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UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

8th World Investment Forum 2023

Investing in Sustainable Development

The World Investment Forum is the pre-eminent global platform for investment and development. The Forum devises strategies and solutions for global investment and development challenges. It facilitates multistakeholder collective action to stimulate investment in development. The Forum offers a unique opportunity to influence investment-related policymaking, shape the global investment environment and network with global leaders in business and politics.

The Forum gathers investment stakeholders from more than 160 countries biennially. The stakeholder landscape encompasses high-level participants from the global investment community, including

- Heads of State and Government
- ministers
- executives of global companies and stock exchanges
- sovereign wealth and pension fund managers
- investment treaty negotiators
- impact investors
- family businesses
- heads of investment promotion agencies and special economic zones
- international investment location experts
- heads of international organizations
- parliamentarians
- civil society representatives
- eminent scholars
- international media

Previous editions:

- Accra (2008)
- Doha (2012)
- Nairobi (2016)
- Xiamen (2010)
- Geneva (2014 & 2018)
- Online (2021)



The Forum will address global challenges for international investment brought about by multiple global crises, including

- the need to invest in food security, energy, health
- supply-chain resilience
- sustainable infrastructure
- productive capacity growth in the most vulnerable countries

The 2023 edition, which will take place immediately ahead of global talks on climate change at COP28 in the same location, will include a focused track on promoting **climate finance and investment**. The forum will provide policymakers and other stakeholders with the opportunity to find solutions and reach consensus on climate finance and investment priorities over the course of five days, with outcomes feeding into the COP negotiations.

130+ events including the Global Leaders Summit, the Global Investment Game Changers Summit, ministerial round tables, conferences, private sector-led sessions, high-profile stakeholder round tables, networking events, award ceremonies, a youth forum, an academic track and an Investment Village

7,000+ participants expected to gather in the Abu Dhabi National Exhibition Centre (ADNEC)

80+ partner organizations involved in the WIF organization

Increasing investment for development to tackle cascading global crises



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PROGRAMME AT A GLANCE

ABU DHABI, UAE

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as of 21 September 2023

Monday, 16 October

9:30-10:00	Grand Opening of WIF 2023
10:00-10:30	Opening of the Investment Village
10:30-11:00	Opening of the Youth Forum (in partnership with UNCTAD Youth)
11:00-13:00	Symposium on Developing Public Sector Sustainability Reporting Standards That the World Needs (in partnership with ACCA)
11:00-13:00	FDI Statistics in OIC Countries (in partnership with SESRIC)
11:00-12:30	Financing the Just Energy Transition Partnerships: Perspectives from Vietnam, Indonesia, South Africa (a joint event with ESCAP and UNECA)
11:30-13:00	Promoting Investment in the Blue Economy (in partnership with WAIPA and CAIPA)
11:30-12:45	Opening of the Academic Track: Research policy dialogue
13:00-14:45	Leaders Luncheon: 14th meeting of the Investment Advisory Council (in partnership with ICC) <i>(by invitation only)</i>
13:30-15:00	D-8 Organization for Economic Cooperation - UNCTAD Guiding Principles for Investment (in partnership with D-8)
13:45-15:15	Opening of the Investment in Agrifood Systems Forum: Investing in transforming agrifood systems (organized by FAO)
15:00-17:00	Global Leaders Investment Summit
18:30-20:30	Gala dinner and ▶ United Nations Investment Promotion Awards Ceremony: Excellence in promoting investment in the energy transition <i>(by invitation only)</i>

Tuesday, 17 October

8:00-9:00	World Economic Forum-UNCTAD joint breakfast event: Invest tech
9:00-18:00	WAPPP Abu Dhabi PPP Forum
9:00-10:30	Summit Roundtable: Small Island Developing States and Investment Guarantees (organized and facilitated by MIGA) <i>(by invitation only)</i>
9:30-18:00	Youth Forum (in partnership with UNCTAD Youth)
9:30-12:30	SSE Global Dialogue (in partnership with UNGC, UNEP and PRI)
9:45-11:15	Industry 4.0 and the Future of Global Investment
9:00-18:00	COP28 Global Dialogue and Investment Focused Events (in partnership with the COP28 incoming presidency, UNFCCC, IRENA and ADGM)

