

**USAID FISCAL REFORM PROJECT OUTREACH  
VAT, IT & POVERTY,  
December 13, 2005  
USAID Library  
Ronald Reagan Building Mezzanine Level \*\***

**We are pleased to invite you to the December 13, 2005 Fiscal Reform outreach to present two of our project's recent research activities in the morning and other organization's research in the afternoon.**

**The proposed agenda is as follows:**

**08.30- 09.00: Registration**

**09.00-09.15: Opening Remarks – David Dod, USAID**

**09.15-10.30: VAT Revisited**

Richard Bird, Professor Emeritus of Economics at the University of Toronto and Adjunct Professor and Director of the International Tax Program

**10.30-11.00: Coffee**

**11.00-12.00: Fiscal Decentralization & Poverty**

Prof. Jorge Martinez-Vazquez/Jamie Boex, Professor, Andrew Young School of Policy Studies, GSU

**12.00-1.00: Lunch**

**1.00-2.00: VAT Refunds: A Review of Country Experience**

Graham Harrison, Senior Economist, IMF-FAD

**2.00-3.00: Digital VAT and Revenue Administrations**

Richard Ainsworth, Boston University & General Counsel, Taxware

**3.00-3.30: Coffee**

**3.30- 4.30: Panel Discussion on IT in Revenue Administrations**

SAP/JJG-ASYCUDA/Other SEGIR Macro Contractors – TBD

**4.30-5.00: Closing Comments**