



TOWARDS AN EMPOWERMENT SCORECARD FOR WOMEN IN E-COMMERCE

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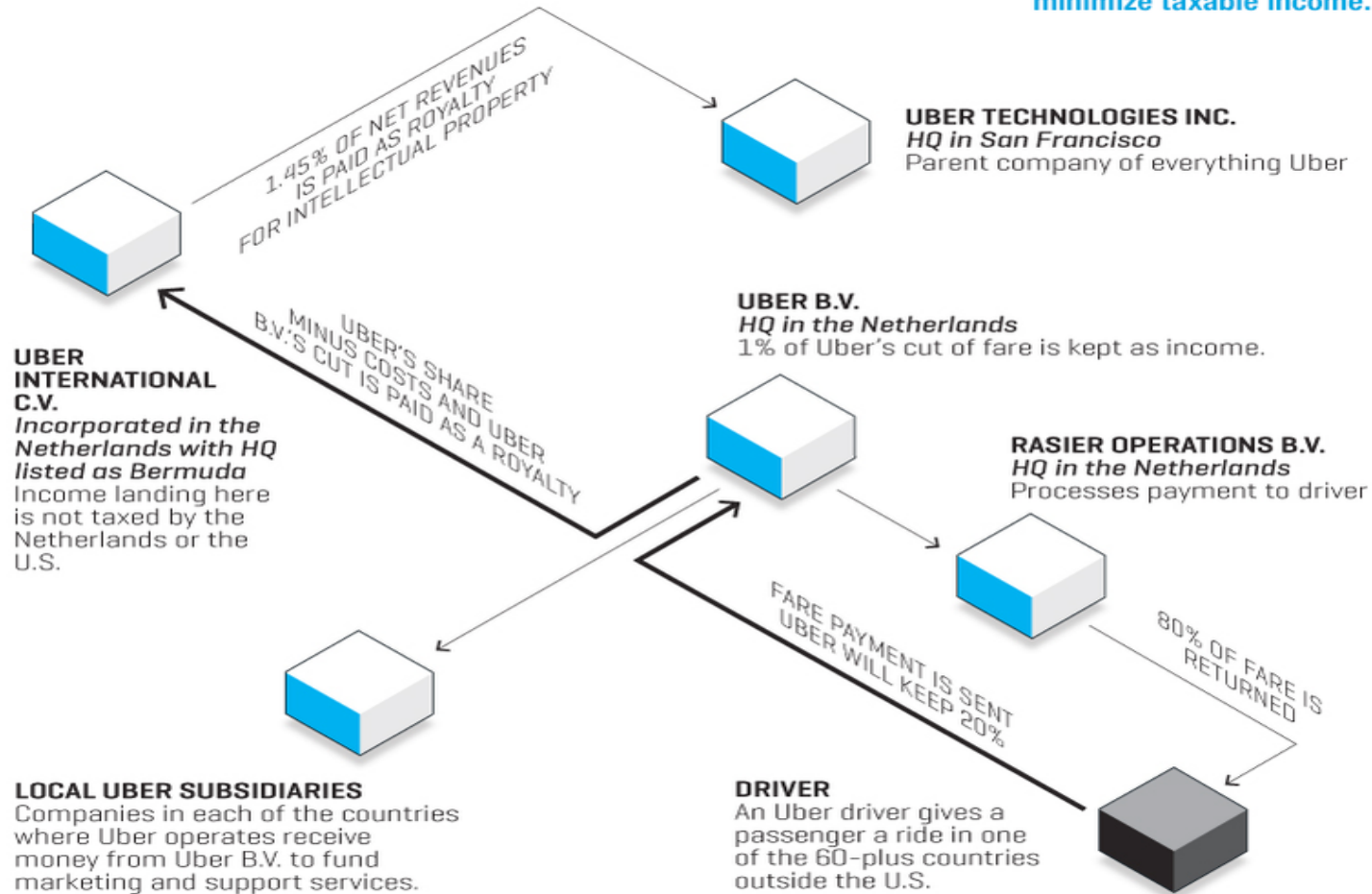
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- WTO ecommerce joint statement
 - WT/MIN(17)/60 from https://www.wto.org/english/thewto_e/minist_e/mc11_e/documents_e.htm
- WTO 2017 Buenos Aires Declaration on Women and Trade: 164 Members: https://www.wto.org/english/thewto_e/whatis_e/tif_e/org6_e.htm
 - Acceding countries: https://www.wto.org/english/thewto_e/acc_e/acc_e.htm
- 1998 ecommerce mandate to **examine** the issue of ecommerce
 - WT/L/274 from https://docs.wto.org/dol2fe/Pages/FE_Search/FE_S_S001.aspx .
- WTO 2017 ecommerce joint statement
 - WT/MIN(17)/60 from https://www.wto.org/english/thewto_e/minist_e/mc11_e/documents_e.htm
- WTO 2017 Buenos Aires Declaration on Women and Trade: https://www.wto.org/english/news_e/news17_e/mc11_12dec17_e.htm
 - 221 women's rights groups opposing this Declaration: <https://apwld.org/press-release-164-womens-rights-groups-call-on-governments-to-reject-the-wto-declaration-on-womens-economic-empowerment/>
- January 2019: joint statement: 'We confirm our intention to commence WTO negotiations on trade-related aspects of electronic commerce.'
 - WT/L/1056 from https://docs.wto.org/dol2fe/Pages/FE_Search/FE_S_S001.aspx
- https://www.wto.org/english/news_e/news17_e/mc11_12dec17_e.htm
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UBER'S SUBSIDIARY STRUCTURE THAT MINIMISES TAX

