

Funding the Future

Tax justice progress is dependent on finding effective ...

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I noted [a letter I and others had sent](#) to the OECD on taking tax justice forward yesterday.

As is my usual practice I tweeted out the post. I admit I was pleased to get this response from Pascal St Amans, the head of tax at the OECD:

 **Richard Murphy**
@RichardJMurphy ...

Congratulations to the OECD on a job well done – and can we now move on to the next goals for tax justice? taxresearch.org.uk/Blog/2021/11/0... Let's celebrate success - and recognise that there is so much still to do @OECDtax

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 **Pascal Saint-Amans** @PSaintAmans · 2h ...
Replies to @RichardJMurphy and @OECDtax
Thank you Richard. We know we can count on you to push for more and being critical... but constructively. You and @jchristensen56 clearly made tax justice a large audience topic. Years of efforts have paid off.

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The OECD tax directorate also liked and retweeted my tweet. There is an agreement to discuss how progress might be made.

I am, of course, pleased about that. The focus will be on solutions. The letter I wrote made that clear. Just as my engagement with the OECD over a long period was on a

solution to a problem we wanted solved (country-by-country reporting helped address the issue of transfer pricing abuse and will now help the new international tax settlement) so too are the issues to be addressed now solutions to real problems.

We want to discuss tax transparency, because this is vital to building effective tax systems in all countries, including developing ones. Tax morale - or the willingness to pay tax - is dependent upon effective tax transparency. [The work I have done with Andrew Baker on this issue](#) suggests how this can be delivered.

And other work with Andrew, [on tax spillovers](#), suggests how the issues to be tackled in tax system reform can be effectively identified. It is designed as a system for use by an organisation like the OECD.

We know there are problems. Any number of people can point them out. What we are interested in is in finding solutions. This is how tax justice has to be delivered.