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WORLD **INVESTMENT** FORUM 2018

INVESTING IN SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

22–26 October Palais des Nations, Geneva

10 YEAR
ANNIVERSARY



PROGRAMME AND SPEAKERS



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PROGRAMME AT A GLANCE



Monday, 22 October

14:00 – 14:15 <i>Investment Village</i> 1 st floor stage	Official Opening of the Investment Village	
15:00 – 16:00 <i>Assembly Hall</i>	Grand Opening	🎧
16:00 – 16:30 <i>Assembly Hall</i>	Award Ceremony ► 2018 United Nations Investment Promotion Awards	🎧
16:30 – 18:30 <i>Assembly Hall</i>	Global Investment Game Changers Summit	🎧
18:30 <i>Salle des Pas Perdus</i>	Welcome Reception and Cultural Event	

Tuesday, 23 October

10:00 – 13:00 <i>Assembly Hall</i>	Global Leaders Investment Summit I Investment in a new era of globalization	🎧
13:15 – 14:45 <i>Delegates</i> <i>Restaurant</i>	Leaders Luncheon: Meeting of the Investment Advisory Council <i>(by invitation only)</i>	
13:15 – 14:45 <i>Delegates</i> <i>Restaurant</i>	Sustainable Stock Exchanges (SSE) Executives Luncheon <i>(by invitation only)</i>	
13:15 – 14:45 <i>Room XXIII</i>	Talking Business Eastern Europe and Central Asia	
14:30 – 17:30 <i>Room XXIV</i>	Investment and the Digital Economy	
14:30 – 17:30 <i>Room XXV</i>	Fostering Investment in the Development of New Antibacterial Treatments	
14:45 – 17:45 <i>Room XXVI</i>	Investment Promotion Conference 2018 ► Promoting investment in the Sustainable Development Goals – connecting the actors ► Building sustainable cities	🎧
15:00 – 18:00 <i>Room XVII</i>	Sustainable Stock Exchanges (SSE) Global Dialogue Followed by Award Ceremony ► Sustainable Stock Exchanges (SSE) Awards	🎧
15:00 – 17:00 <i>Room XXVII</i>	Ministerial Roundtable: The African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States (ACP)	🎧
15:00 – 17:00 <i>Room XX</i>	Investing in Sports for SDGs	
15:00 – 18:00 <i>Room E-8047</i>	Empretec Director's Meeting <i>(by invitation only)</i>	
15:30 – 17:30 <i>Room XXII</i>	Legislating for Sustainable Development Tripartite dialogue between parliamentarians, government and business Leaders	
16:00 – 18:00 <i>Room XI</i>	Main Obstacles and Solutions to Investment in Africa	
18:30 <i>Serpent Bar</i>	Networking Reception	

Wednesday, 24 October

08:00 – 09:45 <i>Room XXIII</i>	Talking Business Africa I	
09:00 – 10:00 <i>Delegates</i> <i>Restaurant</i>	Investment policies and practices for global value chain upgrading <i>(by invitation only)</i> ► Interactive breakfast encounter	
10:00 – 13:00 <i>Assembly Hall</i>	Global Leaders Investment Summit II Investment in a new era of industrialization	🎧
10:30 – 13:30 <i>Room XX</i>	Blockchains for Sustainable Development	
11:00 – 13:00 <i>Room XXIII</i>	The Global i-Guides Meeting How the online investment guides can help promote and facilitate investment	
13:15 – 14:45 <i>Delegates</i> <i>Restaurant</i>	Nordic IPAs Luncheon <i>(by invitation only)</i> Organized in collaboration with the World Association of Investment Promotion Agencies	
13:15 – 14:45 <i>Delegates</i> <i>Restaurant</i>	Leaders Luncheon: Meeting of the Investment Advisory Council <i>(by invitation only)</i>	
13:15 – 14:45 <i>Room XXIII</i>	Talking Business Africa II	
14:30 – 17:00 <i>Room XXII</i>	Sovereign Wealth and Pension Funds Dialogue	
15:00 – 19:00 <i>Room XXVI</i>	High-Level International Investment Agreements (IIA) Conference 2018 Going beyond IIAs: Fostering coherence in phase 3 of reform	
15:30 – 17:30 <i>Room XXIV</i>	The Investment, Trade and Development Nexus	
15:30 – 18:00 <i>Room XI</i>	Entrepreneurship, Migration and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Providing Options for the Social and Economic Inclusion of Migrants and Refugees in Host Countries	
15:30 – 18:00 <i>Room XXV</i>	Responsible Agricultural Investment	
16:00 – 18:00 <i>Room XX</i>	Ministerial Roundtable: LDCs and Business Executives Mobilizing investment in Least Developed Countries (LDCs)	🎧
16:00 – 18:00 <i>Room XXVII</i>	Sustainability, Commodities and Derivatives	
17:15 – 18:00 <i>Room XVII</i>	ISAR Honours 2018	
18:30 <i>Serpent Bar</i>	Networking Reception ► Global Enterprise Registration (GER) Awards Ceremony	

Thursday, 25 October

08:30 – 09:45 <i>Delegates</i> <i>Restaurant</i>	Breakfast Roundtable: Investments with a Gender Lens	
09:00 – 10:00 <i>Delegates</i> <i>Restaurant</i>	Sustainable investment facilitation policies and practices <i>(by invitation only)</i> ► Interactive breakfast encounter	

Thursday, 25 October *Continued*


10:00 – 13:00 <i>Room XX</i>	Ministerial Roundtable: Entrepreneurship for Sustainable Development 
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Entrepreneurship policy: Challenges and Results ▶ Celebration of 30 Years of EMPRETEC
10:00 – 13:00 <i>Room XXIV</i>	People-First Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs)
10:30 – 13:00 <i>Room XXII</i>	Sustainability Bonds: Innovative Tools for Financing the SDGs
10:30 – 13:30 <i>Room XXV</i>	Roundtable on Regional Integration and Investment Policy
13:15 – 14:45 <i>Room XXIII</i>	Talking Business Middle East and North Africa
13:15 – 14:45 <i>Room XXVI</i>	Mobilizing investment for inclusive and Sustainable Industrial Development in Africa 
13:15 – 14:45 <i>Delegates Restaurant</i>	Ministers' Luncheon: Promoting foreign investment to LLDCs <i>(by invitation only)</i>
14:30 – 15:00 <i>Room XX</i>	Launch of the Global SDGs Financing Toolbox
14:30 – 17:30 <i>Room XXIV</i>	Women for Sustainable Development: Women Economic Empowerment to Transform the Investment and Entrepreneurship Landscape
15:00 – 17:30 <i>Room XXV</i>	Family Businesses as a Force for Long-Term Good ▶ FBN welcome refreshments at 14:30
15:00 – 18:00 <i>Room XX</i>	Ministerial Roundtable: 21st Century Global Investment Policymaking 
15:30 – 18:00 <i>Room XXII</i>	Smart Beta: Passive Investment Strategies for Sustainable Development
18:00 <i>Assembly Hall</i>	Empretec Women in Business Awards 2018
19:00 – 21:00 <i>Serpent Bar</i>	Networking Reception

Friday, 26 October

8:30 – 10:00 <i>Delegates Restaurant</i>	Blended Capital: SDG aligned investment opportunities in developing Countries <i>(by invitation only)</i> ▶ Interactive breakfast encounter
09:00 – 16:00 <i>Room XXIV</i>	Multi-Disciplinary Academic Conference Setting the investment research agenda
10:00 – 13:00 <i>Room XXIII</i>	Special Economic Zones: Challenges and Opportunities 
10:00 – 13:00 <i>Room XXVII</i>	Creating More and Better Jobs through Investment
10:00 – 13:00 <i>Room XI</i>	Women Entrepreneurship and the SDGs
10:30 – 13:00 <i>Room XXII</i>	Using Blended Capital to Finance the SDGs
14:00 – 16:30 <i>Room XXII</i>	Role of Central Banks in Greening the Financial System
14:00 – 17:00 <i>Room XX</i>	Forum Closing  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Investment Village Awards Ceremony ▶ Ambassadors' Roundtable on investing in the SDGs ▶ Outcomes and Closing
18:00 <i>Serpent Bar</i>	Closing and Networking Reception

Parallel Events

Wednesday, 24 – Friday, 26 October, 10:00 – 13:00 and 15:00 – 18:00, Room XVII, Friday 15:00 – 18:00, Room XVII

Thirty-fifth anniversary session of the Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting (ISAR) 

Monday, 22 – Friday, 26 October, Room XXI

UNCTAD Youth Forum 2018

Youth Entrepreneurship: A force towards inclusive and sustainable growth

Investment Village

Monday, 22 October, 14:00, E-Building 1st floor stage

Official Opening of the Investment Village

Tuesday, 23 – Friday, 26 October, 09:00 – 18:00, E-Building

- ▶ Country and Organization exhibition
- ▶ Private Sector Solutions for Sustainable Development
- ▶ Investment Village Award 2018

Side Events

Monday, 22 October	10:00 – 13:00; 16:00 – 18:00, Room XI  Workshop for Parliamentarians Financing the SDGs: How can parliaments bridge the gap?
	10:00 – 13:00, Room XXIII  Investment Promotion Agencies (IPA) Workshop Showcasing investment promotion and facilitation in SDG Projects
	10:00 – 13:00, Room XXVI  International Standards of Accounting and Reporting (ISAR) Workshop Digital currencies and blockchain: implications for accounting
Tuesday, 23 October	10:30 – 14:00, Room XXV CAIPA Meeting
Wednesday, 24 October	09:00 – 10:30, Room XXVII Presentation of Publication: Energy Investment Risk Assessment (EIRA) 2018 10:00 – 13:00, Room XI Hearing on SDG Financial Products
Thursday, 25 October	18:15 – 19:45, Maison de la Paix (off site) The Future of Corporate Income Taxes Lessons for the emerging and low-income countries
Friday, 26 October	08:00 – 09:00, Room X TNC Journal Advisory Board Meeting 10:00 – 12:00, Room E-1014-16 Regional commissions and UNCTAD: collaboration on FDI statistics and investment reports <i>(By invitation only)</i> 13:00 – 14:30, Delegates Restaurant Inter-Agency Technical Committee Meeting on Promoting Investment in LDCs

IIA-related Break-out Sessions: Please see page 60

ABOUT THE WORLD INVESTMENT FORUM



The UNCTAD 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 multi-stakeholder collective action to stimulate investment in development. The Forum offers a unique opportunity to influence investment-related policymaking, shape the global investment environment, and to network with global leaders in business and politics.

