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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)
- Xiamen (2010)
- Doha (2012)
- Nairobi (2016)
- Online (2021)

Register: https://bit.ly/3X5ZBy1
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

**CONTACTS:**

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**ABU DHABI, UAE**

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<td>D-8 Organization for Economic Cooperation - UNTACD Guiding Principles for Investment (in partnership with D-8)</td>
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<td>Global Investment Promotion Conference: Powering the future with sustainable energy</td>
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<td>Entrepreneurship and Urban Development: Transforming urban ecosystems</td>
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14:00-15:30 SDG Model Zones (in partnership with GASEZ)

15:00-17:00 Enterprise Ministerial Roundtable: Entrepreneurship for sustainable development

15:00-16:30 Talking Business (session II)

15:15-17:15 Strategic Minerals for Decarbonisation: Investing in a just transition for artisanal miners

15:30-18:00 High-level International Investment Agreements Conference 2023

16:00-18:30 Stock Exchange Action on Climate Disclosures (in partnership with IFCC)

16:30-18:00 Investing in Vaccine Supply Chain Resilience and Local Production (in partnership with WHO)

Afternoon Visit to SEZs

18:30 Gala dinner and Women in Business Award Ceremony

Thursday, 19 October

8:30-10:00 Talking Business (session III)

8:30-10:00 Islamic Finance for Sustainable Development

9:30-18:00 Youth Forum

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-HRLLS)

10:00-11:30 Investment in Agrifood Systems Forum: Inclusive agrifood systems transformation (organized by FAO)

10:10-11:30 Catalyzing Investment in Africa’s Value Chains through Industrial Park Development (organized by UNIDO)

10:15-11:45 Arab Capital Markets Sustainable Finance Dialogue (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 (organized by AIM)

10:45-13:15 Investment Facilitation: International policy developments

11:00-12:00 Investing in Business Development: Empretec (in partnership with Empretec centres)

11:00-13:00 Policy Advocacy for SEZs: A tripartite dialogue (in partnership with GASEZ)

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)

12:45-14:15 Global Digital Government Awards and luncheon (in partnership with GEN)

14:00-16:00 Showcasing Reforms to Promote SDG Investment (session I)

15:00-16:00 Enterprise Ministerial Roundtable: Entrepreneurship for sustainable development
Friday, 20 October

8:00-10:30  Meeting of the World Investment for Development Alliance

14:15-15:45  Investment in Abu Dhabi (organized by the UAE)

14:30-16:30  Agrifood Systems and Entrepreneurship: Food for thought: A sustainable agricultural revolution

14:45-15:30  Academic Track Closing (in partnership with AIB, Graduate Institute-GDI, CEPR, NYU, UNU-WIDER, SIÉL, CCSI)

15:00-18:00  Investment in Agrifood Systems Forum: Investing in sustainable value chain and agribusiness development (organized by FAO)

15:00-16:00  High-level Roundtable on FDI and Women Empowerment

15:30-17:30  International Tax Reforms and Sustainable Investment

16:00-17:30  Financing an Equitable Nature Economy (with support from Nature Finance)

16:00-18:00  Agrifood Systems and Entrepreneurship: Food for thought: A sustainable agricultural revolution

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10:15-12:15  Showcasing Reforms to Promote SDG Investment (session II)

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10:45-11:30  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

11:00-11:30  Financing the Climate Transition – The way forward

11:30-13:30  Heads of Delegation Roundtable and Closing Ceremony

Morning  Visit to SEZs

Afternoon  Visit to SEZs

18:30  Gala dinner

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)

to be scheduled
- joint event with FT on FDI
- joint event with PM office of UAE
- joint event with Economist Impact
- Investment in the Digital Economy
  (joint event with ITU and DTL)
KEY PARTNERS

- UAE Ministry of Economy
- Food and Agricultural Organization
- World Association of Investment Promotion Agencies
- World Health Organization
- UN Women
- UAE Department of Economic Development
- Academy of International Business
- Inter-Parliamentary Union
- International Chamber of Commerce
- Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development
- International Monetary Fund
- International Finance Corporation
- International Organization of Securities Commissions
- World Economic Forum
- UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific
- D-8 Organization of Economic Cooperation
- Eurostat
- Annual Investment Meeting
- Global Alliance of Special Economic Zones
- Family Business Network
- International Financial Reporting Standards
- United Nations Industrial Development Organization
- Nature Finance
- New York University
- UN Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States
- Islamic Centre for Development of Trade
- International Institute for Sustainable Development
- Principles for Responsible Investment
- Islamic Development Bank
- The Commonwealth
- Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency
- UN Global Compact
- World Bank Group
- UN World Tourism Organization
- African Union