10:00-12:30	The UAE 2031: Growing beyond borders (organized by the Ministry of Economy of the UAE)
10:00-13:00	40th ISAR Opening
10:15-12:15	Global Investment Promotion Conference: Powering the future with sustainable energy
11:30-13:00	Global Investment Game Changers Summit: Ground-breaking solutions for a better future
11:30-13:00	Investment in Agrifood Systems Forum: Strategic foresight to support long-term planning for sustainable agrifood systems (organized by FAO)
12:30-14:30	Investment Promotion Executive luncheon (in partnership with WAIPA) <i>(by invitation only)</i>
12:45-14:15	SSE Leaders luncheon <i>(by invitation only)</i>
14:00-15:00	SEZs and Entrepreneurship Development (in partnership with AEZO)
14:30-16:00	Gender Equality in Corporate Leadership (in partnership with IFC and UN Women)
14:30-16:00	Investment in Agrifood Systems Forum: Technology and innovation to increase resilience and support climate change adaptation and mitigation (organized by FAO)
14:30-16:00	High-level Panel on Investment in the Energy Transition
14:45-16:15	International Sustainable Fund Conference
15:00-18:00	40th ISAR (session I)
15:00-17:00	Delivering Public Sector Investment for Sustainable Development (in partnership with ACCA)
15:00-16:00	Game Changing Solutions for Sustainable Development: Health
15:30-17:00	FDI, ESG and Inclusivity: Promoting decent work and social development (organized in partnership with CUTS and ILO)
16:00-18:00	Tripartite Dialogue of Parliamentarians, Policymakers and Business Leaders (in partnership with IPU)
16:15-17:45	Net Zero Finance: The role of exchanges (in partnership with PRI and GFANZ)
16:15-17:45	SME Internationalization: Promoting FDI by SMEs
16:30-18:00	Academic Track (session I) (in partnership with AIB, Graduate Institute-CFD, CEPR, NYU, UNU-WIDER, SIEL, CCSI)
16:30-18:00	International Investment Support Center for the LDCs (organized by OHRLLS)
16:30-17:30	The AfCFTA Protocol on Investment: Towards a new generation of investment policies in Africa (in partnership with AfCFTA)
17:00-18:00	Entrepreneurship and Urban Development: Transforming urban ecosystems

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Afternoon	Visit to SEZs
18:30-20:30	Gala reception and ▶ 2023 UNCTAD Sustainable Funds Awards ▶ ISAR Honours Ceremony
Wednesday, 18 October	
8:00-9:00	World Economic Forum-UNCTAD joint breakfast event: Services and investment facilitation
8:15-9:45	Impact Valuation in Practice: Practical examples to determine the positive and negative contribution of business activities to society (organized by VBA in partnership with IFVI, SABIC, WifOR and Invesco)
8:30-10:00	Talking Business (session I): Agriculture and food security
8:30-10:00	Alignment of Investment in Sustainable Infrastructure with the Paris Agreement: Private Sector Experiences from the UAE (in partnership with Middlesex University Dubai)
8:45-11:15	Sovereign and Public Investors Dialogue: Leveraging institutional investment for sustainable development
8:45-10:15	Carbon Markets (in partnership with IOSCO)
9:00-18:00	WAPPP Abu Dhabi PPP Forum
9:00-10:00	Investment Promotion and its Impact on Gender Equality (in partnership with ESCAP)
9:15-9:45	NEOM Fireside Chat
9:30-18:00	Youth Forum (in partnership with UNCTAD Youth)
9:30-12:30	Academic Track (session II) (in partnership with AIB, Graduate Institute-CFD, CEPR, NYU, UNU-WIDER, SIEL, CCSI)
9:30-11:00	Family Business Conference (session I): Family business contributions to the SDGs (in partnership with FBN)
9:30-10:30	Game Changing Solutions for Sustainable Development: Food security
10:00-13:00	40th ISAR (session II)
10:00-12:30	Invest in Tomorrow: Abu Dhabi's economic transition (organized by the UAE)
10:00-12:00	Investment Ministerial Roundtable: Investment for sustainable development
10:30-13:00	Sustainable Finance and Business: Academic and practitioner dialogue (in partnership with Columbia University)
11:00-12:30	Investment in Agrifood Systems Forum: Innovative finance to unlock investment in sustainable food systems (organized by FAO)
11:00-11:45	Investment, Trade and Enterprise in the Circular Economy
11:15-12:45	Family Business Conference (session II): Building next generation family businesses in the Gulf (in partnership with FBN)
11:30-13:00	IsDB Investment Policy Principles (in partnership with IsDB, ICDT, ICIEC)
12:00-13:00	Entrepreneurship and Innovation in the New Health Economy

