasmus (USA), Shikha Mehra (India), Vikram Chand (Switzerland), Jeremy Cape (UK), Avinash Gupta (India)
- 10.30 - 11.00**      **Tea/Coffee Break**
- 11.00 - 12.00**      **FIFTH TECHNICAL SESSION**  
**FHTP/BEPS substance requirements: A conundrum for small economies**
- Panel discussion chaired by Mr. S. Lal, C.S.K. (Director General, MRA)**  
**Panelists:** Jeremy Cape (UK), Pascal St Amans (OECD), Didier Lenette (Rogers Capital), Dhiren Puholoo (PWC), Uday Gujadhur (Essar, Mauritius)
- 12.00 - 12.30**      **Taxation of Investment Funds and IFA London 2019 General Reporter**  
**Ocktavia Weidmann (Switzerland)**
- 12.30 - 14.00**      **Lunch**
- 14.00 - 15.00**      **Improving MAP and Dispute Settlement (BEPS Action Point 14) - Progress**
- Panel Discussion chaired by Prof Rick McDonell (WU University, Vienna)**  
**Panelists:** N.Meyyapan (Nitish Desai Associates), Rajesh Ramloll SC (Mauritius), Renier Van Rensburg (RSA), Anjana Khemraz–Chikhuri (MARC), Tulio Toledo (PCA, Mauritius)
- 15.00 - 16.00**      **SIXTH TECHNICAL SESSION (OPTION A)**
- Reconciling Cross Border Tax Reporting and Disclosure requirements**
- Chaired by Rick McDonell (Vienna University)**  
**Panelists:** Representative of ATMC, Chas Chowdhury (ACCA UK), Jeremy Cape (UK), Vikram Chand (Switzerland)
- 15.00 - 16.00**      **SEVENTH TECHNICAL SESSION (OPTION B)**
- Transfer Pricing**
- Panel Discussion chaired by Daniel Erasmus**  
**Panelists:** Girish Vanvari (India), Mario Hannelas (Mauritius), Hariom Jindal (India), Vikram Chand (Switzerland), Wasoudeo Balloo (KPMG, Mauritius)
- 16.00 - 16.30**      **Tea/Coffee Break**

## **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2018 (cont'd)**

**16.30 - 17.30**

### **EIGHTH TECHNICAL SESSION**

**Africa Centre: Tax structuring and investment challenges in Africa in a post BEPS context**

**Chaired by Rama Sithanen (Sanne, Mauritius)**

**Panelists:** Jeremy Cape (UK), Renier Van Rensburg (RSA), A representative of GFM (Mauritius), Octavia Weidmann (Switzerland), Ridha Hamzaoui (IBFD)

**17.30**

**Closing remarks by Conference Chairman**

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