



Committee of Inquiry into Money Laundering, Tax Avoidance and Tax Evasion

The Chair

Mr Philip Buisseret
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Subject: PANA Public Hearing on “The role of lawyers, accountants and bankers in the Panama Papers (Part I)”

Dear Mr Buisseret,

In my capacity as Chair of the Committee of Inquiry into Money Laundering, Tax Avoidance and Tax Evasion (PANA) of the European Parliament, I have the pleasure to invite you as a speaker in the hearing on “The role of lawyers, accountants and bankers in the Panama Papers (Part I)”. This hearing will take place on Tuesday 24 January 2017 from 09:00 - 12:30 in Parliament's premises in Brussels (room JAN 6Q2).

The purpose of this hearing is to get a better understanding of the roles and responsibilities of the intermediary professions (lawyers, accountants, bankers) that feature prominently in the Panama Papers revelations.

We would appreciate an initial statement by you of a maximum of 10 minutes in which you could give your views on the topic discussed? After the opening statements by the panellists there will be a session of questions and answers with the PANA Members.

For your information, please find attached the preliminary draft programme of this event.

Should you need any additional information or should you have any queries on this hearing, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Ron Korver (tel.: +32 2 28 44659, ron.korver@ep.europa.eu) for content-related questions or the Secretariat of the PANA Committee (pana-secretariat@ep.europa.eu).

I look forward to seeing you on 24 January 2017.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Werner Langen
Encl.: Draft programme



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PUBLIC HEARING

THE ROLE OF LAWYERS, ACCOUNTANTS AND BANKERS IN PANAMA PAPERS - (PART I)

TUESDAY, 24 JANUARY 2017

9.00 - 12.30

Room: József Antall (JAN) 6Q2

PRELIMINARY DRAFT PROGRAMME

9:00 - 9:10

Welcome by the PANA Chair

9:10 - 9.40

**First panel
Presentations by speakers (at 10 minutes each)**

- **Professor Ronen Palan**, Senior advisor - Tax Justice Network
- **Professor Brooke Harrington**, Associate Professor Copenhagen Business School. Author of "Capital without Borders, Wealth Managers and the One Percent"
- **Daniel Hall**, Director and co-head of Burford's global corporate intelligence - Burford Capital

9.40 - 10:45

Discussion with PANA Members

10:45 - 11.15

**Second panel
Presentations by speakers (at 10 minutes each)**

- **Philip Buisseret**, Secretary-General of The Council of Bars and Law Societies of Europe (CCBE)
- A representative of European Banking Federation (EBF)



- **Professor Stef van Weeghel**, Global Tax Policy Leader, Price Waterhouse Coopers (PWC)

11.15 - 12:25

Discussion with PANA Members

12:25 - 12:30

Conclusions by the PANA Chair