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Programme

Opening remarks
7:00 pm - 7:10 pm

Professor Gagan K. Kwatra, Professor and Executive Director, Centre for Comparative and International Taxation, Jindal Global Law School

Seminar Talk & Discussion
7:10 pm - 8:20 pm

Mr. Michael A. Lennard, Chief, International Tax Cooperation and Trade in the Financing for Development Office, United Nations

Vote of thanks
8:20 pm - 8:30 pm

Ashrita Prasad Kotha, Senior Research Associate, Centre for Comparative and International Taxation, Jindal Global Law School

Dinner: 8:30 pm

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