



Dialogue on

Strengthening Pakistan's Voice in Global Tax Governance

Organized by: ICAP Committee on Fiscal Laws

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Background and Rationale:

The international tax system is undergoing a historic transformation. The United Nations General Assembly has recently called for the development of a Framework Convention on International Tax Cooperation, accompanied by two protocols aimed at establishing fairer and more inclusive global tax rules. These efforts represent a shift toward a multilateral, transparent, and equitable approach to international taxation—particularly in how cross-border digital services are taxed and how tax disputes are resolved.

Simultaneously, the UN Tax Convention 2025, which is due shortly, has undergone significant changes particularly for the Global South states, and is set to trigger transformative shifts in the international tax order.

For developing countries like Pakistan, these reforms carry significant implications. They offer new opportunities to engage in global norm-setting, improve domestic revenue mobilization, and tackle long-standing challenges such as illicit financial flows, base erosion, and profit shifting. However, capitalizing on these opportunities requires sustained technical capacity, informed negotiation, and policy coherence.

This high-level dialogue will bring together tax practitioners, policymakers, and international experts to explore the evolving global tax agenda, and discuss how Pakistan can strengthen its voice and capacity in this space. The session will also highlight how enhanced international tax cooperation can support Pakistan's efforts to finance the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Objective:

1. Share key updates on the evolving UN-led framework for international tax cooperation.
2. Discuss implications for Pakistan's tax system, treaty policy, and international engagement.
3. Explore how Pakistan can strengthen its institutional capacity to participate in global tax negotiations.
4. Promote multi-stakeholder dialogue among public officials, practitioners, and international experts.

Program:

Time	Session
03:30 PM – 03:35 PM	Recitation of Holy Quran and National Anthem
03:35 PM – 03:45 PM	Welcome Note by Mr. Zeeshan Ijaz, Chairman ICAP's Committee on Fiscal Laws
03:45 PM – 04:15 PM	Keynote Address: Towards a Fair and Inclusive Global Tax System by Mr. Navid Hanif, Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Development, UN DESA
04:15 PM – 04:45 PM	Technical Reflections: Transformative Changes to the UN Model Tax Convention 2025 – Relevance & Implications for Pakistan by Dr. Muhammad Ashfaq Ahmed, Ex-Chairman, Federal Board of Revenue / Member, UN Tax Committee
04:45 PM – 05:00 PM	BEPS Reform and Challenges By Ms. Sadia Nazir, Head Of Transfer Pricing and International Tax KPMG
05:00 PM – 05:15 PM	Interactive Dialogue and Q&A
05:15 PM – 05:25 PM	Address by Mr. Saif Ullah, President ICAP
05:25 PM – 05:35 PM	Vote of Thanks by Mr. Mohamed Yahya, UN Resident Coordinator

Speakers **Spotlight:**



Mr. Navid Hanif,
Assistant Secretary-General for
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