13:00-15:00	Ministerial luncheon <i>(by invitation only)</i>
13:30-15:30	International Sustainable Finance Regulation Conference: Raising the bar: Sustainable finance regulations for a changing world (in partnership with PRI)
13:30-15:00	Finance for Human Rights (in partnership with UNU)
14:00-15:30	SDG Model Zones (in partnership with GASEZ)
14:00-15:30	Family Business Conference (session III): Leveraging sustainability reporting and transparency to build impactful family businesses (in partnership with FBN)
14:00-16:00	B-Ready! Understanding the World Bank's new business-readiness assessment (in partnership with the World Bank)
14:15-16:00	Investing in Health (in partnership with WHO)
14:30-17:30	Investment in Agrifood Systems Forum: Forging the Path: Unveiling the Private Sector's Agrifood Investment Journey (organized by FAO)
15:00-18:00	40th ISAR (session III)
15:00-18:00	Academic Track (session III) (in partnership with AIB, Graduate Institute-CFD, CEPR, NYU, UNU-WIDER, SIEL, CCSI)
15:00-17:00	Enterprise Ministerial Roundtable: Entrepreneurship for sustainable development
15:00-16:30	Talking Business (session II): Investing in times of crisis
15:00-16:30	Energy Transition and Investment Policy in Asia and the Pacific (organized by ADB)
15:15-17:15	Strategic Minerals for Decarbonization: Investing in a just transition for artisanal miners
15:30-18:00	High-level International Investment Agreements Conference 2023
15:45-17:15	Family Business Conference (session IV): Impact investing: challenges and opportunities for business families (in partnership with FBN)
16:00-18:30	Stock Exchange Action on Climate Disclosures (in partnership with IFC)
16:30-18:00	Investing in Vaccine Supply Chain Resilience and Local Production (in partnership with WHO)
Afternoon	Visit to SEZs
18:30-20:30	Gala reception and ▶ Women in Business Award Ceremony
Thursday, 19 October	
8:30-10:00	Talking Business (session III): Supply chain management
8:30-10:00	The Role of Trade and Investment Policies in Boosting NDCs Implementation
8:30-10:00	Islamic Finance for Sustainable Development (in partnership with Arabesque)
9:30-18:00	Youth Forum (in partnership with UNCTAD Youth)
9:30-10:30	Game Changing Solutions for Sustainable Development: Energy

9:45-10:45	Investing in Youth Entrepreneurship: Millennials & Gen Z as business trailblazers (in partnership with The Commonwealth)
10:00-13:00	40th ISAR (session IV)
10:00-12:00	Structurally Weak and Vulnerable Economies (SWVE) Ministerial and Business Executive Roundtable (in partnership with UN-OHRLLS)
10:00-11:30	Investment in Agrifood Systems Forum: Inclusive agrifood systems transformation (organized by FAO)
10:00-11:30	Catalyzing Investment in Africa's Value Chains through Industrial Park Development (organized by UNIDO)
10:15-11:45	Arab Capital Markets Sustainable Finance Dialogue: From pledges to implementation (in partnership with the RCSF and the AFCM)
10:30-12:00	Accelerating Green Investments in Tourism for Sustainable Development (in partnership with UNWTO)
10:30-13:00	Annual Investment Meeting: Adapting to a shifting investment landscape: harnessing new potential for global economic development (organized by AIM)
10:45-12:45	Investment Facilitation: International policy developments
11:00-13:00	Policy Advocacy for SEZs: A tripartite dialogue (in partnership with GASEZ)
11:00-12:00	Financial Instruments for Early Retirement of Fossil-Fuel-Assets (in partnership with the Payne Institute)
11:00-12:00	Investing in Business Development: Empretec (in partnership with Empretec centres)
12:00-13:00	Integrating Nature-related Risk into Capital Markets (with support from Nature Finance)
12:30-13:30	Academic Track (session IV) (in partnership with AIB, Graduate Institute-CFD, CEPR, NYU, UNU-WIDER, SIEL, CCSI)
13:00-15:00	Meet the Women in Business Awards Winners
14:00-16:00	Showcasing Reforms to Promote SDG Investment (session I)
14:00-15:30	Transferred Emissions: Toward guidelines for responsible sales of upstream fossil fuel assets (in partnership with CCSI)
14:15-15:45	Meeting of the World Investment for Development Alliance
14:30-15:30	Make it in the Emirates: Unlocking opportunities for sustainable prosperity (organized by the UAE)
14:30-16:30	Investment Facilitation: National success stories
14:30-16:00	Mobilizing Institutional Investment for Sustainable Development in Africa (in partnership with ASIF)
14:30-16:00	High-level Roundtable on FDI and Women Empowerment (in partnership with UN-Women)
14:45-15:30	Agrifood Systems and Entrepreneurship: Food for thought: A sustainable agricultural revolution
15:00-18:00	40th ISAR Closing
15:30-17:30	International Tax Reforms and Sustainable Investment

