

CCFD-Terre Solidaire invites

TAX HAVENS AND DEVELOPMENT: A CHALLENGE FOR THE G20 ?

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Under the chairmanship of Mr Jean-Patrick Gille, MP from Indre-et-Loire

at the Palais Bourbon (French National Assembly), 126 rue de l'Université, room 6217

In 2011, France will host the G8 and the G20. As such France will be setting « the agenda ».

In 2009, its activism against tax havens was far from ending the curse.

So far, nothing has changed especially for developing countries, in fact a yearly €600 bn. to €800 bn. fly away from developing countries to these black holes of global finance.

Will France take up the challenge?

Programme

- * 9h15 Welcome
- * 9h30 Introduction
 - **Jean-Patrick GILLE**, MP, member of the association Anticor*
 - **Bernard PINAUD**, CCFD-Terre Solidaire general delegate
- * 9h45-11h The opacity challenge

Tax havens: which list should we trust? About the merits and limits of the G20 action

Chair: Anousheh KARVAR, National Secretary for international relations at CFDT*

- François D'AUBERT, French General Delegate of the fight against noncooperative territories and President of the Peer Review Group created by the OECD
- Martin HEARSON, Tax Policy Adviser at Action Aid, United Kingdom
- Chantal CUTAJAR, Profesor of Law at the Strasbourg University and President of "Droit pour la Justice"
- John CHRISTENSEN, Director of the Tax Justice Network International Secretariat

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* 11h15-12h30 The challenge of corporate tax evasion

How did transnational companies become the biggest clients of tax havens?

Chair: Maylis LABUSQUIERE, Oxfam France

- Christian CHAVAGNEUX, journalist, vice managing Director of Alternatives Economiques, and co-author of "Tax Havens" (2010)
- Silvia MARIELA MENDEZ, economist, member of Jubilee Equator and Latindadd
- Sandra KIDWINGIRA. Tax Justice Network for Africa
- Jean MERCKAERT, CCFD-Terre Solidaire

* 14h-15h15 The challenge of impunity

Crime, tax evasion, plunder of resources: How economic and financial crimes escape from justice?

Chair: Mariama KEITA, paradisfi.info website editor

- Alain DENEAULT, philosopher and writer, author of « Offshore » (2010)
- **Jean DE MAILLARD**, judge, author of "Un monde s<mark>ans lo</mark>i" (1999) (A lawless world) and «L'Arnaque» (201<mark>0</mark>) (the scam)
- Xavier HAREL, journalist at La Tribune and the author of « La grande évasion » (2010)
- Vincent DREZET, Secretary General of the tax administration Trade Union SNUI

15h30-17h Roadmap

France, European Union, G20: What priorities facing the illicit capital flight from Southern countries?

Chair: Jean MERCKAERT, CCFD-Terre Solidaire and coordinator of the Platform "Paradis fiscaux et judiciaries"

- Juan LOPEZ-DORIGA, General Director of Development, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Spain*
- Dereje ALEMAYEHU, Christian Aid Kenya and President of the Tax Justice Network for Africa
- Tom CARDAMONE, Director of Global Financial Integrity (US based thinktank)
- Christian MASSET, General Director of Globalization, Development and partnership of the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs*
- **Pascal CANFIN**, Member of European Parliament, Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs.

The seminar will be translated into English and French

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