2018 marks the 10th anniversary of the Forum. Previous editions took place in Accra (2008), Xiamen (2010), Doha (2012), Geneva (2014) and Nairobi (2016). The Forum was set up to fill the investment institutional gap in the international economic governance architecture. Since inception, it has served as the leading forum to leverage investment policy for sustainable development.

The Forum biennially gathers investment stakeholders from 160 countries. 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 fund managers, investment treaty negotiators, heads of investment promotion agencies, international investment location experts, heads of international organizations, parliamentarians, civil society representatives, eminent scholars, and the international media.

THE WORLD INVESTMENT FORUM 2018

Organized under the overall theme *Investing in Sustainable Development*, the Forum will address global challenges for international investment in the new era of globalization and industrialization. Investment stakeholders will gather to brainstorm solution-oriented initiatives and build global partnerships to advance prosperity for all.

In 2018, the World Investment Forum will bring more actors to the table, including philanthropists, impact fund heads and other sustainability pioneers. More than 6,000 investment stakeholders are anticipated to converge in Geneva for the event.

60+
events

400+
speakers

6000+
participants

Programme

The 2018 Forum will consist of over sixty events, including a grand opening, the Global Leaders Investment Summits, the Global Investment Game Changers Summit, ministerial roundtables, conferences, private sector-led sessions, high-profile stakeholder roundtables, networking events, award ceremonies and an Investment Village.

MONDAY, 22 OCTOBER

14:00 – 14:15

Investment Village

OPENING OF THE INVESTMENT VILLAGE

Master of Ceremony:

Mr. James Zhan, Director of Investment and Enterprise, UNCTAD

Opening remarks:

Dr. Mukhisa Kituyi, Secretary-General, UNCTAD

Guests of Honour:

H.E. Mr. Mokgweetsi E.K. Masisi, President Botswana

H.E. Mr. Hage Geingob, President of Namibia

H.R.H. Princess Astrid of Belgium

Ribbon Cutting:

Guests of Honour, Secretary-General and Deputy Secretary-General of UNCTAD

15:00 – 16:00

Assembly Hall

GRAND OPENING



The opening ceremony will take place in the presence of the highest-level representation from the host country, Switzerland, UNCTAD member States, the global business community, as well as other investment stakeholders and international organizations.

Opening Statements:

Dr. Mukhisa Kituyi, Secretary-General, UNCTAD (welcome statement)

H.E. Mr. Alain Berset, President of the Swiss Confederation

H.E. Ms. María Fernanda Espinosa Garcés, President, 73rd Session of the General Assembly, United Nations

Ms. Amina Mohammed, Deputy Secretary-General, United Nations (via video link)

Mr. Michael Møller, Director-General, United Nations Office at Geneva

Ms. Gabriela Cuevas Barron, President, Inter-Parliamentary Union

Ms. Nandini Sukumar, CEO, World Federation of Exchanges

Guests of Honour:

H.E. Mr. Armen Sarkissian, President of the Republic of Armenia

H.E. Mr. Mokgweetsi E.K. Masisi, President of the Republic of Botswana

H.E. Mr. Khaltmaagiin Battulga, President of Mongolia

H.E. Mr. Hage Geingob, President of the Republic of Namibia

H.E. Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen, Prime Minister of Cambodia

H.R.H. Princess Astrid of Belgium

Master of Ceremony:

Mr. James Zhan, Director of Investment and Enterprise, UNCTAD

16:00 – 16:30

Assembly Hall

2018 UNITED NATIONS INVESTMENT PROMOTION AWARDS



Investment in the Sustainable Development Goals

Held since 2002, the United Nations Investment Promotion Awards celebrate the exchange of best practice in investment promotion. The Awards will be presented to investment promotion agencies for excellence in promoting investment in the SDGs.

Bahrain:

Presenter: H.E. Mr. Masisi, President of the Republic of Botswana

Recipient: H.E. Mr. Zayed Alzayani, Minister of Industry, Commerce and Tourism, Bahrain

India:

Presenter: H.E. Mr. Armen Sarkissian, President of the Republic of Armenia

Recipient: Mr. Deepak Bagla, Managing Director and CEO, Invest India

Lesotho:

Presenter: H.E. Mr. Khaltmaagiin Battulga, President of Mongolia

Recipient: Mr. Mohato Seleke, CEO, Lesotho National Development Corporation

South Africa:

Presenter: Ms. Maria Fernanda Espinosa Garcés, President of the 73rd session of the United Nations General Assembly

Recipient: Ms. Annelize van der Merwe, Director, Green Economy Industries, InvestSA

2018 Special Recognitions:**Brazil:**

Presenter: Dr. Mukhisa Kituyi, Secretary-General, UNCTAD

Recipient: Ambassador Roberto Jaguaribe, President, Apex-Brasil

Colombia:

Presenter: H.R.H. Princess Astrid of Belgium

Recipient: Mr. Alejandro Ossa, Executive Director, Invest Pacific

Russia:

Presenter: H.E. Mr. Hage Geingob, President of the Republic of Namibia

Recipient: Mr. Insaf Galiev, Deputy Chief Executive, Tatarstan Investment Development Agency

16:30 – 18:30

Assembly Hall

GLOBAL INVESTMENT GAME CHANGERS SUMMIT**Pioneering solutions for a better world**

New ideas can transform the world we live in and rewrite the rules and policies that govern it. Mobilizing investment and channelling it towards the SDGs require above all new ideas that can be translated into concrete solutions for a better future for all. The Summit of Global Investment Game Changers will gather pioneers, leaders and visionaries who have successfully remodelled established business and industry practice in their respective fields to create innovative business models that foster economic success and sustainable objectives.

Issues for the debate:

- Innovative business models to address global and local challenges.
- Disruptive or disrupted: challenges and opportunities to embrace change.
- Mainstreaming sustainable development in industry 4.0.
- Frontier technologies and their impact on investment and sustainable development.

Dialogue:

Dr. Mukhisa Kituyi, Secretary General of UNCTAD

Sophia, Humanoid

Speakers:

Ms. Barbara Kux, Vice Chair, Firmenich

Ms. Juliet Anammah, CEO, Jumia Nigeria

Mr. David Hanson, CEO, Hanson Robotics

Mr. Tadahiro Kawada, CEO, Kawada Group, Kawada Technologies

Ms. Alexandra 'Santu' Boethius, Co-founder of the Impact Hub Geneva and Lausanne

Moderator:

Ms. Melissa Jun Rowley, journalist and entrepreneur

18:30

Serpent Bar

WELCOME RECEPTION AND CULTURAL EVENT

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TUESDAY, 23 OCTOBER

10:00 – 13:00

Assembly Hall

GLOBAL LEADERS INVESTMENT SUMMIT I

Investment in a new era of globalization



The Summit convenes Heads of State and Government and CEOs of global companies to share their vision for the future. Their insights will set the tone for the rest of the Forum and inform its outcomes.

The first part of the Summit will consider the backlash against globalization stemming from its unequal developmental impact, the risks in protectionism in both trade and investment, and related challenges to multilateralism. The international community needs to ensure that this backlash does not impede the advancement of the SDGs.

Issues for the debate:

- How will the globalization backlash affect international investment and its impact on development?
- What would be viable remedies in the investment policymaking area?
- How can more people benefit from globalization and how can the United Nations contribute?

Summit 1a 10:00 – 11:30

Opening statement:

Dr. Mukhisa Kituyi, Secretary-General, UNCTAD

Speakers:

H.E. Mr. Abdul Hamid, President of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

H.E. Mr. Khaltmaagiin Battulga, President of Mongolia

H.E. Mr. Milo Đukanović, President of Montenegro

Mr. Vasant Narasimhan, CEO, Novartis

Mr. Paul Bulcke, Chairman of the Board of Directors, Nestlé

Moderator:

Ms. Nisha Pillai, renowned journalist and BBC News anchor

Summit 1b 11:30 – 13:00

Speakers:

Dr. Mukhisa Kituyi, Secretary-General, UNCTAD

H.E. Mr. Hage Geingob, President of Namibia

H.E. Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia

H.E. Mr. Kocho Angjushev, Vice Prime Minister, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

Mr. Roland Chalons-Browne, CEO, Siemens Financial Services

Ms. Nandini Sukumar, CEO, World Federation of Exchanges

Moderator:

Ms. Nisha Pillai, renowned journalist and BBC News anchor

13:15 – 14:45

Delegates Restaurant
(by invitation only)

LEADERS LUNCHEON: MEETING OF THE INVESTMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Launched in 2001, the **UNCTAD-International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) Investment Advisory Council** brings together global leaders from the public and the private sphere to brainstorm on innovative means to increase the contributions of private investment in sustainable development.

Issues for the debate:

- How to better leverage public funds for increased private sector investment in developing countries?
- How to target technical assistance and capacity building to help these economies attract more investment?
- How can UNCTAD and the ICC operationalize these ideas?

Participants:

H.E. Mr. Abdul Hamid, President of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
 H.E. Mr. Khaltmaagiin Battulga, President of Mongolia
 H.E. Mr. Hage Geingob, President of Namibia
 Together with Ministers, business executives and heads of international organisations.

Moderator:

Mr. James Zhan, Director of Investment and Enterprise, UNCTAD

13:15 – 14:45**SUSTAINABLE STOCK EXCHANGES (SSE) EXECUTIVES LUNCHEON**

Delegates Restaurant

*(by invitation only)***13:15 – 14:45****TALKING BUSINESS EASTERN EUROPE AND CENTRAL ASIA**

Room XXIII

"Talking Business" are interactive sessions between governments and business. They provide a platform to showcase investment opportunities in countries, explore new investment horizons and interact with high-level country representatives.