REVENUE DO-SI-DO

Beyond America's borders, Uber has set up a string of subsidiaries, many in the Netherlands, that effectively minimize taxable income.



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SOME ANALYSES

- 11.45AM-1PM 5 April 2019 room XXI: de minimis panel, <https://eweek2019.unctad.org/meetings/969106>
- UNCTAD:
 - Loss of tariff revenue on e-transmissions:
http://unctad.org/en/PublicationsLibrary/gdsecidc2017d3_en.pdf ,
https://unctad.org/en/PublicationsLibrary/ser-rp-2019d1_en.pdf
 - <https://unctad.org/en/pages/PublicationWebflyer.aspx?publicationid=2227>
 - <https://unctad.org/en/pages/PublicationWebflyer.aspx?publicationid=2099>
- https://www.twn.my/briefings_MC11.htm re implications of WTO ecommerce proposals on:
 - Restricting regulators' access to source code which can prevent checking for bias/discrimination against women etc (Briefing 4)
 - Jobs, tax collection etc (Briefing 3)
 - Government procurement (Briefing 5)
- Implications for algorithmic bias/discrimination (including against women) of WTO ecommerce proposals on restricting regulators' access to algorithms:
http://unbias.wp.horizon.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/AlgorithmicTransparencyBriefingNotes_final.pdf
- Further analyses of implications of WTO ecommerce rules (including for MSMEs and concerns of MSME associations re these rules) at www.ourworldisnotforsale.net

SOME QUOTES FROM MSME ASSOCIATIONS

- Marcelo Fernandez, General Business Confederation of the Argentine Republic (CGERA) representing 40 sectoral chambers of **Argentine** MSMEs
 - ‘Particularly we think that to open the market through e-commerce will make us compete in the internal and external market against big transnational corporations, jeopardizing our production, our labor and our MSMEs specially in the industrial manufacturing sector.’
- Mohan Gurnani, Chairman, Chamber of Associations of Maharashtra Industry and Trade (CAMIT) representing thousands of **Indian** MSMEs, India
 - ‘We reject the proposal at WTO to bring in more liberalisation in the name of MSMEs. Small enterprises are already suffering from such liberalisation and this move is nothing but a disguised attempt to bring in new issues including investment facilitation and ecommerce which does not help small enterprises but consolidates the powers of the big companies.’
- Mrs Ruth Abraham Agbo – National Women’s Leader, MSMEs in National Association of **Nigerian** Traders (NANTS)
 - ‘We, the over 4 million MSMEs in Nigeria under the National Association of Nigerian Traders (NANTS) fully support and stand by the G90 (of developing countries and least developed countries) proposal which has Special and Differential Treatment provisions that would genuinely help our growth and development. We are totally opposed to the other proposals that are Trojan horse and back doors for rules (e-commerce et al) that would harm our livelihoods and sustenance’
- http://ourworldisnotforsale.net/2017/R_MSMEs_reject.pdf, Spanish: [http://ourworldisnotforsale.net/2017/R_MSMEs_reject ES.pdf](http://ourworldisnotforsale.net/2017/R_MSMEs_reject_ES.pdf)

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