

**CONCEPT NOTE**

**PANEL EVENT  
NOVEMBER 15, 2016  
18H00-19H40  
THON HOTEL EU, RUE DE LA LOI 75  
BRUSSELS, BELGIUM**

***Doubling Down on Tax Competition and Secrecy: Launch of two new reports***

**Four Ways to Tackle Tax Competition  
By the  
Independent Commission for the Reform of International Corporate Taxation**

**&**

**Overcoming the Shadow Economy  
by  
Mark Pieth and Joseph E. Stiglitz**

In the wake of the G20/OECD's Base Erosion and Profit Shifting proposals for tax reform, countries are grappling with the question of how to enhance their cooperation to tackle deep-seated problems in international corporate taxation. These problems include tax competition between countries, both in terms of the erosion of corporate tax base and rates, which risks undermining progress on tax reform to date. In addition, the revelations of the Luxembourg Leaks and the Panama Papers illustrate that globally, secrecy is a problem: it facilitates both money laundering and tax avoidance and evasion, contributing to crime and unacceptably high levels of global wealth inequality. This panel event will feature discussions of two new reports dealing with tax competition and financial and tax secrecy and recommendations for reforming the international tax system.

***Proposed Agenda:***

- 17h30      Registration
- 18h00      Welcome by  
**Uwe Optenhögel**, Director Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung Brussels
- 18h10      Panel Discussion  
with  
**José Antonio Ocampo**, Professor at Columbia University and ICRICT Chair  
**Magdalena Sepúlveda**, Senior Research Fellow at the United Nations  
Research Institute for Social Development (UNRISD),  
**Edmund Fitzgerald**, Professor at Oxford University,  
**Werner Langen**, MEP, Chair of the Committee of Inquiry into Money  
Laundering, Tax Avoidance and Tax Evasion (tbc)
- 18h45      Q&A
- 19h00      Panel Discussion  
with  
**Joseph Stiglitz**, Professor at Colombia University,  
**Eva Joly**, MEP, Vice-Chair of the Committee of Inquiry into Money  
Laundering, Tax Avoidance and Tax Evasion  
**Mark Pieth**, Professor of Criminal Law at Basel University,  
**Fabio de Masi**, MEP, Vice-Chair of the Committee of Inquiry into Money  
Laundering, Tax Avoidance and Tax Evasion (tbc)
- 19h25      Q&A
- 19h40      Reception