

THE FOUNDATION TAX COMMITTEE

The foundation tax committee was incorporated to form a professional body of fiscal lawyers and tax advisors on the island of St. Maarten.

The foundation is still active and meets on a quarterly basis to discuss ongoing issues and new developments as it comes to taxation on St. Maarten.

The board currently has three members:

- Mr. Gert Bergman, tax advisor and partner at BZSE
- Mr. Jeroen Dorresteijn, tax advisor at Grant Thornton
- Mr. Erik van Engelen, certified auditor and owner at HaVen

Besides the companies mentioned above, FTC has members from HBN Law and Tax and SMITCO, together representing 90% of the local tax lawyers and tax advisors.

FTC engages with Government on topics of tax reform and general improvement areas, such as:

- Information sharing
- Documentation, filing and archiving
- Status of objection letters
- Status of ministerial announcements ('aanschrijvingen')
- Expat ruling

Finally, FTC is a sounding board for the working group that was established as part of the measures within the Country Packages related to tax reform.

