

JVI Webinar: Taxing Crime - A Whole-of-Government Approach to Fighting Corruption, Money Laundering and Tax Crimes

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Short biographies of speakers



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Yara Esquivel Soto is a senior financial sector specialist in the World Bank's Financial Stability and Integrity Global Unit. She is an attorney with 20 years of experience in investigating fraud and corruption. She works on anti-money laundering, terrorism financing, and asset recovery in Latin America and Africa, and led the World Bank's first work on illicit flows—the effects of the cocaine trade on the economy of Colombia. Previously, she served as an anticorruption prosecutor in her native Costa Rica, where she investigated a former head of state, and as a fraud and corruption investigator for the United Nations in Africa and the World Bank in Latin America. She holds a master's degree in international human rights law from Oxford University.
