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Global Impact of New Technologies on International Taxation: An Update

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Theme 1: Use of new technologies in Tax Administrations - and MNEs – where do we stand?



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Questions

1. How are we seeing new technology used in tax administrations?
 1. Prepopulated returns
 2. Real time invoice reporting for indirect taxes
 3. Real time corporation tax reporting – the end of year end adjustments
 4. EOI and AEOI
 5. Analysis and audit
 6. Does it go wrong?: Denmark – property valuations, debt collection, dividend withholding tax
2. MNEs
 1. Automated return preparation – accounts to return
 2. Data analysis and control
 3. Tax Risk Management



1. Is funding an issue – or has the tax avoidance debate opened the floodgates
2. Is the programming/ coding expertise available
3. Does the reference to human tax officers in legislation limit the scope of automation?
4. Is there a human rights concern with automated assessment and collection?



Theme 3: Constraints facing MNEs and SME corporates



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1. Are the taxologists available?'
2. Is the technology available?
3. Are there procurement budgets?
4. Interface with financial reporting systems
5. What about SME's? Can they keep pace with technological transformation?
6. What about micro business?



Theme 4: What to expect over the next five years?



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1. How are we going to bridge the gap between human capabilities and technology, as the pace of development increases.
2. Is the good old fashioned human tax inspector going to disappear?
3. If not, will they have anyone to talk to in the companies?
4. Are micro businesses going to outpace the MNE's?
5. How are the taxing authorities going to deal with hundreds of millions of gig economy sole traders?



Business in Outer Space – Return of the Starship Enterprise - The next 100 years??



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Can OECD's Pillar One deal with interplanetary transactions?

Will alien civilisations accept binding MAP arbitration?

Will the notion of sovereign national taxation systems be replaced by a global tax system designed to preserve tax sovereignty?

Is this tax sovereignty, but not as we know it?

Will blockchain transform business transactions and remove the barrier between corporate financial reporting systems and nation state tax administrative systems.

Will AI tax administrators/auditors redesign the tax system?

Will AIs be deemed to be taxable persons? Who will do the deeming?



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