

Provisional Agenda as of 18 January 2010
**Ad Hoc Expert Group Meeting on Transfer Pricing:
Practical Issues for Developing Countries**

United Nations Headquarters Building
New York, 19 - 20 January, 2010,
Conference Room A
Entrance on 46th St and 1st Avenue*

*Organised by the Financing for Development Office of the United Nations
Department of Economic and Social Affairs: The meeting is focussed on suggesting
drafting and ideas that can inform and assist current work on the UN Practical Manual
on Transfer Pricing, with a special emphasis on drawing upon experiences of developing
as well as developed countries[†]*

Date and Time

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Tuesday, 19 January 2010

9.10 - 9:30 a.m.

Registration of participants

9:30 - 9:45 a.m.

Agenda Item 1: Welcome Remarks by Jomo KS, Assistant Secretary General, Department of Economic and Social Affairs.

9:45 - 10:30 a.m.

**Agenda Item 2: A Draft Introductory Chapter,
Chair/ Commentator: T P Ostwal, India
Discussant: Michael Durst, USA**

- A consideration of the Manual's objective and how to match that objective with its audience.
- What is transfer pricing?
- Transfer pricing as a current issue
- Relevance for developing countries
- Relevance of the Arm's Length Standard
- Transfer pricing as a domestic and international issue
- Transfer Pricing and the UN and OECD Model Tax Conventions
- Transfer pricing examples.

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[†] The proceedings will be in English only. Simultaneous interpretation will **not** be provided at this meeting.

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3:15 - 5:00 p.m.

Agenda Item 5: Transfer Pricing Methods:

**Chairs/ Commentators: Marcos Valadao, Brazil
Jolanda Schenk, Shell (TBC)**

Discussant: Monique van Herksen, Netherlands

- “Hierarchy of methods” and “best method” approaches.
- Methods and their areas of greatest relevance for developing countries:
 - Comparable Uncontrolled Price Method.
 - Resale Price Method.
 - Cost Plus Method.
 - Transactional Net Margin Method.
 - Profit Split Method.
 - Other methods?
- What tools in terms of information and skills does each method require?
- **A country case study (Tatiana Falcao, Brazil):** Are there “short cuts”/ “bright-line tests”/ “blunt instruments” consistent with ALP and that facilitate developing countries addressing transfer pricing.
- **Followed by a discussion** on whether there are easier solutions consistent with the ALP? Including the role or otherwise of “safe harbours”. What are the trends in developing countries re these different solutions? How do they sit with the OECD Guidelines?

5:00 - 6:15 p.m.

Agenda Item 6: Transfer Pricing Methods and Analysis - Special Issues.

Chair/ Commentator: Toshio Miyatake, Japan

Discussants: T P Ostwal, India (Locational Savings / Intangibles)

Steven Wrappe, USA (Customs and TP)

Michael Kobetsky, Australia (Locational Savings/ Tax holidays/ Market penetration)

- Location Savings
- Market Penetration Strategies
- Business Restructuring – basic issues
- Tax Holidays and transfer pricing
- Impact of accounting and Corporate Governance developments

- Customs issues
- VAT/GST/Withholding Tax Issues
- Foreign Investments
- Treatment of Intangibles
- Intra-Group Services and Commodities Trading
- Cost Contribution Arrangements (CCAs)
- Intra-Group Finance

7.30 p.m.

*Dinner, for those wishing to participate at their own cost – venue
TBA*

Wednesday, 20 January 2010

9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Agenda Item 7: Documentation

Chair/ Commentator: Mark Dike, Nigeria

Discussants: Kyung Geun Lee, RoK

Jose Madriaga, Chile

Yanlei Li, China

- The function of documentation in transfer pricing cases.
- What does the administration need?
- Recognising the impact of documentation requirements on taxpayers.
- Possibilities for harmonised approaches regionally and internationally?

10:30 - 10:45 a.m.

Coffee Break

10:45 - 11:45 a.m.

Agenda Item 8: Risk Assessment and Audit:

11:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Agenda Item 9: Adjustments, Disputes and Dispute Resolution and Avoidance

Chair/ Commentator: Monique van Herksen, Netherlands
Discussants: David Rosenbloom, US
Franz Tomasek, South Africa (TBC)

- Introduction to dispute avoidance and resolution in a domestic and international context.
- Transfer Pricing adjustments, including corresponding adjustments.
- Penalties
- The Mutual Agreement Procedure (MAP) under tax treaties.
- Settlements and alternative dispute resolution.
- The Role of Courts and Tribunals in Transfer Pricing Dispute Resolution.
- Advance Pricing Agreements (APAs) – policy and administrative considerations - right for developing countries?
- Developing an APA program – practical considerations.

1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Lunch

2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Agenda Item 10: Skilling up and retention of skills

Chairs/ Commentators: David Rosenbloom, US
Steven Wrappe, US
Discussant: Arcotia Hatsidimitris, IBFD

- Information resources, including database issues for developing countries
- Training and capacity building resources, including contacts and links
- Approaches that have worked in skill retention and updating

3:00 - 3:30 p.m.

Agenda Item 11: Appendices

Chair/ Commentator: Michael Lennard. UN
• Possible Flowcharts and Checklists?

- Tables?
- Glossary?
- FAQs?

3:30 - 3:45 p.m.

Coffee Break

3:45 - 5:00 p.m.

Agenda Item 12: Other issues for consideration, including some possible drafting and roll-out strategies for consideration by the Subcommittee.

5:00 - 5:15 p.m.

Brief summary of the Meeting and next steps

5:15 - 5:30 p.m.

Close of the Meeting