

# 3<sup>rd</sup> World Bank Tax Conference

Sept 30-Oct 1, 2021

<https://tinyurl.com/2021WBTaxConference>

## Conference Agenda

All times are in EDT

### September 30, Day 1

8:00-8:50

#### Welcome & Keynote

Welcome: [Marcello Estevão](#) (World Bank)

Keynote: "Tax-rebate Instruments for Industrial Decarbonization", [Dr. Carolyn Fischer](#) (Development Economics Research, World Bank)

Break

9:00-10:00

#### Environmental Taxes I

*Chair*: [Pierre Bachas](#) (World Bank)

Paper 1: "What Are Carbon Taxes?"

- Presenter: [James Hines](#) (University of Michigan)
- Discussant: [Katy Bergstrom](#) (World Bank)

Paper 2: "Carbon Pricing, Differential Effects and Energy Use"

- Presenter: [Melanie Marten](#) (CY Cergy Paris University)
- Discussant: [Remzi Baris Tercioglu](#) (World Bank)

Break

10:10-10:50

#### Lightning Talks

*Chair*: [Oyebola Okunogbe](#) (World Bank)

Paper 1: "Is meat too cheap? Towards optimal meat taxation"

- Presenter: [Franziska Funke](#) (Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research)

Paper 2: "Taxing the Sweet Tooth - Evidence on the Role of Substitution in Excess Burden"

- Presenter: [Riikka Savolainen](#) (Swansea University)

Paper 3: "Firm Behavior with 'Perfect' Tax Foresight: Evidence from Uganda"

- Presenter: [Silver Namunane](#) (Ministry of Finance Planning and Economic Development, Uganda)

Paper 4: "Strengthening the implementation of health taxes: lessons from a review of the recent health, legal and economic literature"

- Presenter: [Erika Siu](#) (University of Illinois at Chicago)

Break

11:00-12:00

### Health Taxes

Chair: [Ceren Ozer](#) (World Bank)

Paper 1: "[Internalities and the effectiveness of sugar-sweetened beverages taxes](#)"

- Presenter: [Paul Gertler](#) (Berkley Haas)

- Discussant: [Violeta Vulovic](#) (University of Illinois Chicago)

Paper 2: "The welfare and distributional effects of taxing SSB to reduce health risks in Ukraine"

- Presenter: [Alan Fuchs](#) (World Bank)

- Discussant: [Mahvish Ifrah Shaukat](#) (World Bank)

## October 1, Day 2

8:00-9:00

### New Tax Instruments in Practice\*

Chair: [Hazel Granger](#) (ODI)

- [Mr. Cecil Morden](#) (former Chief Director, Economic Tax Analysis, South African National Treasury) - "The Sugar Beverages Tax in South Africa"

- [Mr. Daniel Nuer](#) (Head of Tax Policy Unit, Ministry of Finance, Ghana) - "Taxation of Gambling and Betting in Ghana"

- [Ms. Mary Ongore](#) (Tutorial Fellow, University of Nairobi) - "Digital Services Taxes across Africa" (with a focus on Kenya)

- [Prof. Sebastian Galiani](#) (Professor of Economics, University of Maryland) - "Argentina's Carbon Tax"

This session will feature presentations from policymakers and practitioners on tax policy changes currently under consideration, as well as lessons learned from experiences in designing, developing political support for, and implementing new tax instruments. The session aims to generate discussion and foster learning on tax policy, practice, and research.

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Break

9:10-10:10

### Taxation of the Digital Sector

Chair: [Anders Agerskov](#) (World Bank)

Paper 1: "[Taxing Consumption in the Digital Economy: The Role of the Digital Divide](#)"

- Presenter: [David Agrawal](#) (University of Kentucky)

- Discussant: [Jaffar Al-Rikabi](#) (World Bank)

Paper 2: "[There and Back Again: The Making of Uganda's Mobile Money Tax](#)"

- Presenter: [Adrienne Lees](#) (Institute of Development Studies)

- Discussant: [Moses Kajubi](#) (World Bank)

Break

10:20-11:20

## **Environmental Taxes II**

*Chair: Helen Miller (Institute for Fiscal Studies)*

Paper 1: “Regulating Conglomerates: Evidence from an Energy Conservation Program in China”

- Presenter: [Juan Carlos Suarez Serrato](#) (Duke University)

- Discussant: [Antung Anthony Liu](#) (Indiana University)

Paper 2: “Carbon Pricing in Low and Middle Income Countries”

- Presenter: [Ross Warwick](#) (Institute for Fiscal Studies)

- Discussant: [Tatiana Falcao](#) (World Bank)

11:20-11:30

## **Closing**

*Chiara Bronchi (World Bank) and Deon Filmer (World Bank)*

## Session Format

**Paper Presentations:** 15 minute paper presentation, followed by a 5 minute discussion (with slides) and a 5 minute Q&A.

**Lightning Talks:** 8 minute paper presentation, followed by a 2 minute Q&A.

