



## Concept Note

# FACTI Panel Meeting with Brazilian Stakeholders following the launch of the Final Report

15 April 2021, Time 11:00am (Brazil) via Zoom, registration is required \*

### **Background**

The High-Level Panel on International Financial Accountability, Transparency and Integrity for Achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (FACTI Panel) was launched by the 74th President of the United Nations General Assembly and the 75th President of ECOSOC in March 2020 to explore further actions that may be needed by the international community to combat illicit financial flows and thus help in mobilizing further resources needed for vital investments for sustainable development.

Cross-border corruption, money laundering, tax evasion and avoidance limit countries' ability to provide basic services, erodes public trust and negatively impact the integrity of institutions and the rule of law within and across borders. Although these challenges are reflected across the globe, they have more impact on developing countries as they exacerbate inequalities, including gender inequality, and worsen poverty.

The launch of the Final Report of the FACTI Panel on 25 February 2021 has provided evidence-based recommendations and priority actions for addressing the identified challenges for tax cooperation, anti-corruption, and anti-money laundering.

The Secretariat of the FACTI Panel has been working hard to prepare awareness raising activities to break the ground following the publication of the report. The main objective is to maximize the visibility of the Panel's work in capitals around the world and increase the buy-in of Member States and other stakeholders to the Panel's final recommendations.

At this meeting, the Panel acting in co-operation with the Associação Brasileira de Direito Financeiro - ABDF (one of the most traditional non-governmental, non-sectoral and non-profit Brazilian organizations dealing with fiscal matters in Brazil), would like to engage with Brazilian stakeholders from academia, civil society, private practice and government to discuss

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the findings of the Final Report and to consider concrete actions at the domestic level, that may bring awareness, promote and endorse the FACTI Panel's key recommendations.

Brazil is one of the largest economies of the South American block, and a key player in international global affairs. The support from Brazilian stakeholders would be vital to reinforce the urgent message to the United Nations Member States and all other stakeholders that transforming the global financial architecture to combat illicit financial flows is necessary to achieve the ambitious and transformative vision of the 2030 Agenda and shape our collective future for the better.

## **Objectives**

The Panel would like to hear from Brazilian stakeholders what their thoughts are on the findings and recommendations of the Final Report. It would also like to hear what issues they view as the priority actions on generating political momentum for promoting financial accountability, transparency and integrity for achieving the 2030 Agenda.

The main goal of this virtual meeting is to get feedback from Brazilian stakeholders on the findings of the Final Report, and to develop together with these stakeholders, an action plan for dissemination and application of the FACTI Panel's findings within Brazil. Under that context, the Panel would like to discuss what would be the next steps needed for implementation of the Report's recommendations in order to make practical the findings of the final Report.

## **Format/Programme**

The virtual event will bring together wide representation from the Brazilian academic, civil society, public policy and government communities and will be structured as an interactive dialogue with active participation from speakers and the attending public.

*Welcome and Introduction to the FACTI Panel and the conclusions of the final report.*

Manorma Soeknandan (Suriname)

10 minutes

*Welcome from ABDF President*

Gustavo Brigagão

10 minutes

*First Q&A: Theme: Financial Integrity for Sustainable Development: The FACTI Panel's recommendation as applied to the Brazilian context.*

Speaker: Grazielle Custodio David (Global Alliance for Tax Justice)

Discussant: Ms. Soeknandan

Q&A with intervention from Ana Claudia Utumi

Total time: 20 minutes

*Second Q&A: Theme: Recent trends and efforts of the Revenues Service in Circumventing evasion and avoidance, and the way forward.*

Speaker: Claudia Pimentel (Revenues Services) TBC

Discussant: Ms. Soeknandan

Q&A with intervention from Glaucia Lauletta TBC

Total time: 20 minutes

*Break: 15 minutes*

*Third Q&A: Theme – Gaps in tax cooperation and transparency: How to make exchange of information truly bilateral for developing countries – exploring structural difficulties.*

Speaker: Zayda Manatta (OECD)

Discussant: Ms. Soeknandan

Q&A with intervention from Raquel Novais

Total time: 20 minutes

*Open questions from the Public and written submissions*

Moderator: FACTI Secretariat/ABDF

10 minutes

*Final Remarks – FACTI Panel/ABDF*

10 minutes