

**INVITATION TO A SIDE EVENT
DURING THE OFFICIAL REVIEW CONFERENCE ON FINANCING FOR DEVELOPMENT
DOHA, 1ST DECEMBER 2008**

On behalf of CIDSE, Latindadd and the Tax Justice Network, representatives from governments, international institutions, NGOs and the private sector are invited to join the discussion on:

***TAX JUSTICE AT THE HEART OF THE FFD AGENDA:
ETHICAL, POLITICAL AND DEVELOPMENT PERSPECTIVES***

Date: Monday, 1st December 2008

Time: 1:15 - 2:45 pm Location: Sheraton Convention Centre, Room 2 - Waterhole/Laffan area, Doha

Purpose of Event:

In comparison to debt, trade, aid and investment, taxation has been the subject of very little attention of the international development community. Yet in the current climate of financial instability, increasing inequalities and economic uncertainty there are compelling reasons for taxation to be put at the heart of the financing for development agenda.

The panel will consist of respected actors from the German administration, the Catholic Church, civil society and an academic. Speakers will put forward their views on taxation and development: the key issues, the underlying reasons and recommendations for action to deal with these issues.

Moderator: Bernd Nilles, Secretary General, CIDSE

Panelists:

- Jean Merckaert, CCFD, France and co-author of the new CIDSE publication 'Closing the Gap: Addressing imbalances in global finance': *Main findings of the paper*
- H.E. Archbishop Celestino Migliore, Permanent Mission of the Holy See to the United Nations: *The Catholic Church's perspective on taxation based on Catholic Social Teaching*
- Dr. Juergen Zattler, Deputy Director-General Multilateral and European Development Policy and Trade; German Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, Germany: *International tax cooperation: key issues, main stumbling blocks, role of multilateral actors, steps needed in Doha and beyond*
- Patricia Miranda, Fundación Jubileo-Bolivia, Bolivia: *The imperative of tax justice from a Latin American civil society perspective*
- Jorge Gaggero, CEFID-AR, Argentina: *Perspectives from a Latin American economist on steps needed to address problems faced by countries in effectively mobilizing domestic resources*

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