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#### **Starting Points**

- The global Tax Justice Network arose out of meetings at the European Social Forum in Florence, late 2002, and at the World Social Forum in Porto Alegre, early 2003.
- It is a response to harmful trends in global taxation, which threaten states' ability to tax the wealthy beneficiaries of globalization.
- These trends have disturbing implications for development, democracy, public services and poverty, as explained further in the network's Declaration.

## Founding objectives

- to publicise the issues and educate interested parties,
- to promote links between interested parties around the world, particularly north-south links,
- to stimulate research and debate,
- to encourage and support national and regional campaign activity.

#### Web/Mailing list

• <u>www.taxjustice.net</u>

Declaration Newsletter Articles Links

• Intertax list: Subscribe at the website

#### **Declaration/Manifesto**

- to eliminate cross-border tax evasion and limit the scope for tax avoidance, so that large corporations and wealthy individuals pay tax in line with their ability to do so;
- increase citizens' influence in the democratic control of taxation, and restrict the power of capital to dictate tax policy solely in its own interest;

#### **Declaration/Manifesto (2)**

- restore similar tax treatment of different forms of income, and reverse the shifting of the tax burden onto ordinary citizens;
- remove the tax and secrecy incentives that encourage the outward flow of investment capital from countries most in need of economic development.

#### Activities

- March 2003: Launch of the network in London with the presentation of the Declaration in the British Parliament
- Mai 2003: International Media Conference in Bern
- July 2003: First TJN Research Seminar held at Essex, England

#### Activities (2)

- November 2003: ESF Paris
- Media Presence
- Country Activities

#### **International Advocacy**

- Informal contacts with OECD Tax Authority
- UNO NGO Conference/ILO Globalization Report
- UN Ad Hoc Group of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters

#### **Future Activities**

- Network Building
- Get Support for the Declaration
- Fund Raising
- Strategy Discussion
- Research
- Advocacy
- Linking National Activities

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- Next workshop: tax cuts and job creation cuts and job creation:
- C92, 5 pm, 20.1.

### **TJN Institutional Questions**

- Provisional Steering Committee Phone Conferences e-mail Conferences
- International Secretariat?
- Fund Raising
- Website/Newsletter