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Monday 20	Tuesday 21
Session 1 Fiscal policy, public debt and growth.	Session 3 Quality of public expenditure.
Session 2 Tax revenues, natural resources and green taxes.	Session 4 Transparency of public finances.



Monday 20 January (morning)

8:45	<p>Registration</p> <p>Conference room Raúl Prebisch</p>
9:00	<p>Opening remarks</p> <p>Alicia Bárcena, ECLAC Executive Secretary</p>
9:15	<p>Session 1 “Fiscal policy, public debt and growth”</p> <p>Chair: Juan Alberto Fuentes Knight, Director, Economic Development Division, ECLAC</p> <p>Speakers (20 minutes)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “<i>Fiscal Panorama of Latin America and the Caribbean</i>”, Alicia Bárcena, ECLAC Executive Secretary • “<i>Public Finances and Pro-growth Fiscal Policy: Global developments and Latin American Challenges</i>”, Sanjeev Gupta, Acting Director, Fiscal Affairs Department, International Monetary Fund (IMF) • “<i>New empirical evidence on links between fiscal policies and economic growth in Latin America</i>”, Teresa Ter-Minassian, international consultant, former Director Fiscal Affairs Department, International Monetary Fund (IMF) <p>Debate</p>
11:30	<p>Coffee break</p>
11:45	<p>Continuation Session 1</p> <p>Speakers (20 minutes)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “<i>Falling Inequality in Latin America</i>”, Giovanni Andrea Cornia, External Project Director, United Nations University World Institute for Development Economics Research (UNU-WIDER) • José Luis Actis, Director General of Fiscal Policy, Ministry of Finance, Dominican Republic • Gobind Ganga, Deputy Governor, Bank of Guyana <p>Debate</p>
13:00	<p>Lunch (free)</p>



Monday 20 January (afternoon)

14:30	<p>Session 2 “Tax revenues, natural resources and green taxes”</p> <p>Chair: Marcio Verdi, Executive Secretary, Inter-American Center of Tax Administrations (CIAT)</p> <p>Speakers (20 minutes)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• “<i>Tax Revenues in Latin America</i>”, Christian Daude, Head of the Americas Desk, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)• “<i>Adjusted Fiscal Pressure</i>”, Alberto Barreix, Inter-American Development Bank (IADB)• “<i>Tax policy and environmental protection: Motor Vehicles Taxation in Latin America</i>” Dalmiro Moran, consultant, ECLAC• “<i>Good Financial Governance in the taxation of extractive resources - challenges and opportunities</i>”, Michael Rösch, Programme Manager Good Financial Governance, GIZ <p>Debate</p>
16:15	<p>Coffee break</p>
16:30	<p>Comments (15 minutes)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jose Luis Trejo, Deputy Director General of Revenue Policy, Ministry of Finance and Public Credit, Mexico• José Roberto Afonso, IBRE/FGV and Senate, Brazil• Isabel Esther Roccaro, Universidad Nacional de Cuyo, Argentina• Jonathan Menkos, Executive Director, Central Institute for Fiscal Studies (ICEFI) <p>Debate</p>
18:30	<p>Cocktail</p> <p>Carmelo Soria Square</p>



Tuesday 21 January (morning)

9:00	<p>Session 3 “Quality of public expenditure”</p> <p>Chair: Jesús Rodríguez, Director of Studies, Institute for Fiscal Studies, Ministry of Finance and Public Administration, Spain</p> <p>Speakers (20 minutes)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Marcos Makon, Argentina Association of Public Budgeting and Financial Management (ASAP)• Mónica Herrera Jiménez, National Director of Budget Consistency, Ministry of Finance, Ecuador• Rodolfo Acuña Namihas, Director General, General Directorate of Budget, Ministry of Economy and Finance, Peru <p>Debate</p>
11:15	<p>Coffee break</p>
11:30	<p>Comments (15 minutes)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lorena Guadamuz, Director of Fiscal Policy, Ministry of Finance, Nicaragua• “<i>Cost information system of the federal government (sic): A managerial analysis in the Bolsa Familia program</i>”, Sergio Gadelha, Financial Analyst, Brazil National Treasury Secretariat, Brazil• Oscar Cetrángolo, EUROsocial <p>Debate</p>
13:00	<p>Lunch (free)</p>



Tuesday 21 January (afternoon)

14:30	<p>Session 4 “Transparency of public finances”</p> <p>Chair: Carlos Mussi, Director, ECLAC Office in Brasilia</p> <p>Speakers (20 minutes)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ramiro Mendoza, Comptroller General, Chile• Gilbert Terrier, Deputy Director, Fiscal Affairs Department, International Monetary Fund (IMF)• “<i>Evaluation in public management. Lessons from the experience of the IMF</i>”, Ruben Lamdany, Deputy Director, Independent Evaluation Office, International Monetary Fund (IMF)• María Dolores Almeida, consultant, ECLAC <p>Debate</p>
16:15	<p>Coffee break</p>
16:30	<p>Comments (15 minutes)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mauricio Soto, Ministry of Finance, Costa Rica• Ricardo Barrientos, Central American Institute for Fiscal Studies (ICEFI)• Jesús Rodríguez, FLACSO Argentina <p>Debate</p>
18:00	<p>Closure</p> <p>Juan Alberto Fuentes Knight, Director, Economic Development Division, ECLAC</p>