Opening statements:

Mr. Joerg Weber, Head, Investment Policies Branch, DIAE, UNCTAD
 Dr. Dorit Sallis, Managing Director, Joint Chambers of Commerce

Speakers:

H.E. Mr. Amandurdy Ishanov, Minister of Trade and Foreign Economic Relations, Turkmenistan
 H.E. Mr. Daniyar Mukashev, Ambassador, Permanent Mission of Kyrgyzstan to the United Nations Office in Geneva
 H.E. Mr. Jamshed Khamidov, Ambassador, Permanent Mission of Tajikistan to the United Nations Office in Geneva
 Ms. Alena Perminava, Head of the Directorate-General for Investment Policy, Ministry of Economy, Belarus
 Mr. Nurlan Zhaximbetov, Advisor to the Chairman, Agency for Civil Service Affairs and Anti-Corruption, Kazakhstan
 Mr. Hayk V. Hovhannisyan, Trade Representative to the Swiss Confederation, Armenia
 Ms. Alimaa Batchuluun, Officer, Integrated Investment Division, National Development Agency, Mongolia

Moderator:

Dr. Dorit Sallis, Managing Director, Joint Chambers of Commerce

14:30 – 17:30**INVESTMENT AND THE DIGITAL ECONOMY**

Room XXIV

The rapid rise of digital economy, the application of internet-based technologies to the production and trade of goods and services, has reshaped how we consume, produce and trade. It has also transformed global investments, created new markets and even provided new avenues for tackling persistent development problems.

While ubiquitous for developed countries, digital economy development remains a challenge for most developing and least developed countries. Some 3.8 billion people, according to ITU, have never been online - and they are concentrated in Asia-Pacific and Africa. This digital divide, born out of a lack of investment, capacity or structural problems, makes the journey to digitalization a complex one.

This session, organized in cooperation with the **International Telecommunication Union (ITU)**, will gather investors of the digital economy to discuss best practices in investing for digital economy development. Speakers, ranging from infrastructure providers, financial backers, and digital firms, will discuss the current and future state of investment in the digital economy, their role and interconnectedness, along with innovative practices and policies that have facilitated them in channeling investments to help close the digital divide. Insights from this session will also feed into the work of United Nations Secretary General's High-level Panel of Digital Cooperation.

Issues for the debate:

- What kind of investments are needed for digital economy development?
- What are the challenges to mobilizing investments towards digital economy development?
- What kind of innovative practices or policies help facilitate investment for digital economy development?

Opening statements:

Mr. James Zhan, Director of Investment and Enterprise, UNCTAD

Mr. Houlin Zhao, Secretary-General of the International Telecommunication Union

Ms. Nora K. Terrado, Undersecretary, Philippines Trade and Investment Promotions Group

Speakers:

Mr. Javier Albares, Head Corporate Strategy, Groupe Speciale Mobile Association (GSMA)

Mr. Magdi Amin, Partner, Omidyar Network

Mr. Kee Lock Chua, CEO, Vertex Holdings

Mr. David Harmon, VP, Global Government Affairs, Huawei

Mr. Fernando Loureiro, Senior Director, Public Policy and Government Affairs, Latin America, Intel

Mr. Lexi Novistske, Principal Investment, Singularity Investments

Mr. Dylan Piatti, Chairman of the Board, Ecommerce Africa

Mr. Brian Wong, Vice President, Global Initiatives, Alibaba

Moderators:

Mr. Richard Bolwijn, Head, Investment Research Branch, UNCTAD

Mr. Dylan Piatti, Chairman of the Board, Ecommerce Africa

14:30 – 17:30

Room XXV

FOSTERING INVESTMENT IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW ANTIBACTERIAL TREATMENTS

Antimicrobial resistant infections (AMR) are on the rise and pose a significant global risk. Developing countries, in particular, are vulnerable because they often lack key medical resources. The development of new antibacterial treatments is costly while the return on investment is low. Organized in cooperation with the **World Health Organization (WHO)**, the conference will explore solutions to this dilemma, seeking to facilitate cooperation between biotech firms, potential investors and governments for AMR investment. It will present some innovative technologies that need financial support and provide a matchmaking platform to connect impact investors with researchers and developers of treatments against AMR.

Issues for the debate:

- What is the role of governments?
- What are the needs of the industry?
- Which innovative means of investment can help address the AMR problem?

Opening statement:

Ms. Isabelle Durant, Deputy Secretary-General, UNCTAD

Hon. Dr. Alfred Madigele, Minister of Health and Wellness, Botswana

H.E. Dr. Venko Filipche, Minister of Health, former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

Dr. Ranieri Guerra, Assistant Director General for Special Initiatives, World Health Organization

Speakers:

Mr. Rich Lawson, CARB-X Senior Project Manager, Boston University School of Law
 Mr. Christopher Egerton-Warburton, Expert Advisory Board Chair, United Kingdom Global AMR Innovation Fund
 Mr. Tomotaka Goji, Managing Partner, The University of Tokyo Edge Capital Japan Fund
 Mr. Marc Gitzinger, CEO, Bioversys
 Mr. Anand Anandkumar, CEO, Bugworks Research
 Mr. Yoshinori Yamano, Chief Scientific Officer for Infectious Diseases Pharmaceutical Research Division, Shionogi & Co. Ltd
 Mr. Jean-Pierre Paccaud, the Incubation Business Development & Strategy Director, GARDP
 Mr. Andreas Sandgren, Policy Advisor, ReAct – Action on Antibiotic Resistance Uppsala University, Sweden
 Mr. Nireesh Bhagwandin, Executive Manager of Strategic Research Initiatives, South Africa Medical Research Council
 Mr. Clemens Martin Auer, Director-General, Federal Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs, Health and Consumer Protection, Austria
 Ms. Jenny Hellman, Public Health Agency of Sweden, Public Health Agency of Sweden

Moderator:

Ms. Laura Piddock, Head of Scientific Affairs, Global Antibiotic Research and Development Partnership (GARDP)

14:45 – 17:45

Room XXVI

INVESTMENT PROMOTION CONFERENCE 2018**Session 1: Promoting investment in the SDGs – connecting the actors**

Bridging the enormous SDG financing gap (estimated at \$2.5 trillion annually in developing countries) will require increased private investment. The Investment Promotion Conference, organized in partnership with the **World Association of Investment Promotion Agencies (WAIPA)** and the **Caribbean Association of Investment Promotion Agencies (CAIPA)**, will bring together heads of outward investment agencies (OIAs) and investment promotion agencies (IPAs) to present ways in which bankable SDG-projects can be prepared, promoted and financed, and discuss how different institutions and companies can partner to realize SDG projects.

Issues for the debate:

- Preparation of bankable SDG project proposals by IPAs and OIAs
- Marketing tools for SDG projects and solutions to finance SDG projects with relatively low returns and high risks
- Benefits of partnerships between institutions such as OIAs and IPAs and with the private sector

Opening statement:

Mr. James Zhan, Director of Investment and Enterprise, UNCTAD

Speakers:

Mr. Bostjan Skalar, CEO, World Association of Investment Promotion Agencies (WAIPA)
 Ms. Diane Edwards, President, JAMPRO and the Caribbean Association of Investment Promotion Agencies
 Mr. Hans Docter, Director for Sustainable Development, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Netherlands
 Mr. Jorge Lawson, Director, Banco de la Nación, Argentina
 Mr. Roberto Jaguaribe, President, APEX-Brasil, Brazil
 Ms. Yewande Sadiku, CEO, Nigerian Investment Promotion Commission

Discussant:

Mr. Russel Curtis, CEO, Invest Durban, South Africa

Moderator:

Ms. Courtney Fingar, Editor-in-Chief, fDi Magazine & Head of Content, fDi Intelligence

Session 2: Building Sustainable Cities

With two-thirds of the world population set to live in urban areas by 2050, sustainable urban development is a fundamental component to the successful implementation of the SDGs. Developing accessible infrastructure, affordable housing and suitable facilities will not be possible without private sector involvement. At the same time, private engagement in the provision of public services is highly sensitive and poses a challenge to city policymakers. This session, in cooperation with the **United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)**, will join city leaders, developers, investors, and architects in discussion on the role of urban development in achieving the SDGs, and how cities and IPAs can better promote and facilitate private investment for this purpose.

Issues for the debate:

- Opportunities and challenges for investment in sustainable urban projects in developing countries.
- Means for cities and IPAs to improve the promotion and facilitation of investment.
- Key lessons from best practice, and effective multi-stakeholder coordination arrangements.

Speakers:

Mr. Marwan Abou Dib, Co-Founder and Partner, Tekuma Frenchman
 Mr. Parfait Busabizwa, Vice Mayor, Kigali, Rwanda
 Mr. Roland Chalons-Browne, CEO, Siemens Financial Services
 Mr. Bruno Charles, Vice President, Métropole de Lyon, France
 Ms. Mpho Moloji, Mayor, Maseru, Lesotho
 Mr. Phillip Sithole, Deputy City Manager for Economic Development, eThekweni Municipality, South Africa
 Mr. Kagiso Calvin Thutlwe, Mayor, Gaborone, Botswana

Discussants:

Mr. Robert Lewis-Lettington, Chief of Legislation Unit, United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)
 Ms. Rachel Sklar, CEO, Pit Vidura

Moderator:

Ms. Courtney Fingar, Editor-in-Chief, fDi Magazine & Head of Content, fDi Intelligence

15:00 – 18:00

Room XVII

SUSTAINABLE STOCK EXCHANGES (SSE) GLOBAL DIALOGUE



The Sustainable Stock Exchange (SSE) initiative – launched by **UNCTAD**, the **United Nations Global Compact (UNGC)**, the **United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)** and the **Principles for Responsible Investment (PRI)** – is a global platform for promoting responsible investment for sustainable development. Bringing together its 70 partner exchanges, securities regulators, investors, companies and other stakeholders, the SSE Global Dialogue is the largest global gathering of stock exchange leaders exclusively devoted to sustainable development.

The 2018 Global Dialogue, organized in partnership with the **World Federation of Exchanges (WFE)**, will strengthen consensus and action among capital market leaders on their contribution to sustainable development.

Issues for the debate:

- Bringing a stock exchange perspective to the SDGs: The experience with promoting Environmental, social, and governance (ESG) transparency among listed companies and innovative sustainability-themed products (e.g. ESG indices, green bonds, etc.).
- What is the appropriate role for regulators and policymakers and what should be left to stock exchanges, investors and issuers?
- What practical steps are exchanges and regulators taking to integrate sustainable development into securities markets?

