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Agenda



Time	Session
09:00–09:30	**Registration and welcome coffee**
09:30–09:40	**Welcome and opening remarks**
09:40–10:05	**Plenary session 1: UAE Corporate Tax in practice: Evolving market trends and future priorities** A practical look at how Corporate Tax is developing in the UAE, including emerging interpretations, adjustments businesses are making, Free Zone considerations under Pillar Two, technology in tax reporting and future priorities for tax and finance teams.
10:05–10:30	**Plenary session 2: Navigating transfer pricing uncertainty: The role of MAPs and APAs** Understand the role of Mutual Agreement Procedures (MAPs) and Advance Pricing Agreements (APAs) in resolving cross-border Transfer Pricing disputes, improving tax certainty and managing international tax arrangements.
10:30–11:00	**Coffee and networking break**
11:00–11:35	**Plenary session 3: The Future of Tax and AI: Where is it creating value?** Exploring the future of the tax function and how AI can create practical value for businesses.
11:35–12:15	**Breakout sessions – Round 1 (choose one)**
	Room 1: Technology enabled operations: Driving efficiency, compliance and growth Explore how technology can be embedded into operations to improve efficiency, strengthen compliance and support businesses as they grow and scale in the UAE.
	Room 2: The Syrian opportunity: Investment and market entry considerations Explore emerging investment opportunities in Syria, including key market entry considerations, recent regulatory developments, tax implications and practical challenges for businesses looking to establish or expand their presence in the market.
	Room 3: Reward reimagined: End of Service Benefits, flexibility and the cost of staying competitive A focused discussion on navigating the employee reward proposition and costs for employers, whilst highlighting key considerations for businesses.
12:15–12:40	**Plenary session 4: Pillar Two in full swing: Managing evolving obligations and regulations in real-time** The Pillar Two landscape continues to evolve globally. Leveraging from Year 1 learnings and preparing for future changes will be key to setting the right priorities as well as a robust roadmap.
12:40–13:40	**Networking lunch**
13:40–14:05	**Plenary session 5: GCC tax transformation: From policy changes to digital administration** From digitalization and multiple taxes to more unified procedures, tax administration across the GCC is changing. Consider the role of e-invoicing in this shift and its practical implications and benefits for businesses.
14:05–14:45	**Breakout sessions – Round 2 (choose one)**
	Room 1: UAE R&D tax credit: Are you overlooking potential tax benefits? Activities already undertaken across your business may qualify for the UAE R&D tax credit, regardless of industry. With the framework now operational, understand what could qualify, assess your eligibility and identify opportunities that may otherwise be missed.
	Room 2: Regional disruption: Practical insights on supply chain and customs Geopolitical disruption, shifting trade policies, and cost volatility force companies to reassess how goods move goods across borders. At the same time, rising compliance requirements are increasing operational complexity and execution risk. In response, businesses are restructuring their supply chains to improve resilience, maintain compliance, and create more agile regional and global operating models.
	Room 3: Gulf tax update: Key developments across the region A focused update on significant tax developments across the Gulf, considering what businesses operating across multiple jurisdictions need to know and the implications for cross-border operations, investment and compliance.
14:45–15:10	**Plenary session 6: E-invoicing: From readiness to reality** Understand the practical requirements of e-invoicing implementation in the UAE, including preparing systems and processes, aligning operational requirements and managing the transition towards go-live.
15:10–15:40	**Coffee and networking break**
15:40–16:05	**Plenary session 7: M&A in focus: Market trends, tax considerations, and emerging complexities** An overview of the current M&A landscape, exploring transaction trends and the tax complexities influencing deal structures. The session will also consider the role of AI in transactions and the growing relevance of tax insurance in managing transaction risks.
16:05–16:30	**Plenary session 8: Tax procedures and controversy: Insights from recent audits** Practical lessons from recent tax audits, covering audit readiness, documentation requirements, common areas of tax authority focus and approaches to managing queries and disputes, including Transfer Pricing and intragroup arrangements.
16:30–16:45	**Closing discussion and Q&A**