

Time for the G20 to tackle illicit financial flows

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I'm delighted Tax Research was part of a massive global coalition of civil society organisations with a [shared focus on corrupt practices](#) that called last week on the G-20 countries, in advance of their global summit meeting this year in Toronto, Canada, to tackle the issue of illicit financial flows.

Call for G-20 action to tackle illicit financial flows

We, the undersigned civil society organisations, urge the Group of Twenty Countries (G20) to:

- Recognise the link between illicit outflows of capital from developing countries, absorption of those resources by tax havens and secrecy jurisdictions, and the adverse impact those flows have on poverty alleviation and economic development;
- Call on the Financial Action Task Force to amend its recommendations 33, 34, and VIII to provide that the beneficial ownership of all companies, trusts, foundations and charities be made a matter of public record;
- Reiterate the need for all jurisdictions to help recover the proceeds of bribery, embezzlement and other forms of corruption, and in particular to call on states to increase resources to investigate and prosecute corruption cases; to encourage the use of both criminal and non-conviction based asset forfeiture methods, and to provide coordinated, timely and effective mutual legal assistance, as promised by the G8 Justice and Home Affairs Ministerial Declaration of 11 May 2004;
- Instruct the International Accounting Standards Board to recommend that all multinational corporations report their income and taxes paid on a country by country basis; and
- Call on the OECD to create and promote a single multilateral agreement for effective tax information exchange between all jurisdictions.

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Signatory organisations:-

Christian Aid International
Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative International
Global Alliance Against Trafficking in Women International
Global Wifeworks International Bangladesh
NGO Network Council of Women Communication Bangladesh
Bilateral Union of Women International
Victim Trade Union Confederation
Climate Change Worldwide International
Cia adreife Benin
La Strada International
Public Servants Against Corruption Bulgaria
Buddhism and Society Development Association Cambodia
Pax Justice Network International
Pact Cambodia
Carnegie International
African Union League for Human Rights
Agricultural Development and Environmental and Ecological Diversity for
Transparency International Secretariat Cameroon
Globe Network for Good Governance Cameroon
SINAP International Cameroon
Research Alliance for Development Cameroon
Asociación Civil por la Igualdad y la Justicia Argentina
Fundación Mujeres en Igualdad Argentina
All Federal Accountability Initiative for Reform) Canada
Grupo de Mujeres de la Argentina
Foro de VII Mujeres y Familia
Argentina Transparency International
Chiler Ciudadano Argentina
Transparency International Armenia
Dziveni for Social Development Croatia
Dziveni Czech Republic
Transparency in Nigeria
Women Environment & Development Network (WEDEN) Nigeria
Women Arab Organization for International Cooperation
Women Publishing WIP Nigeria
Women's Rights Forum Egypt
Center for Egyptian Women's Legal Assistance Egypt
Participatory Development Program (PDP) Egypt
Attak Norway
Fundación Nacional para el Desarrollo (FUNDE) El Salvador
Norwegian Church Aid Norway
Public Education Forum Republic of Macedonia
Open Society Institute Foundation Republic of Macedonia
Pakistani Governance Institutions Network International Pakistan
Pakistani Zero Corruption Network International Pakistan
Pakistani Institute of Legislative Development & Transparency
Step by Step Movement of People-STEP Pakistan
Transparency International Pakistan
Hello International France AMAN
Le Monde Diplomatique France
Grupo de Trabajo Contra la Corrupcion (GTCC) / Work Group against Corruption Peru
National Human Rights Coordination Body Peru
Transparency International France
Nestlé Peru
NSO Artilea Georgia Business for Integrity 2002 Philippines
Global Watch Philippines
The Johanniter Germany Public Services Labor Independent Confederation (PSLINK)
Philippines
Transparency International Germany
Transparency and Accountability Network Philippines
China Initiative
Transparency International Philippines
Centre for European Constitutional Law Greece
Ummah Al Salam Philippines
Acción Ciudadana Guatemala
Asociatia Romana pentru Transparenta Romania
Star View International
Guinea Trade Union
The Road Romania
Artkeplatform Hungary
Transparency International Russia
Civil Society Development Foundation Hungary
Transparency International Rwanda
Foundation for Development of Democratic Rights Hungary
KOVINTO Hungary
REPAO Senegal
National Confederation of Hungarian Trade Unions Hungary
Centre for Applied Peace and Development Sierra Leone
Youth Partnership for Peace and Development Sierra Leone
Gram Bharati Samiti India
Open Society Foundations (OSF) Slovakia
The National Center For Peace & Development India
Transparency International Slovakia
Integrity Association for ethics in public service Slovenia
Indonesia Corruption Watch
Transparency International Solomon Islands
Hil Indonesia
National Law Reform Consortium Indonesia
Partnership for Governance Reform South Africa
Telabaki (Indonesian Anti-Corruption) South Africa
Young Korean Academy Transparency Movement South Korea
Transparency International Indonesia