16:00-17:30	Financing an Equitable Nature Economy (with support from Nature Finance)
16:30-18:00	Academic Track Closing (in partnership with AIB, Graduate Institute-CFD, CEPR, NYU, UNU-WIDER, SIEL, CCSI)
16:30-18:00	Talking Business (session IV): Green economy
16:30-18:00	Investment in Agrifood Systems Forum: Transforming the urban food systems (organized by FAO)
16:45-18:00	Mobilizing Institutional Investment for Sustainable Development in Africa (in partnership with UNIDO and AIM)
Afternoon	Visit to SEZs
18:30-20:30	Gala reception and ▶ Global Digital Government Awards (in partnership with GEN)

Friday, 20 October

8:30-10:00	Implications of Tax Reforms for IPAs and SEZs (in partnership with OECD)
8:30-10:00	Talking Business (session V): Information and communication technologies (ICT)
9:00-11:00	FDI Statistics Symposium: Bridging investment data gaps
9:00-10:30	Investment in Agrifood Systems Forum: Investing in mitigating food loss and waste (organized by FAO)
9:00-10:00	High-level Panel on Investment in Sustainable Infrastructure
9:15-10:45	Sustainability Reporting Standards and Regulations (in partnership with GRI)
9:30-13:00	Youth Forum (in partnership with UNCTAD Youth)
9:30-11:00	The Investment, Trade and Development Nexus
9:30-10:30	Getting Blended Finance Right at Scale (in partnership with The Blended Capital Group)
9:30-10:30	Industry 4.0 and the Transformation of Entrepreneurship
10:00-12:00	Investment Facilitation: Digital tools: Making online government services accessible for all
10:15-12:15	Showcasing Reforms to Promote SDG Investment (session II)
10:30-12:00	Investment in Agrifood Systems Forum: Investing in sustainable value chain and agribusiness development (organized by FAO)
10:30-11:30	Global flow, the ties that bind in an interconnected world (organized by MGI)
10:45-13:00	Asia Sustainable Finance Roundtable: Engagement for transition (with support from SynTao Green Finance and China SIF)
11:00-12:30	African Regional Partnership for Sustainability and SDG Reporting: Enhancing sustainability reporting to boost investment flows and develop green finance in Africa
11:00-11:30	Financing the Climate Transition – The way forward (in partnership with the COP28 incoming presidency)
11:30-13:30	Heads of Delegation Roundtable and Closing Ceremony

WIF inputs including following

Special Presentations of Global Initiatives:

- ▶ COP28
 - ▶ Global sustainability standards (ISSB)
 - ▶ SDG summit outcomes (DESA)
 - ▶ Paris summit outcomes (tbc)
 - ▶ G20 trade and investment outcomes (India S/S)
 - ▶ Global trade and investment action for climate transition roadmap (UNCTAD/WTO)
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KEY PARTNERS



UAE Ministry of Economy



Food and Agricultural Organization



World Association of Investment Promotion Agencies



World Health Organization



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Family Business Network



International Financial Reporting Standards



United Nations Industrial Development Organization



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New York University



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UN Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States



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International Institute for Sustainable Development



Principles for Responsible Investment



Islamic Development Bank



The Commonwealth



Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency



UN Global Compact



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