

Programme

12.30 *Luncheon Snack*

13.30 **Welcome**

13.35 **Introductory Presentation**
How escape from taxation and regulation by moving 'offshore' ruined the world's economy (*Jack Blum*, lawyer and US government consultant on issues of offshore tax evasion and proceeds of crime)

14.00 – 16.00 **Panel I: The Role of Tax Havens in the Financial Crisis**
(*Moderator: Monika Heinold, MdL*)
How do financial market actors use regulatory havens? What are the consequences for financial stability? (*Prof. Dr. Jan Pieter Krahnen*, University of Frankfurt)
The financial stability demands of the G-20 with regard to tax havens and the policy of the German government (*Michael Findeisen*, German Ministry of Finance)
Green Policy proposals on financial stability (*Dr. Gerhard Schick*, Member of the Bundestag, Alliance '90/The Greens)

16.00 – 16.30 *Pause*

16.30 – 18.30 **Panel II: Tax Havens, Tax Evasion and Avoidance**
(*Moderator: Dr. Thomas Rixen*, Social Science Research Center, WZB)
SPD and German Government Coalition policy on harmful tax practices (*Lothar Binding*, Member of the Bundestag, Social Democratic Party, SPD)
Drying up the tax oases: European-level policy proposals (*Dr. Gerhard Schick*, Member of the Bundestag, Alliance '90/The Greens)
Why the efforts to end tax haven abuse have failed and what must be done to change the system—One lawyer's experience (*Jack Blum*, lawyer and US government consultant on issues of offshore tax evasion and proceeds of crime)
What to do against tax havens? The position of German industry (*Berthold Welling*, Federation of German Industries, BDI)

18.30 – 19.30 *Evening Snack*

19.30 – 21.30 **Evening Debate**
John Christensen, (Tax Justice Network)
Reinhard Bütkofer (Alliance '90/The Greens)
Heike Göbel (Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung)
Moderator: Barbara Unmüßig (Director of the Heinrich Boell Foundation)

The format of both panels will consist in 10-minute presentations.

Discussion among the panelists will also be opened to the audience. (Or target group is primarily experts, but the broader public is also included.)