

BAKER MCKENZIE MIDDLE EAST AND AFRICA DIGITAL TAX SEMINAR

Monday, 24 February 2020

AGENDA

9:15 - 9:45	<i>Welcome and registration</i>
9:45 - 10:00	<i>Introduction to taxation of digital services</i> Tax regimes are generally structured to handle the traditional business models, and are consequently challenged to adapt their systems to digital commerce. We will introduce the forms of digital taxes including levies on digital transactions and on foreign digital service providers, VAT on the supply of digital services by non tax resident providers, and levies on profits of foreign digital businesses.
10:00 - 11:00	<i>Global trends</i> The OECD is developing proposals to overhaul the global tax rules that determine where and how much tax multinationals pay, with a plan to give more taxing rights to countries where multinationals do business. We will discuss the latest global developments, including in North America, Europe and the CIS.
11:00 - 11:15	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:15 - 12:15	<i>Overview of the position in Middle East and Africa (MEA) countries</i> We will run through the current applicable regimes (including VAT on electronic commerce), and proposed changes in relation to digital services in major African countries, including in Egypt, the Maghreb, Francophone West and Central Africa, Nigeria, Ghana, East Africa and South Africa.

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12:15 - 13:00	<i>Financial services and digitization</i> Regular financial services are increasingly being provided and accessed online, including payments, credit, savings, remittances and insurance, with more innovative and complex digital financial products and services coming on stream. We will consider the challenges, and how these are being dealt with in various MEA jurisdictions, as well as cover innovations in crypto-currency and the tax considerations.
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch
14:00 - 14:45	<i>Developments in the digital space and impact in the region</i> We will provide an overview from the industry perspective of recent developments and innovations, and cast an eye on digitization and the future world of commerce.
14:45 - 16:00	<i>Case study</i> We will consider examples of the challenges arising from the evolving regimes for the taxation of digital commerce.
16:00 - 16:30	Coffee break
16:30 - 17:00	<i>Where are we heading with technology?</i> We will highlight the technology landscape and the disruptive impact on traditional tax systems, and engage the attendees in a lively discussion to share their views and experiences.
17:00 - 18:00	Networking reception