



ITU WORKSHOP ON TAXATION OF TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES AND RELATED PRODUCTS

ITU Headquarters Geneva, Switzerland
1-2 September 2011

PROGRAMME

Day 1 - Thursday, 1 September	
08.30 – 09.30	<i>Delegate registration</i>
09.30 – 09.45	Opening Ceremony
09.45 – 10.45	<p>Session 1: Telecommunication service taxation: Understanding the process</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current situation – taxation practices • Services frequently taxed by Governments • Taxation on devices and handsets • Characteristics of the different types of taxation by service • Double taxation <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Martin Cave London School of Economics</i></p>
10.45 – 11.00 Coffee break	
11.00 – 12.30	<p>Session 2: Presentations from countries and associations Moderator: Mr. Martin Cave</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Communication Authority NCA Ghana – Mr. Kwame Baah-Acheamfour • Ministry of Transports, Posts and Digital Economy, Burkina Faso – Mr. Saidou Yanogo • Global Voice Group GVG – Mr. François Dugué • France Telecom Orange Group – Mr. Marc Ricau • Ministère des postes et télécommunications, Cameroun – Ms. Pauline Tsafak
12.30 – 14.00 Lunch	
14.00 -15.30	<p>Session 3: The impact of taxation on ICT growth</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sectoral and Macro effects • Impact on penetration and affordability • Taxation policies and national ICT objectives • Policy and regulation implications <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Martin Cave – Windfred Mfuh London School of Economics</i></p>
15.30 – 15.45 Coffee break	
15.45 – 17.00	<p>Panel discussion with the participation of Policy-Makers, Regulators, Associations and all ICT Stakeholders Moderator: BDT/TSB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the current situation and impact on ICT growth? • What are the services frequently taxed? • At the end of the day, who pays the taxes? (the consumer? All market players?) • What are the effects of taxation on competition?

Day 2 - Friday 2 September

09.30 – 10.45	<p>Session 4: International double taxation of telecommunications services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Techniques that Governments use to avoid imposing double taxation Taxation in the framework of the International Telecommunication Regulations ITRs <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Paul DePasquale and Alyssa Varley Baker & McKenzie, Switzerland</i></p>
10.45 – 11.00 Coffee break	
11.00 – 12.30	<p>Session 5: Presentations from countries and associations Moderator: Mr. Martin Cave</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Senegal Regulatory Authority ARTP – Mr. Seyni Fati Sonatel Orange Senegal – Mr. Saliou Touré ARPTC Democratic Republic of Congo – Mr. Roman Ciza
12.30 – 14.00 Lunch	
14.00 -14.45	<p>Session 6: The economic impact of taxation - public/private roles</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For Governments For operators and services providers For end-users Examples where the right balance has been struck <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Martin Cave – Windfred Mfuh London School of Economics</i></p>
14.45 – 15.45	<p>Session 7: GSMA Global Mobile Tax Review - preliminary findings</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Gabriel Solomon GSM Association</i></p>
15.45 – 16.00 Coffee break	
16.00 – 16.45	<p>Panel discussion with the participation of Policy-Makers, Regulators, Associations and all ICT Stakeholders Moderator: BDT/TSB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What are the best practices? How to obtain an appropriate balance? What is the role of regulators? What are the alternatives?
16.45 – 17.00	<p>Concluding remarks – BDT/TSB</p>