

The 11th IMF- Japan High-Level Tax Conference for Asian Countries

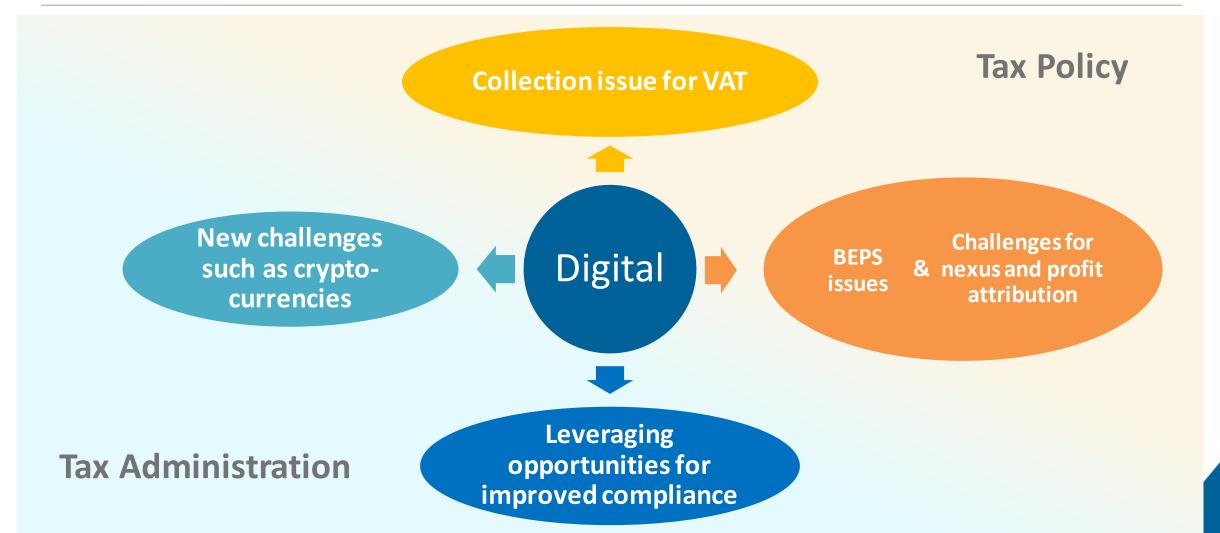
# ADDRESSING THE TAX CHALLENGES ARISING FROM THE DIGITALISATION OF THE ECONOMY

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# **Key Tax Challenges Arising from Digitalisation**





2013

After call from G20 to address aggressive tax planning, the BEPS Action Plan is launched (with digitalisation as key component)

#### 2018

Interim Report is released with further analysis of the broader direct tax challenges, but no agreement on solution

## **May 2019**

Adoption of a Programme of Work (PoW) to develop a solution for each pillar

#### October 2020

Inclusive
Framework
releases
Blueprint
Reports on Pillar
One and Two

## **July 2021**

Political agreement on Pillar One and Two

#### 2015

Final BEPS Action Reports are released, including actions on BEPS and VAT, but do not address broader direct tax challenges arising from digitalisation

### January 2019

Policy note released, proposing a two-pillar approach as foundation for a consensus-based solution to broader tax challenges

## January 2020

Inclusive Framework adopts **Outline of a Unified Approach on Pillar One,** and a **Progress Note on Pillar Two** 

# January 2021

Inclusive Framework holds Public Consultation on Pillar One and Pillar Two Blueprints



# Release of Blueprint Reports – October 2020

# **Inclusive Framework meeting on 8-9 October 2020**

More than 650 delegates from 130 jurisdictions and 13 international organisations

# Agreement to release a package consisting of:

- Cover Statement
- Report on the Pillar One Blueprint
- Report on the Pillar Two Blueprint
- Economic Impact assessment
- Public consultation document on both Blueprints



# Blueprint Pillar One - Progress on substance

# Brings together three previously competing proposals into one solution

# Identifies key guiding principles

- New taxing right no longer exclusively circumscribed by reference to physical presence
- Net basis taxation and no double taxation
- Improved tax certainty processes
- Removal of unilateral measures
- Achieve least complexity (simplifications)

