Financing Climate Action and Development in Asia: Innovative Taxation and Global Reform of Tax Systems

Taxing the super-rich

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G20 Leaders' Declaration 2024



20. With full respect to tax sovereignty, we will seek to engage cooperatively to ensure that ultra-high-net-worth individuals are effectively taxed. Cooperation could involve exchanging best practices, encouraging debates around tax principles, and devising anti avoidance mechanisms, including addressing potentially harmful tax practices. We look forward to continuing to discuss these issues in the G20 and other relevant forums, counting on the technical inputs of relevant international organizations, academia, and experts. We encourage the Inclusive Framework on BEPS (IF) to consider working on these issues in the context of effective progressive tax policies.

Gabriel Zucman, Profesor at Paris School of Economics and the University of California

"A 2% minimum tax on the world's billionaires' wealth would generate USD 200 to 250 billion in revenue per year"



"A BLUEPRINT FOR A COORDINATED MINIMUM EFFECTIVE TAXATION STANDARD FOR ULTRA-HIGH-NET-WORTH INDIVIDUALS" (June 2024)



"Australia, Canada, Israel, Japan, New Zealand, South Korea, the UK and the US, major opponents to a UN tax convention, are losing nearly half of the total tax lost."

US\$492 billion

43%

Trillions

Tax lost a year to multinational corporations and wealthy individuals using tax havens to underpay tax

US\$177 billion, nearly 43%, is lost by the above 8 countries that voted against UN tax convention in August 2024

of USD will be available if we have tax justice when the UN Tax Convention negotiations concludes in 2027

"State of Tax Justice 2024" (Nov 2024)



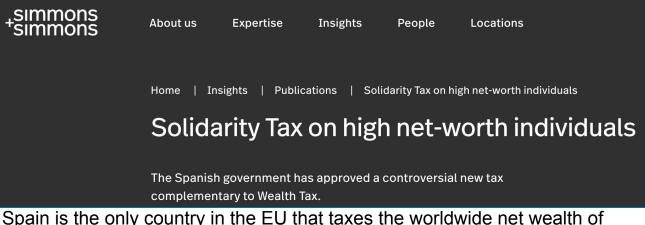
Global Solidarity Levies Task Force

Eight countries launch solidarity coalition for levies on premium flyers

30/06/25

A new aviation solidarity coalition on premium flyers (first- and business- class tickets, and private jets) has been launched today at FFD4 by France, Kenya, Barbados, Spain, Somalia, Benin, Sierra Leone and Antigua & Barbuda.

https://solidaritylevies.org/eight-countries-launch-solidarity-coalition-for-levies-on-premium-flyers/



Spain is the only country in the EU that taxes the worldwide net wealth of individuals when it exceeds certain thresholds, through the Wealth Tax. [LINK]



Susana Ruiz, tax justice policy lead at Oxfam] "believes the solidarity tax has helped rebuild confidence. "There is a lot of citizen support behind it. It helps in the perception that the system is fair." [LINK]



"Japan is actively involved in international discussion to address implementation issues of taxation. However, at this point, Japan is not considering taxing the super-rich. We are focusing on what constitutes an inclusive and effective tax."

Remarks at the 2nd NGO-MoFA periodical dialogue on ODA policies (Dec 2024) https://www.mofa.go.jp/mofaj/gaiko/oda/files/100813495.pdf

Japan's MoFA comment on taxing super-rich

Taxation issues are deeply intertwined with domestic politics and are also a sensitive area for the sovereignty of each country.

In each country, the ability to accurately assess the economic activities of individuals and corporations that are subject to taxation, and the capacity of administrative organizations to ensure fairness and neutrality in taxation, are highly dependent on the capabilities of each country's administrative organizations.

In this context, if only those economic activities that are easy to grasp are taxed, it cannot be said to be inclusive and effective taxation.

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Keidanren, Japan Business Federation, proposes raising tax to super-rich for a fair, equitable, and sustainable society



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経団連について

Policy(提言・報告書)

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Action(活動) 週刊 経団連タイムス 2024年12月12日 No.3663

「FUTURE DESIGN 2040」を公表

経団連(十倉雅和会長)は12月9日、将来世代の立場も踏まえて日本の未来社会の姿を描く「FUTURE DESIGN 2040 成長と分配の好循環〜公正・公平で持続可能な社会を目指して」(FD2040)を公表した。

同日、記者会見を行った十倉会長は「FD2040は、 2040年ごろをめどに、日本の経済社会のあるべき 方向とそれを実現するための施策を示すもの」と述 べたうえで、成長と分配の好循環を持続させること が重要と強調した。

概要は次のとおり。なおFD2040の主要な施策の内容については、1月1日号から8回にわたり連載する。



記者会見する十倉会長



"FUTURE DESIGN 2040" (Dec 2024)

https://www.keidanren.or.jp/journal/times/2024/1212_01.html

Global Citizen: An Open Letter for World Leaders at This Year's Financing for Development Conference

"Billionaires pay less than 2% in taxes on average, even as their investments pump out more than 3 million tonnes of carbon emissions each year. A small 2% wealth levy on the top 3,000 wealthiest individuals could generate up to \$250 billion annually and curb emissions."



Economic Justice Mobilisation



"9. Tax the richest, not the poorest. Implement progressive, transparent, gender- transformative tax systems, introduce wealth taxes on the super-rich, and combat illicit financial flows to claw back the public money that has become private wealth."



Key Timeline FfD4

COP29

Policy options on a coordinated minimum effective standard on ultra-high-net-worth individuals were suggested by Global Solidarity Levies Taskforce.

18-19

Nov 2024 Compromiso de Seville 27 e) "We will promote progressive tax systems in countries, where applicable, and enhance efforts to address tax evasion and avoidance by high-net-worth individuals and ensure their effective taxation, supported by international cooperation, while respecting national sovereignty."

Spain and Brazil present<u>an initiative</u> to promote a more effective taxation of the super-rich worldwide

G20 South Africa Presidency

G20 Finance Track has International Taxation Working Group, while C20 WG1 deals with "Trade, Financial Architecture & Sustainable Development"

Aug-Nov 2025 1 Dec 2025

14 Nov 2024

G20 Brazil Presidecy

Leaders seek to engage cooperatively to ensure that ultra-high-net-worth individuals are effectively taxed June-July 2025

UN Tax Convention

22-23 Nov 2025

G20 U.S. Presidency

The workstream will continue to work on the other subjects covered in paragraph

10 of the ToR: tax evasion and avoidance by high-net worth individuals

Terimakasih / Thank you

