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IFA Australia Branch is thrilled to bring you the Australia-India Joint
International Tax Conference

International tax in uncertain times



Wednesday 4 June 2025



Arnold Bloch Leibler

Level 21, 333 Collins Street, Melbourne VIC 3000



Hybrid format



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About the conference

IFA Australia is proud to host its first Australia-India Joint International Tax Conference in Melbourne on Wednesday 4 June 2025.

In today's uncertain global environment, effective international tax cooperation between Australia and India is more important than ever. This year's conference will focus on exploring the challenges and opportunities within this vital bilateral relationship against a backdrop of global economic shifts, rapid digitalisation and landmark international reforms like the OECD/G20 Two-Pillar solution.

Renowned speakers including leading practitioners, international tax experts, senior revenue officials, and academics from both nations will lead discussions examining how key issues like evolving nexus rules, substance requirements, the global minimum tax and cross-border restructuring specifically impact Australia-India tax arrangements and collaboration.

About IFA

The International Fiscal Association (IFA) is a unique, leading non-governmental, and non-sectoral international organisation dealing with tax and fiscal law and policy globally.

The **Australian Branch of IFA** was established in 1957 to provide a platform for members, consisting of professionals from both public and private sector, to come together and discuss topical international tax and fiscal issues with the objective to advance international and comparative fiscal law. The IFA Australia Branch looks forward to hosting the IFA 2026 Congress in Melbourne from 18-22 October 2026.

The **India Branch of IFA**, established in 1983, has over 400 members. Its membership includes the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT), the National Institute of Public Finance and Policy (NIPFP), and the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). Representatives from public and private sector undertakings, eminent tax professionals, and senior executives are also actively involved in the India Branch.

IFA India is a vibrant organisation, regularly hosting scientific activities such as conferences, webinars, and bilateral events (including a bilateral event with IFA UK in 2024).

IFA India has had the honour of hosting two global Congresses — one in 1997 in New Delhi and another in 2014 in Mumbai.

Agenda

10:00am - 10:30am	Registration and morning tea
10:30am - 10:40am	Welcome address by Shaun Cartoon, IFA Australia Branch Secretary
10:40am - 10:45am	Address by Guglielmo Maisto, IFA President
10:45am - 10:50am	Lighting of the lamp ceremony
10:50am - 11:00am	Theme address by Mr PVSS Prasad, Chairman IFA India Branch
11:00am - 12:00pm	<p>Session 1: Tax nuts & bolts: The reality of doing business in Australia vs India</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Paul Sokolowski, Partner, Arnold Bloch LeiblerAvinash Gupta, Hon. Secretary, IFA India Branch
12:00pm - 1:00pm	Lunch and Luncheon address by Dr Sushil Kumar, Consul General for India
1:00pm - 2:00pm	<p>Session 2: Navigating the Australia-India tax treaty: Key challenges & interpretations</p> <p>Chairperson: Thomas Ickeringill, Partner, EY</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Ronita Ram, Manager, Revenue Group, Commonwealth TreasuryMr K R Girish, Ex Senior Partner KPMG India and National head of Tax Litigation practiceMartin Caplice, Partner, Tax Controversy & Policy, EY Australia
2:00pm - 3:00pm	<p>Session 3: The evolving anti-avoidance landscape: Latest GAAR and PPT developments impacting Australian-Indian businesses</p> <p>Chairperson: Lauren Moses, Of Counsel, Jones Day</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Chloe Burnett SC, Barrister, 6 Selborne Wentworth ChambersMr PVSS Prasad, IFA India BranchKaranjot Singh, Partner, LKS, Delhi India
3:00pm - 3:30pm	Afternoon tea break
3:30pm - 4:30pm	<p>Session 4: The Digital Frontier: Tax Implications of Software, Intangibles & Royalties for Australia-India Business</p> <p>Chairperson: Timothy Graham, Lawyer, Arnold Bloch Leibler</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Benjamin Lancaster, Of Counsel, Jones DayTimothy McCarthy, Assistant Commissioner - Public Groups, Australian Taxation OfficeMr. Saurav Bhattacharya, Associate Partner PWC, Delhi IndiaDritton Jemmalay, Director, TP Benchmark
4:30pm - 4:40pm	Concluding remarks and vote of thanks by Professor Miranda Stewart
4:40pm - 6:00pm	Conference networking drinks

**Note: speakers remain subject to change pending availability*

Registration

In person

IFA Member	AUD \$150.00
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Non-IFA Member	AUD \$250.00
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Virtual streaming

IFA Member	Free
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Non-IFA Member	AUD \$75.00
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