Opening statement:

Mr. James Zhan, Director of Investment and Enterprise, UNCTAD

Speakers:

Mr. Paul Andrews, Secretary General, International Organisation of Securities Commissions (Keynote)

Ms. Bente Landsnes, CEO, Oslo Børs

Mr. José Rafael Brenes Vega, CEO, Costa Rica Stock Exchange

Mr. Mohamed Farid, Chairman, Egyptian Exchange

Mr. Robert Scharfe, CEO, Bourse de Luxembourg

Mr. Jianjun Wang, President, Shenzhen Stock Exchange

Mr. Karim Hajji, CEO, Bourse de Casablanca

Mr. Moremi Marwa, CEO, Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange

Mr. Sunil Benimadhu, CEO, Stock Exchange of Mauritius

Mr. Lauri Rosendhal, President, Nasdaq Nordic

Ms. Eva Halvarsson, CEO, Second Swedish National Pension Fund (AP2)

Ms. Didem Nisanci, Global head of public policy, Bloomberg LP

Mr. Tim Mohin, CEO, Global Reporting Initiative (GRI)

Mr. Eric Usher, Head, UNEP Finance Initiative

Ms. Nezha Hayat, CEO and Chairperson, Moroccan Capital Market Authority

Mr. Sandy Frucher, Vice Chair, NASDAQ

Mr. Pakorn Peetatchawatchai, President, Stock Exchange Thailand

Mr. Mohamed Omran, Chairman, Egyptian Financial Regulatory Authority

Mr. Shaifur Rahman Mazumdar, Managing Director, Chittagong Stock Exchange

Ms. Nicky Newton King, CEO, Johannesburg Stock Exchange

Ms. Olga Cantillo, CEO, Vice President, BVP Panama Stock Exchange

Ms. Mary Porter Peschka, Director of Sustainability, IFC

Mr. Steve Waygood, Chief Responsible Investment Officer, Aviva Investors

Mr. Rashid Ali Al-Mansoori, CEO, Qatar Stock Exchange

Mr. Urs Rüegsegger, Chairman, World Federation of Exchanges and Chairman of SIX Swiss Exchange

Mr. Kesiuke Arai, Secretary General, Sustainability Committee Japan Stock Exchange

Moderator:

Ms. Nandini Sukumar, CEO, World Federation of Exchanges

2018 Sustainable Stock Exchanges (SSE) Awards

The inaugural SSE Awards will be presented for two categories. The first recognizes SSE "ground breakers", based on innovative sustainability practices. The second recognizes SSE market transparency, based on real impact towards market transparency in the market in which the exchange operates.

Award Presenters:

Mr. James Zhan, Director of Investment and Enterprise, UNCTAD

Mr. Eric Usher, Head, UNEP Finance Initiative

Mr. Steve Waygood, Chief Responsible Investment Officer, Aviva Investors

Mr. David Harris, Group Head of Sustainable Business, FTSE-Russell

SSE "Ground-Breaker" Awards:

Presented to the 5 founding signatories of the SSE.

B3, Brazil

Recipient: Ms. Sonia Favaretto, Press, Sustainability, Communication and Social Investment Director

The Egyptian Exchange

Recipient: Mr. Mohamed Farid, Chairman, and Dr. Mohammed Omran, former Chairman

The Johannesburg Stock Exchange
Recipient: Ms. Nicky Newton King, CEO
 NASDAQ
Recipient: Mr. Sandy Frucher, Vice-Chair
 Borsa Istanbul
Recipient: Mr. Recep Bildik, Director

SSE Market Transparency Awards:

Best Overall, Nasdaq Helsinki
Recipient: Mr. Lauri Rosenthal, CEO of Nasdaq Nordic (former CEO of Nasdaq Helsinki)
 Best Emerging Market, Stock Exchange of Thailand
Recipient: Mr. Pakorn Peetatchawatchai, President

15:00 – 17:00

Room XXVII

MINISTERIAL ROUNDTABLE: THE AFRICAN, CARIBBEAN AND PACIFIC GROUP OF STATES (ACP)



Strengthening investment policy coordination for development

Ministers and ambassadors from ACP countries will share their views on the global policy environment and how it can effectively mobilize investment for sustainable development objectives. They will highlight the most prominent investment policy developments in their countries and will discuss the need to strengthen coordination and cooperation among ACP countries to enhance, among others, the development dimension of the renewal of the ACP-EU Cotonou Agreement, especially with regard to investment-related provisions.

Issues for the debate:

- Which are ACP countries' key priorities in investment policymaking in the coming years?
- Which role can the ACP Secretariat and UNCTAD play to support ACP countries in the best possible way in the formulation of modern and balanced investment policies?
- How can the Joint ACP-UNCTAD Guiding Principles for Investment Policymaking enhance ACP policymakers' collective approach towards future investment policy negotiations?

Opening statement:

Dr. Mukhisa Kituyi, Secretary-General, UNCTAD
 Dr. Patrick Ignatius Gomes, Secretary-General of the African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States (ACP) (via video)

Speakers:

H.E. Ms. Bogolo Joy Kenewendo, Minister of Investment, Trade and Industry, Botswana
 H.E. Mr. Hassan Come, Minister of Commerce and Industry, Central African Republic
 H.E. Mr. Marcel Ilunga Leu, Minister of Industry, Democratic Republic of the Congo
 H.E. Mr. Alan John Kwadwo Kyerematen, Minister of Trade and Industry, Ghana
 Mr. Halebonoe Setsabi, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Relations, Kingdom of Lesotho
 H.E. Prof. Wilson K. Tarpeh, Minister of Commerce and Industry, Republic of Liberia
 H.E. Mr. Henry Mussa, Minister of Industry, Trade and Tourism, Republic of Malawi
 H.E. Mr. Tjekero Tweya, Minister of Industrialization, Trade & SME Development, Namibia
 H.E. Ms. Amelia Kyambadde, Minister of Trade, Industry and Co-Operatives, Uganda
 Ms. Kayula Siame, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Commerce, Trade and Industry, Zambia
 Ms. Betty Maina, Principal Secretary, State Department of Investment and Industry Ministry of Industry, Trade and Cooperatives, Kenya

Ambassadors:

H.E. Ms. Margarida Rosa Da Silva Izata, Ambassador, Permanent Representative, Angola
 H.E. Mr. Rénovat Tabu, Ambassador, Permanent Representative, Burundi

H.E. Ms. Véronique Resaka, Ambassador, Permanent Representative, Madagascar
 H.E. Mr. Barrett Salato, Ambassador, Permanent Representative, Solomon Islands
 H.E. Mr. James Alex Msekela, Ambassador, Permanent Representative, United Republic of Tanzania
 H.E. Mr. Taonga Mushayavanhu, Ambassador, Permanent Representative, Zimbabwe

15:00 – 17:00

Room XX

INVESTING IN SPORTS FOR SDGs

The United Nations have long recognized the contribution of sport to human and social progress and its member states reaffirmed the role of sport in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development by stressing that: “Sport is an important enabler of sustainable development. We recognize the growing contribution of sport to the realization of development and peace in its promotion of tolerance and respect and the contributions it makes to the empowerment of women and of young people, individuals and communities as well as to health, education and social inclusion objectives” (A/RES/70/1, paragraph 37). Beyond promoting values of fairness, teamwork and tolerance, sport initiatives can empower individuals and communities, promote personal well-being and encourage social inclusion.

During this high-level interactive discussion, co-organized with the **International Olympic Committee (IOC)**, UNCTAD will convene the key stakeholders in promoting sports for sustainable development, including UN Member States, renowned athletes, private investors as well as agencies and programmes of the UN family. The discussion will focus on concrete policies and initiatives to further enhance the contribution of sport and sport-related investment to achieving the SDGs.

Issues to be addressed:

- The levers through which sport empowers individuals and communities, particularly among the youth and women, and successful government policies to support them.
- Best practice sport-based initiatives to mobilize resources for sustainable development.
- Policies, initiatives and practices to enhance the development impact of sport events and sport tourism on host countries and cities.

Opening statements:

Mr. Michael Møller, Director-General, United Nations Office at Geneva

Mr. Juan Antonio Samaranch, Vice-President, International Olympic Committee (IOC)

Speakers:

H.E. Ms. Rethabile Marumo, Deputy Minister of Gender and Youth, Sports and Recreation, Kingdom of Lesotho

Mr. Francesco Ricci-Bitti, President, Association of Summer Olympic International Federations (ASOIF)

Mr. Nick Sore, Senior Refugee Sports Coordinator, UNHCR

Ms. Samantha Murray (UK), World Champion and Olympic Medalist, Pentathlon

Ms. Stefany Hernandez (VEN), World Champion and Olympic Medalist, BMX

Mr. Hans Reitz, CEO, Grameen Creative Lab, Advisor to Peace Nobel Laureate Prof Muhammad Yunus

Moderator:

Mr. Giovanni Di Cola, Special Adviser and Focal Point on Sport, Office of the Deputy Director General, International Labour Organisation (ILO)

15:00 – 18:00

Room E-8047

*(by invitation only)***EMPRETEC DIRECTOR'S MEETING**

Representatives from the Empretec network will meet to review the activities carried out in the past twelve months and present their plans for the coming year. The meeting will also be an opportunity to provide a preliminary assessment of the implementation of a new version of the 6-day Empretec workshop, following the international training-of-trainers organized by UNCTAD, in collaboration with the Brazilian Empretec centre, last June.

Issues for the debate:

- Review of Empretec activities carried out in 2018 at the global and national levels.
- Strategic directions of the Empretec programme for 2019.
- Assessment of the implementation of a new version of the Empretec 6-day workshop in selected countries.

15:30 – 17:30

Room XXII

LEGISLATING FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**Tripartite between parliamentarians, government and business Leaders**

As national legislators, parliaments have a vital role to promote investment in sustainable development and set appropriate regulatory frameworks. This role extends to a broad range of policy areas, including investment, trade, competition and tax rules, environmental and social protection, as well as labour and safety regulations. Important considerations in this context are; first, to ensure that sustainable development objectives meet the needs of the people, are adequately discussed and taken into account in legislative action; second, the need for strong parliamentary oversight of governance issues, notably concerning issues related to investment regulation, and third, the relationship between legislators and different stakeholders – in this respect policy makers need to ensure that the needs of their constituents are equally balanced with the need to attract investment.

