

Jim Robertson - Profile



Jim Robertson B.Acc CA CTA FCMA was global head of oil & gas tax in Shell for 11 years. He is now a Senior Fellow of ITIC, a nonprofit research & education foundation based in Washington DC. In that role he delivers capacity-building programs to tax officials in developing countries together with the IMF, OECD and UN. He is a member of the UN Subcommittee on Extractive Industries Taxation Issues for Developing Countries and the conference committee of the Norwegian Petroleum Association.

In the UK Jim chairs the academic board of the Advanced Diploma in International Tax of the UK Chartered Institute of Taxation and the Scottish Tax Policy Forum, a joint venture between the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland (ICAS) and the Chartered Institute of Taxation. He is a member of the ICAS Scottish Taxes Committee and the ICAS Governing Council.

Jim qualified with PwC in 1981 and joined Shell the same year. He had nine different tax and finance roles in Shell and lived in London, The Hague, Kuala Lumpur, Aberdeen and Houston, including 11 years as global head of upstream oil & gas tax, until he retired in 2017. In Shell he was a founder member of the Finance Social Investment Network which connected staff to voluntary organizations in need of finance skills and experience. He had global responsibility for promoting Finance professional qualifications and for communications on diversity & inclusion. He set up and ran a course called Engaging Men in Gender Diversity, attended by 250 male supervisors in 11 locations worldwide.

Jim was on the UK Oil Industry Taxation Committee steering group and chair of the UK royalty committee. Globally, he was a member of the Professional Development Curriculum Committee of the Tax Executives Institute and chair of the Oil & Gas Tax Executives Group. His speaking engagements have included Global Tax Trends, Transfer Pricing, Enhanced Taxpayer Relationships, Managing Taxes, Permanent Establishments, Learning & Development and various seminars on offshoring/migration of tax work, tax accounting, oil & gas tax, LEAN/Six Sigma, diversity and volunteering activity.

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