# Recognises open policy issues on key features of the solution (e.g. scope; quantum; extent of tax certainty)

# Recognises areas where further technical work is required (e.g. segmentation; administration)



# **Key Themes from January 2021 Public Consultation**

- 1. Continued strong support for an international consensusbased solution (with removal of unilateral measures)
- 2. Convergence on the technical parts of a number of the Amount A building blocks
- 3. Calls for greater simplification to reduce complexity and compliance costs
- 4. Concerns about level playing field issues (e.g., potential differentiations between in-scope businesses)
- 5. NGOs consider the reform too narrow, in particular the amount of profits to be redistributed



# Recent developments - U.S.' proposal

# February 2021

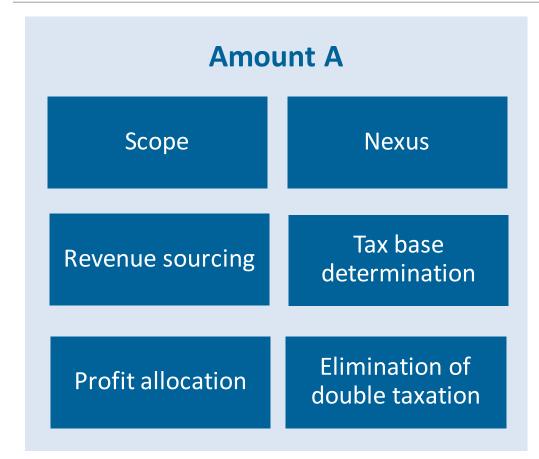
- U.S. reemphasises its commitment to finding a multilateral consensus-based solution.
- U.S. withdraws safeharbour proposal.

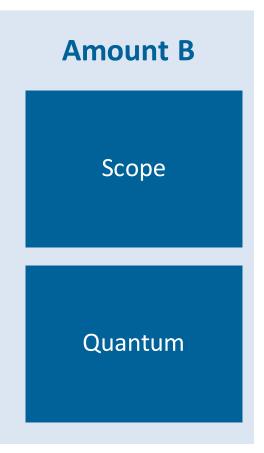
# **April 2021**

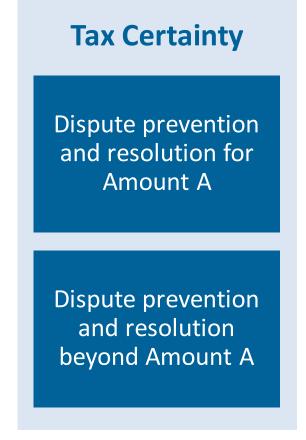
- U.S. proposes a 'comprehensive scope' based on quantitative factors (e.g. revenue threshold and profit measure) instead of ADS/CFB activity tests.
- U.S.' proposal was generally well received by IF members as potential basis for negotiations due to the simplifications it brings to the Pillar One design.
- Discussions continue on the key features and technical design of Pillar One.



# Pillar One Blueprint – Building Blocks







**Implementation & Administration** 



# Remaining policy and technical challenges

#### Scope

 Establishing scope, including thresholds, quantum to be reallocated, and exclusions

#### Nexus

- Establishing thresholds
- Determining whether or not to include 'plus factors'

## Revenue sourcing

 Further work on sourcing rules for cloud computing and B2B transactions

#### Tax base

 Further work on the segmentation framework

#### **Profit Allocation**

 Further work on marketing and distribution profits safe harbour

# Elimination of Double Taxation

 Further work on core principles and main framework

#### **Tax Certainty**

Binding nature of tax certainty processes

#### Amount B

 Further work on core principles and main framework

## Implementation and Administration

• Further work on defining a framework on relevant unilateral measures and ongoing work on a general implementation and administration framework



# **Next Steps and Timeline**

# Immediate next steps: build on input received on both pillars via public consultation

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G20 Finance Ministers' Meeting

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