In this session, organized in cooperation with the **Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU)**, parliamentarians from around the world will join in a multi-stakeholder dialogue with business executives, ministers and heads of international organizations to discuss and debate the means in which legislators can work with the private sector to help channel investment into sustainable sectors.

Issues for the debate:

- How can the interaction between parliaments, policy makers and the private sector be improved to better deliver on sustainable development?
- What are the main challenges for the implementation of SDGs at national level and how can this partnership contribute to overcome them?

What are the global policy imperatives in this context, and how can international organizations contribute?

Opening statements:

Ms. Gabriela Cuevas Barrón, President of the Inter-Parliamentary Union

Dr. Mukhisa Kituyi, Secretary-General, UNCTAD

Speakers:

H.E. Dr. Unity Dow, Minister of International Affairs and Cooperation, Botswana

H.E. Mr. Tefo Mapesela, Minister of Trade and Industry, Lesotho

Ms. Gabriela Cuevas Barrón, President of the Inter-Parliamentary Union

H.E. Ambassador Mohamed Abu El Enein, Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean (PAM) President Emeritus and PAM Permanent Representative to the League of Arab States

Mr. Tadahiro Kawada, President, Kawada Technologies

Dr. Frank-Jürgen Richter, Founder and Chairman, Horasis

Mr. Arif Zaman, Executive Director, Commonwealth Businesswomen's Network

Moderator:

Ms. Imogen Foulkes, BBC Journalist

16:00 – 18:00

Room XI

MAIN OBSTACLES AND SOLUTIONS TO INVESTMENT IN AFRICA

Accelerating private sector engagement and investments in Africa is a priority to achieve sustainable development and inclusive growth in the continent. There is a need to develop new strategic ties and partnerships between foreign investors and African Governments. Such partnerships should be based on new generation investment policies that guarantees a balance between investment protection and the right of African countries to regulate for public policy objectives. The event will shed light on the challenges and opportunities for investment in Africa. It will highlight recent efforts pursued by the **Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC)**, the **Islamic Development Bank (IDB)** and **UNCTAD** to create an environment conducive to attracting more and better foreign investments in Africa and will present the proposed OIC - UNCTAD Guiding Principles for Investment Policies that can be used to assist OIC and African countries create more modern and balanced investment rules at the national and international levels.

Issues for the debate:

- OIC and IDB cooperation with African countries on investment-related issues and projects.
- Main obstacles to investment in Africa.
- Towards a new generation of investment policies in Africa and beyond: the OIC - UNCTAD Guiding Principles for investment policymaking.

Opening statement:

Ms. Isabelle Durant, Deputy Secretary-General, UNCTAD

Speakers:

Dr. El Hassane Hzaïne, Director-General, Islamic Centre for Development of Trade

Dr. Oussama Kaissi, CEO, Islamic Corporation for Insurance of Investment and Export Credit

H.E. Mr. Musa Kulaklikaya, Director-General, Statistical, Economic and Social Research and Training Centre for Islamic Countries

Dr. Ayedh Al Obtaibi, Deputy Governor, Saudi Arabian General Investment Authority (SAGIA), The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

Mr. Nabil Marc Abdul, CEO, Inoks Capital

Ms. Patience Okala, Deputy Director, Legal Adviser, Nigerian Investment Promotion Commission (NIPC)

18:30

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NETWORKING RECEPTION

WEDNESDAY, 24 OCTOBER

08:00 – 09:45

Room XXIII

TALKING BUSINESS AFRICA I

“Talking Business” are interactive sessions between governments and business. They provide a platform to showcase investment opportunities in countries, explore new investment horizons and interact with high-level country representatives.

Opening statements:

Mr. Joerg Weber, Head, Investment Policies Branch, DIAE, UNCTAD

Dr. Dorit Sallis, Managing Director, Joint Chambers of Commerce

Speakers:

H.E. Mr. Tjekero Tweya, Minister of Industrialization, Trade and SME Development, Namibia

Mr. Ken Ndala, Principal Secretary, Ministry of Industry, Trade and Tourism, Malawi

Mr. Andry Ravalomanda, Chief Executive Officer, Economic Development Board of Madagascar, Madagascar

Mr. Geoffrey Idelphonse Mwambe, Executive Director, Tanzania Investment Centre, United Republic of Tanzania

Ms. Winifred Ngangure Kabega, Head, Investment Promotion and Facilitation, Rwanda Development Board, Rwanda

M. Ghislain Mboma, Directeur en charge de la promotion des investissements, Agence nationale de promotion des investissements, Gabon

Mr. Matongo Matamwandi, Director of Investments, Zambia Development Agency, Zambia

Moderator:

Mr. Thomas Seghezzi, Managing Director, Swiss-African Business Circle (SABC)

09:00 – 10:00

Delegates

Restaurant

(by invitation only)

INVESTMENT POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR GLOBAL VALUE CHAIN UPGRADING

Interactive breakfast encounter

Connecting to global and regional production networks can provide SMEs and developing country firms' significant opportunities to cater to new markets and improve quality and productivity. To enable firms to absorb these benefits and upgrade their position in value chains, host countries must enact policy reforms and programmes, including in areas of investment, services, taxation, education and training. Organized by the **World Economic Forum (WEF)**, in collaboration with the **International Chamber of Commerce (ICC)** and **UNCTAD**, this interactive dialogue will share examples of successful investment policy and practice interventions that improved host countries' participation in global and regional value chains and boosted sustainable development impacts of investment for local economies.

Issues for the debate:

- What barriers do small firms and developing country firms face in joining global and regional value chains and in upgrading to higher value-added stages?
- What are examples successful investment policy interventions for facilitating value chain upgrading? How can related areas of policy also support upgrading?
- What can leading firms and investors do to improve sustainable development impacts of GVC operations? Which policies incentivise and facilitate these contributions?

Opening statement:

Mr. James Zhan, Director of Investment and Enterprise, UNCTAD

Speakers:

H.E. Ms. Bogolo Joy Kenewendo, Minister of Investment, Trade and Industry, Botswana

Mr. Roel Spee, Global Leader Plant Location International, IBM

Mr. Matthew Stephenson, Investment and Competition, Macroeconomics, Trade & Investment, World Bank Group

Mr. Martin G. Kaspar, Head of Business Development, Fränkische Industrial Pipes

Mr. Dylan Piatti, Senior Chief of Staff, Africa Consumer & Industrial Products, Deloitte South Africa

Mr. Hans Docter, Director Sustainable Economic Development and Ambassador Private Sector & Development Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands

Mr. Nikolaus Schultze, Director, Policy & Global Affairs, International Chamber of Commerce

Moderator:

Mr. Sean Doherty, Head of International Trade and Investment, World Economic Forum

10:00 – 13:00

Assembly Hall

GLOBAL LEADERS INVESTMENT SUMMIT II



Investment in a new era of industrialization

The second Summit will look into the impact of new industrialization. New industrialization (based on digitalization, robotics and big data) is bound to affect all aspects of the way in which goods and services are produced and consumed globally, with profound implications for trade, investment and development. The international community needs to ensure that new industrialization supports, not impedes, the advancement of the SDGs.

Issues for the debate:

- How will new industrialization affect international investment and its relation to development?
- What are the best possible scenarios for new industrialization to support the SDGs, and what are the main means to realize them?
- What can the United Nations contribute to maximize the positive and minimize the negative impact of new industrialization on investment for development?

Opening statement:

Dr. Mukhisa Kituyi, Secretary-General, UNCTAD

Speakers:

H.E. Mr. Armen Sarkissian, President of the Republic of Armenia

H.E. Mr. Mokgweetsi E.K. Masisi, President of the Republic of Botswana

H.E. Prof. Faustin Archange Touadéra, President of the Central African Republic

H.E. Mr. Motsoahae Thomas Thabane, Prime Minister, Kingdom of Lesotho

H.E. Ms. María Fernanda Espinosa Garcés, President of the 73rd Session of the General Assembly, United Nations

Ms. Gabriela Cuevas Barron, President, Inter-Parliamentary Union

Mr. Børge Brende, President, World Economic Forum

Mr. Bruce Cleaver, CEO, De Beers Group

Mr. Tewolde GebreMariam, Group CEO, Ethiopian Airlines

Moderator:

Ms. Louise Cooper, renowned financial analyst and BBC broadcaster

10:30 – 13:30

Room XX

BLOCKCHAINS FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Blockchain technologies may have a profound impact on development-oriented investment, not only by revolutionizing global payment systems but also through improvements to access to finance, supply chain management, digital identities or land registries (through decentralized applications). This impact goes beyond traditional financial services and business processes and extends to other industries important for the SDGs, such as agriculture, healthcare and transportation. Organized with the **Institute for Leadership and Sustainability (IFLAS), University of Cumbria**, the event will seek to develop ideas on how to increase the positive impact and minimize the negative effects of blockchain technologies on investment for development.

Issues for the debate:

- The application of blockchain technologies in enterprise and finance
- The risks and opportunities of blockchain for sustainable development
- Regulatory and policy precedents, concerns and responses

Opening statement:

Mr. James Zhan, Director of Investment and Enterprise, UNCTAD

Speakers:

Prof. Dr. Jem Bendell, Professor of Sustainability Leadership and Founder of the Institute for Leadership and Sustainability (IFLAS), University of Cumbria

Ms. Galia Benartzi, Co-Founder, Bancor

Ms. Marta Piekarska, Director of Ecosystem, Hyperledger

Mr. Louis De Bruin, Blockchain Leader Europe, IBM Digital Operations

Ms. Vanessa Grellet, Executive Director, Consensys Social Impact

Mr. Sander De Jong, Managing Director, FairFood International

Mr. Changpeng “CZ” Zhao, CEO, Binance

Dr. Günther Dobrauz, Partner & Leader, PwC Legal Switzerland

Mr. Marius Jurgilas, Member of the Board, Bank of Lithuania

Mr. Chris Fabian, Co-Founder, UNICEF Innovation Fund

Ms. Eva Kaili, Member of the European Parliament, Chair Science & Technology Options Assessment Body, European Union

Mr. Hans Docter, Director for Sustainable Economic Development, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands

Dr. Abdalla Kablan, Chair of Blockchain Committee, Board of Directors, Malta Stock Exchange

11:00 – 13:00

Room XXIII

THE GLOBAL i-GUIDES MEETING**How the Online Investment Guides can help promote and facilitate investment**

The online investment-guides have proven to be helpful tools for investment promotion agencies to attract better quality investment to these countries and develop their capacity for investment promotion. At the event, representatives of investment promotion agencies from implementing countries will first present their experience with the guides. This will be followed by a discussion open to all participants on how the online investment guides can be further improved and aligned with countries' investment facilitation agenda, as well as how international and regional organizations can contribute to implementing the guides. The meeting is organized with the **UN Economic Commission for Africa (ECA)** and is aimed at investment promotion officials and practitioners from the public and private sectors.

Issues for the debate:

- How can i-Guides be further improved?
- How can i-Guides be aligned with countries' investment facilitation agenda?
- What can international organizations contribute?

Opening statement:

Ms. Isabelle Durant, Deputy Secretary-General, UNCTAD

Speakers:

Ms. Yewande Sadiku, Executive Secretary / CEO, Nigerian Investment Promotion Commission

Mr. George Kanthiti, Principal Investment Promotion Officer, Ministry of Industry and Trade, Malawi

Mr. Johary Rajosefa, Director of Promotion and Economic Intelligence, Economic Development Board of Madagascar

Mr. Stephen Karingi, Director, Economic Commission for Africa

Mr. Richard Bolwijn, Head, Investment Research Branch, UNCTAD

Mr. Ian Richards, Economic Affairs Officer in charge of investment guides programme, UNCTAD

13:15-14:45

Delegates

Restaurant

*(by invitation only)***NORDIC IPAs LUNCHEON****Organized in collaboration with the World Association of Investment Promotion Agencies****13:15 – 14:45**

Delegates

Restaurant

*(by invitation only)***LEADERS LUNCHEON: MEETING OF THE INVESTMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Launched in 2001, the **UNCTAD-International Chamber of Commerce (ICC)** Investment Advisory Council brings together global leaders from the public and the private sphere to brainstorm on innovative means to increase the contributions of private investment in sustainable development.

Issues for the debate:

- How to better leverage public funds for increased private sector investment in developing countries?
- How to target technical assistance and capacity building to help these economies attract more investment?
- How can UNCTAD and the ICC operationalize these ideas?

Participants:

H.E. Mr. Armen Sarkissian, President of the Republic of Armenia
 H.E. Mr. Mokgweetsi E.K. Masisi, President of the Republic of Botswana
 H.E. Prof. Faustin Archange Touadera, President of the Central African Republic
 H.E. Mr. Motsoahae Thomas Thabane, Prime Minister, Kingdom of Lesotho
 Together with Ministers, business executives and heads of international organisations.

Moderator:

Mr. James Zhan, Director of Investment and Enterprise, UNCTAD

13:15 – 14:45

Room XXIII

TALKING BUSINESS AFRICA II

“Talking Business” are interactive sessions between governments and business. They provide a platform to showcase investment opportunities in countries, explore new investment horizons and interact with high-level country representatives.

Opening statements:

Mr. Joerg Weber, Head, Investment Policies Branch, DIAE, UNCTAD

Ms. Verena Utzinger, President, SABC

Speakers:

Mr. Emmanuel Essis, Secrétaire d'Etat auprès du Premier Ministre, chargé de la promotion de l'investissement privé, Côte d'Ivoire

Ms. Betty Maina, Principal Secretary, State Department of Investment and Industry Ministry of Industry, Trade and Cooperatives, Kenya

Mr. Mohato Seleke, Chief Executive Officer, Lesotho National Development Corporation, Lesotho

Ms. Yewande Sadiku, Executive Secretary, Nigerian Investment Promotion Commission, Nigeria

Mr. Sheku Lexmond Koroma, Chief Executive Officer, Sierra Leone Investment and Export Promotion Agency, Sierra Leone

Mr. Anthony Nkinzo Kamole, Directeur général, Agence nationale de promotion des investissements, République Démocratique du Congo

Mr. Reginald Selelo, Acting Chief Operations Officer, Botswana Investment and Trade Centre, Botswana

Mr. Pfungwa Kunaka, Principal Director, Fiscal and Advisory Services Department, Ministry of Finance and Economic Development, Zimbabwe

Moderator:

Mr. Thomas Seghezzi, Managing Director, Swiss-African Business Circle (SABC)

14:30 – 17:00

Room XXII

SOVEREIGN WEALTH AND PENSION FUNDS DIALOGUE**Partnering for long-term sustainable development**

Sovereign wealth funds (SWFs) manage assets of over \$6 trillion, and public-sector pension funds (PPFs) worldwide almost triple this figure. With a long-term investment horizon, these funds play a growing role as investors in SDG sectors, particularly in infrastructure, renewable energy, public health and education. However, only a small portion of their financial assets is currently dedicated to direct investment. This roundtable will bring together ministers, executives of SWFs and PPFs, other development financing partners, and investment experts to examine collaboration opportunities to mobilize more investment into SDG sectors.

Issues for the debate:

- What role can SWFs and PPFs play in promoting sustainable development through investment, particularly in infrastructure?
- How can governments create a more conducive environment to encourage sustainable investment by these funds and maximize development benefits?
- What role can international organizations such as UNCTAD play in facilitating investment by SWFs and PPFs in sustainable development?

Opening statement:

Mr. James Zhan, Director of Investment and Enterprise, UNCTAD

Speakers:

Mr. Shahmar Movsumov, Executive Director, State Oil Fund, Azerbaijan

Mr. Michael Charlton, Managing Director & Chief Investment Officer

Mr. Magnus Billing, CEO, Alecta Pension, Sweden

Ms. Cate Ambrose, President & Executive Director, Latin American Private Equity & Venture Capital Association

Mr. Jean Laville, Deputy CEO, Swiss Sustainable Finance, Switzerland

Mr. Laurent Zylberberg, Chairman, European Long-Term Investors Association (ELTI); Senior Executive Vice-President, French Caisse des dépôts (CDC), France

Ms. Eva Halvarsson, CEO, The Second Swedish National Pension Fund (AP2), Sweden

Mr. Kevin Lu, Chairman of Asia, Partners Group, Singapore

Mr. M.K. Sinha, Managing Partner & Co-Head, Global Infrastructure Partners India LLP, India

Mr. Rahul Agarwal, Principal Investment Specialist, Invest India

Mr. Will Martindale, Director of Policy and Research, Principles for Responsible Investment

15:00 – 19:00

Room XXVI

HIGH-LEVEL INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT**AGREEMENTS (IIA) CONFERENCE 2018****Going beyond IIAs: Fostering coherence through phase 3 of reform**

Mobilizing investment and channelling it towards the SDGs require adequate policy frameworks, at both the international and national levels, and in the investment and other policy fields. Countries have been working on reforming their international investment treaty networks. But there is also a need to consider national investment laws reform and ensure that investment policies are coherent with and supportive of other public policies. These challenges are taken up in Phase 3 of Reform. Based on UNCTAD's Reform Package for the International Investment Regime (2017), the 2018 IIA Conference will take stock of Phases 1 and 2 of IIA Reform and chart the way forward for the third phase of reform.

Issues for the debate:

- What progress has been made on different reform areas and the modernization of old-generation treaties?
- What are countries' priorities for the third phase of reform?
- What can be done to improve overall investment policy coherence?

Opening statement:

Mr. James Zhan, Director, Division on Investment and Enterprise, UNCTAD

Co-chairs:

Hon. Mr. Jayantha Jayasuriya, Attorney General, Sri Lanka
 Ms. Maria Martin-Prat, Director, Directorate General for Trade, European Commission
 Ms. Vilawan Mangaklatanakul, Director-General, Department of International Economic Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Thailand
 Mr. Ronald Roosdorp, Director for International Economic Governance and Trade Policy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Netherlands

Kick-off speakers:

Ms. Samira Sulejmanovic, Head, Unit for Bilateral Trade Relations, Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations, Bosnia and Herzegovina
 Mr. Vernon MacKay, Director, Investment Trade Policy Division, Trade Policy Branch, Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development, Canada
 Mr. Jiang Chenghua, Deputy Director General, Department of Treaty and Law, Ministry of Commerce, China
 Ms. Angela Dau-Pretorius, Deputy Director, Ministry of Industrialisation, Trade and SME Development, Namibia
 Ms. Meg Kinnear, Secretary-General, International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID)
 Ms. Kate Gilmore, UN Deputy-High Commissioner for Human Rights, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)
 Mr. Shaun Donnelly, Vice President, Investment and Financial Services, United States Council for International Business (USCIB)
 Ms. Nathalie Bernasconi, Executive Director, International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD) Europe

Speakers:

H.E. Mr. Carlos Mario Foradori, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Representative of the Argentine Republic to the UN and other International Organisations in Geneva, Argentina
 Mr. Simon Farbenbloom, Deputy Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of Australia to the WTO, Australia
 Mr. Abrão Miguel Árabe Neto, Secretary, Foreign Trade, Ministry of Industry, Foreign Trade and Services, Brazil
 Mr. Mahamady Koussoube, Director, Investment Facilitation, Investment Promotion Agency, Burkina Faso
 Mr. Marcelo Salazar, Director, Prevention, Dispute Resolution and Investment, Foreign Trade Directorate, Ministry of Industry and Commerce, Dominican Republic
 Ms. Maria Martin-Prat, Director, Directorate General for Trade, European Commission
 Mr. Frédéric Paruta, Counselor, Permanent Representation of France to UN at Geneva, France
 Mr. Jens Benninghofen, Advisor, Federal Ministry of Economics and Energy, Germany
 Mr. Sulaiman, Deputy Director General for Legal Affairs and International Treaties, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Indonesia
 Mr. Boaz Fleischman-Alaluf, Director, Investment and Trade Agreements Division, Ministry of Finance, Israel
 Ms. Betty Maina, Principal Secretary, State Department of Investment and Industry Ministry of Industry, Trade and Cooperatives, Kenya
 Mr. Vilaysack Phonesay, Deputy Director, Investment Promotion Department, Ministry of Planning and Investment, Lao People's Democratic Republic
 Ms. Lantonirina Erika Ramanarivo, Director, Public Private Partnership Department, Ministry of Finance and Budget, Madagascar
 Mr. Syed Mohd Faizal Syed Mohd Dardin, Director Investment Policy and Trade Facilitation, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry, Malaysia
 Mr. Amadou Moctar Kane, Director of the Promotion of Private Investment, Directorate General of Private Sector Promotion, Ministry of Economy and Finance, Mauritania

- Mr. Fernando Mayer De Leeuw, Director of International Trade of Services and Investment, Ministry of Economy, Mexico
- Ms. Doljinsuren Jambal, Director of Development Policy and Planning Division, National Development Agency, Mongolia
- Ms. Jovana Krunic, Head, Department for International Economic Relations, Ministry of Economy, Montenegro
- Mr. Ronald Roosdorp, Director for International Economic Governance and Trade Policy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Netherlands
- Ms. Yewande Sadiku, Executive Secretary/CEO, Nigerian Investment Promotion Commission, Nigeria
- Mr. Ricardo De Urioste Samanamud, Head Legal Advisor, Special Commission for the Defence of Peru in International Investment Arbitration, Ministry of Economy and Finance, Peru
- Ms. Marya Baranova, Deputy Director, Department for Trade Negotiations, Ministry of Economic Development, Russian Federation
- Mr. Ayedh H. Alotaibi, Deputy Governor, Saudi Arabian General Investment Authority (SAGIA), Saudi Arabia
- Ms. Jasmina Roskić, Head International Agreements and Foreign Trade Department, Ministry of Trade, Tourism and Telecommunications, Serbia
- Ms. Miriama Kiselyová, Financial Unit, Permanent Representation of the Slovak Republic to the EU
- Ms. Kekeletso Mashigo, Director: Legal, International Trade and Investment, Trade Negotiations Unit, International Trade and Economic Development Division, Department of Trade and Industry, South Africa
- Mr. Pablo Martinez Segrelles, Deputy Director, Directorate for International Investments, Spain
- Ms. Champika Malalgoda, Executive Director (Research & Policy Advocacy), Board of Investment, Sri Lanka
- Mr. Lukas Siegenthaler, Head of Division, International Investment and Multinational Enterprises, State Secretariat for Economic Affairs, Switzerland
- Ms. Vilawan Mangaklatanakul, Director-General, Department of International Economic Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Thailand
- Mr. Ahmad Mousa Aljaghbeer, Legal Advisor, Secretary General Office, Supreme Legislation Committee in the Emirate of Dubai, United Arab Emirates
- Ms. Vu Thi Chau Quynh, Deputy Director General, Department of Legislation, The Ministry of Planning and Investment, Viet Nam
- Ms. Kayula Siame, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Commerce, Trade and Industry, Zambia
- Ms. Treasure Maphanga, Director, Trade and Industry, African Union Commission (AU Commission)
- Mr. Thierry Kalonji, Director, Investment and Promotion and Private Sector Development, Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA)
- Mr. Urban Rusnák, Secretary-General, Energy Charter Secretariat (ECS)
- Mr. El Hassane Hzaïne, Director-General, Islamic Centre for Development of Trade (ICDT)
- Mr. David Gaukrodger, Senior Legal Adviser, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)
- Mr. Surya Deva, Vice Chair, UN Working Group on Business and Human Rights
- Mr. Chanchal Chand Sarkar, Director, Economic, Trade and Finance Division, South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation Secretariat (SAARC)
- Mr. Kenan Bagci, Acting Director, Research Department, Statistical, Economic and Social Research and Training Centre for Islamic Countries (SESRI)
- Mr. Vicente Paolo Yu, Coordinator, Global Governance for Development Programme, South Centre
- Ms. Caroline Nicolas, Senior Legal Officer, International Trade Law Division, United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL)
- Mr. Stephen Karingi, Director, Capacity Development Division, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA)

Mr. Marc Proksch, Chief, Investment and Enterprise Development Section, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)

Mr. Christoph Sprich, Senior Manager, Federation of German Industries (Bundesverband der Deutschen Industrie, BDI)

Mr. Pradeep S. Mehta, Secretary-General, Consumer Unity & Trust Society (CUTS International)

Mr. Pascal Kerneis, Managing Director, European Service Forum (ESF)

Mr. Dilip Chenoy, Secretary General, Federation of India Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI)

Mr. Kamalinne Pinitpuvadol, Executive Director, International Institute for Trade and Development (ITD)

15:30 – 17:30

Room XXIV

THE INVESTMENT, TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT NEXUS

Organized together with the **World Trade Organization (WTO)**, the high-level event will shed light on the evolving relationship between trade, investment and development in the new era of globalization and industrialization. The event will also discuss how the mounting trade tensions and the resurgence of trade and investment protectionism affect global trade, global value chains and investment prospects. Taking the Global Leaders Investment Summit outcome as basis, the event will focus on formulating strategies for developing countries to deal with ongoing and emerging challenges within the context of the 2030 Agenda for sustainable development and their commitment to meeting the SDGs.

Issues for the debate:

- What strategies should developing countries design and adopt to cope with the new era of globalization and industrialization?
- How to translate such coping strategies into national and international policies?
- What can international organizations do to assist developing countries deal with the issues arising from the resurgence of unilateralism and strengthen cooperation in trade and investment to meet the SDGs?

Opening Remarks:

Ms. Pamela Coke-Hamilton, Director, Division on International Trade and Commodities, UNCTAD

Keynote address:

Mr. Kurt Brauner, Deputy-Director-General, WTO

Speakers:

H.E. Mr. Alan John Kwadwo Kyerematen, Minister of Trade and Industry, Ghana

H.E. Mr. Benjamin Estoista Diokno, Secretary of Budget and Management, Philippines

Mr. Soaile Mochaba, Principal Secretary in the Ministry of Trade and Industry, Lesotho

Ms. Duangjai Asawachintachit, Secretary General, Board of Investment, Thailand

Mr. Osamu Onodera, Deputy Director-General for Trade Policy (G20) Trade Policy Bureau, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry, Japan

Mr. Ricardo Meléndez-Ortiz, Chief Executive Officer, International Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development

Moderator:

Mr. Sean Doherty, Head, International Trade and Investment, Member of the Executive Committee, World Economic Forum

15:30 – 18:00

Room XI

ENTREPRENEURSHIP, MIGRATION AND THE SDGs

Promoting the social and economic inclusion of migrants and refugees in host countries

Entrepreneurship can be a means to integrate migrants and refugees into local economies and bolster their positive contribution to economic and social development in host countries. Policies have an important role to play to support entrepreneurial activity by and for refugees and migrants.

The session, organized in collaboration with the **International Organization for Migration (IOM)** and the **United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)**, will host the launch of the joint UNCTAD, IOM and UNHCR Policy Guide on Entrepreneurship for Migrants and Refugees. The guide comes in the form of policy options and possible measures and initiatives that can be adopted by governments or other relevant stakeholders in host countries, depending on local needs and circumstances.

Issues for the debate:

- What are the main challenges migrants and refugees face when starting and scaling enterprises in new host countries?
- How can entrepreneurship development programmes help refugees and migrants, and foster sustainable livelihoods?
- How can the Entrepreneurship for Refugees and Migrants initiative contribute to the attainment of the SDGs?

Opening statements:

Ms. Isabelle Durant, Deputy Secretary-General, UNCTAD

Ms. Laura Thompson, Deputy Director General, IOM

Mr. Volker Turk, Assistant High Commissioner, UNHCR

Speakers:

Ms. Heloisa Menezes, Technical Director, SEBRAE, Brazil

Mr. Alfonso Abdo Felix, Executive Director, Conquito, Ecuador

Ms. Yanki Tshering, Executive Director, Business Center for New Americans, USA

Mr. Nayef Z. Stetieh, President & CEO, BDC, Jordan

Mr. Usman Iftikhar, CEO, Catalysr and 2018 Commonwealth Young Person of the Year

Ms. Barbara Duque, PEI, Portugal

Mr. Charles Ocici, Enterprise Uganda

Ms. Sahra Fahra, IOM Uganda

Ms Maria Alicia Eguiguren, UNHCR Ecuador

Mr. Emiliano Giovine, Politecnico di Milano and Tiresia

Moderator:

Mr. James Zhan, Director of Investment and Enterprise, UNCTAD

15:30 – 18:00

Room XXV

RESPONSIBLE AGRICULTURAL INVESTMENT

Achieving Zero Hunger (SDG2) requires significant increases in investment in agricultural value chains. At the same time, international investment in agriculture comes with a broad range of social, economic, and environmental challenges. The inter-agency working group (IAWG) of **UNCTAD**, the **World Bank Group**, the **Food and Agriculture Organization**, and the **International Fund for Agriculture Development** has worked together for a decade to improve understanding and provide recommendations on how to maximize the benefits of international investment in agriculture while minimizing the risks. The high-level meeting will present the lessons learned from the application in the field of responsible agricultural investment principles, and assess relevant policy dimensions and future policy-oriented research and work directions.

Issues for the debate:

- How can private investment in agricultural value chains best contribute to the SDGs?
- What are the main challenges to ensuring a positive contribution and what solutions are most effective?
- How can the lessons from the IAWG's experience be used to improve the outcomes of private investment in agricultural value chains?

Opening Statement:

Mr. James Zhan, Director of Investment and Enterprise, UNCTAD

Speakers:

H.E. Mr. Veng Sakhon, Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, Kingdom of Cambodia
 Mr. Daniel Hulls, CEO, AgDevCo
 Mr. Eytan Stibbe, CEO, Vital Capital Fund
 Mr. Saran Song, CEO, AMRU Rice Cambodia
 Mr. Shenggen Fan, Director-General, International Food Policy Research Institute
 Mr. Martien Van Nieuwkoop, Director, World Bank Group
 Ms. Marcela Villarreal, Director, Food and Agriculture Organization
 Mr. Alvaro Lario, IFAD Associate Vice-President, Chief Financial Officer & Chief Controller, Financial Operations Department
 Ms. Iris Krebber, Head of Agriculture, Department for International Development, UK
 Ms. Angélica Rotondaro, Founder, Alimi Impact Investors, Brazil
 Ms. Carin Smaller, Senior Policy Advisor, International Institute for Sustainable Development

Moderators:

Ms. Gerda Verburg, SUN Movement
 Mr. Greg Garrett, Director, Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition

16:00 – 18:00

Room XX

MINISTERIAL ROUNDTABLE: LDCs AND BUSINESS EXECUTIVES



Mobilizing investment in Least Developed Countries (LDCs)

Organized in collaboration with the **United Nations Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (UN-OHRLLS)**, the high-level meeting of LDC ministers and business executives will seek to advance ideas on how to strengthen the investment climate of these economies and the role of the private sector in development. These efforts are in pursuit of the high-level mid-term Review of the Istanbul Programme of Action for LDCs (2011–2020).

Issues for the debate:

- Ways to improve the capacity of LDC governments to promote and facilitate investment.
- Initiatives to diversify investment in LDCs.
- SDG-focused investment promotion strategies.

Opening statement:

Dr. Mukhisa Kituyi, Secretary-General, UNCTAD
 Mr. Oumar Diallo, on behalf of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries, and Small Island Developing States

Speakers:

H.E. Mr. Humayoon Rasaw, Minister of Industry and Commerce, Afghanistan
 H.E. Mr. Marcel Ilunga Leu, Minister of Industry, Democratic Republic of the Congo
 H.E. Mr. Tefo Mapesela, Minister of Trade and Industry, Lesotho
 H.E. Mr. Wilson Tarpeh, Minister of Commerce and Industry, Liberia
 H.E. Mr. Emmanuel Fabiano, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Malawi
 H.E. Mr. Matrika Prasad Yadav, Minister for Industry, Commerce, and Supplies, Nepal
 H.E. Ms. Amelia Kyambadde, Minister of Trade, Industry, and Co-Operatives, Uganda
 Mr. Ren Hongpeng, Vice President, China Railway Group Limited
 Mr. Tewolde GebreMariam, Group CEO, Ethiopian Airlines
 Mr. Thomas Seghezzi, Managing Director, Swiss-African Business Circle

16:00 – 18:00

Room XXVII

SUSTAINABILITY, COMMODITIES AND DERIVATIVES

Commodity producers and users are increasingly focused on specific sustainability aspects of commodities and are exploring ways to address these across the value chain, including in the products they use to hedge their exposure. Organized with the World Federation of Exchanges (WFE), the session will bring together key players such as commodities exchanges, market intermediaries, commodity users, investors and market regulators to discuss sustainability in the context of commodities and commodity derivatives.

Issues for the debate:

- What can various actors in the commodities ecosystem do to address the challenges of addressing sustainability concerns?
- Are there certain commodities that better lend themselves to the incorporation of sustainability elements?
- If one were to embed sustainability elements into a derivatives contract, what might that look like?

Opening statement:

Ms. Nandini Sukumar, CEO, World Federation of Exchanges, United Kingdom

Mr. James Zhan, Director of Investment and Enterprise, UNCTAD

Speakers:

Ms. Nandini Sukumar, CEO, World Federation of Exchanges, United Kingdom

Ms. Norma Tregurtha, Director, Policy and Outreach, ISEAL Alliance

Ms. Vera Blei, Global Director, Oil Markets, S&P Global Platts

Mr. Owain Johnson, Managing Director, Energy Research and Product Development, Chicago Mercantile Exchange

Moderator:

Ms. Siobhan Cleary, Head of Research & Public Policy, United Kingdom

17:15 – 18:00

Room XVII

ISAR HONOURS 2018

The ISAR Honours ceremony will acknowledge key new developments in the area of sustainability reporting and the SDGs, while celebrating 35 years of the Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts in International Standards of Accounting and Reporting (ISAR). The objective of the ISAR Honours is to raise awareness and facilitate dissemination of best practice on sustainability and SDG reporting. The ISAR Honours will recognize policy, institutional or capacity-building initiatives in member States that encourage and assist enterprises to publish data on their contribution to the implementation of Agenda 2030.

Issues for the debate:

- What are the key criteria to identify national best practice on sustainability and SDG reporting?
- How do these practices address issues in the global monitoring framework of the SDGs, particularly indicator 12.6.1 on sustainability reporting?
- What means, and tools could raise awareness and facilitate dissemination of good practice?

18:30

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NETWORKING RECEPTION**Global Enterprise Registration (GER) Awards Ceremony****Award Winners:**

The Republic of Armenia

The Republic of Iraq

The Kingdom of Lesotho

Republic of Montenegro

THURSDAY, 25 OCTOBER

08:30 – 09:45

Delegates

Restaurant

BREAKFAST ROUNDTABLE: INVESTMENTS WITH A GENDER LENS

Organized in cooperation with the European Union, ILO and UN Women.

09:00 – 10:00

Delegates

Restaurant

(by invitation only)

SUSTAINABLE INVESTMENT FACILITATION POLICIES AND PRACTICES

Interactive breakfast encounter

In order to attract foreign direct investment, many countries have recognised the importance of focusing on domestic reforms in the area of investment facilitation - including regulatory transparency, streamlining administrative processes and dispute prevention. However, investment facilitation efforts should not just be designed to attract more investment, but also the right kind of investment, which contributes to the long-term development of the local economy, preserves the environment and improves societal outcomes. Organized by the **World Economic Forum (WEF)**, in collaboration with the **International Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development (ICTSD)** and **UNCTAD**, this interactive dialogue will identify and share policies and practices that have facilitated investment for sustainable development in the host economy.

Issues for the debate:

- What challenges prevent developing countries from successfully attracting and retaining long-term, sustainable investment?
- What are successful and failed examples of investment facilitation policies and how can impacts on the host community be improved?
- What policy recommendations should be prioritised at the regional and international levels to facilitate more sustainable investment flows for value chain upgrading?

Opening Statement:

Mr. Sean Doherty, Head of International Trade and Investment, World Economic Forum

Speakers:

H.E. Mr. Mokgweetsi E.K. Masisi, President of the Republic of Botswana

Mr. Richard Bolwijn, Head, Investment Research Branch, UNCTAD

Mr. Grahame Dixie, Executive Director, Grow Asia

Mr. Khalil Hamdani, Visiting Professor, Lahore School of Economics, Pakistan; Former Director of the Division on Investment, Technology and Enterprise Development, UNCTAD

Ms. Rebecca Self, Chief Financial Officer, Sustainable Finance, HSBC

Mr. Jim Riordan, Head of Direct Funding Governance, World Economic Forum and Chief Operating Officer, Grow Africa

Ms. Angie Rozas, Senior Director Social Impact, Coca Cola

Ms. Rashmi Jose, Senior Programme Officer, Investment Policy and Regulatory Systems, ICTSD

10:00 – 13:00

Room XX

MINISTERIAL ROUNDTABLE: ENTREPRENEURSHIP FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT



Part I: Entrepreneurship Policy: Challenges and results

Developing entrepreneurship is a key element of strategies that support the attainment of the SDGs, particularly SDG9, to build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation. In this high-level event, organized with the **Global Entrepreneurship Network** and **i4Policy**, ministers will share lessons from various strategies, including innovative solutions, with a view towards developing models that can be adopted and adapted to individual countries' needs.

Issues for the debate:

- Key elements of successful entrepreneurship development strategies.
- Innovative solutions for strategy development and implementation.
- Special needs dimensions.

Co-chairs:

H.E. Mr. Alan John Kwadwo Kyerematen, Minister of Trade and Industry, Ghana

Ms. Armgard Wippler, Deputy Director General for SME Policy, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Energy, Germany

Opening statement:

Dr. Mukhisa Kituyi, Secretary-General, UNCTAD

Panelists:

H.E. Mr. Zayed Alzayani, Minister of Industry, Commerce and Tourism, Bahrain

H.E. Mr. José Ramón Valente, Minister of Economy, Economic Development and Tourism, Chile

H.E. Prof. Bambang Brodjonegoro, Minister of National Development Planning, Indonesia

H.E. Ms. Amelia Anne Kyambadde, Minister, Ministry of Trade, Industry & Cooperation, Uganda

H.E. Professor Mthuli Ncube, Minister of Finance and Economic Development, Zimbabwe

Discussants from Government:

Ms. Marthe Chantal Mbajon, Secretary-General, Ministry of Small and Medium Enterprises, Social Economy and Handicraft, Cameroon

Mr. Alfonso Abdo Félix, Director Ejecutivo, Agencia de Promoción Económica Conquito, Ecuador

Ms. Betty Maina, Principal Secretary, State Department for Industrialization, Ministry of Industry, Trade and Cooperatives, Kenya

Ms. Rkia Derham, Secretary of State to the Minister of Industry, Investment, Trade and Digital Economy, in charge of Foreign Trade, Morocco

Ms. Winifred Kabega, Head of Investment Promotion Department, Rwanda Development Board, Rwanda

Discussants:

Mr. Jonathan Ortman, President, Global Entrepreneurship Network

Mrs. Heloisa Menezes, Technical Director of SEBRAE, Empretec Brazil

Mr. Alejandro Delgado Ayala, President, National Institute for Entrepreneurship, Mexico

Part II: Celebration of 30 years of Empretec

UNCTAD's Empretec programme has been engaged in entrepreneurs' motivation and skills development in 40 countries since 1988, using a behavioural approach to entrepreneurship. Its impact has proved effective for a vast range of target audiences in advanced and less developed economies. Over the past three decades, Empretec has continuously demonstrated high impact by contributing to sustainable development and inclusive growth.

Issues for the debate:

- Key success factors of Empretec and comparative advantages vis-à-vis other entrepreneurship programmes.
- Measuring Empretec impact.
- Way forward to further strengthen Empretec.

Discussants:

Mr. Jorge Lawson, President of Empretec Argentina

Mrs. Heloisa Menezes, Technical Director of SEBRAE, Empretec Brazil

Mr. Sanjay Mungur, Executive Director of Empretec Mauritius

Ms. Busi Bango, Director of Empretec Zimbabwe

Ms. Paola Tucunduva, Empretec Trainer, Presenter of Alma do Negócio, Professor at Fundação Dom Cabral FDC, Brazil
 Mr. Aditya Dash, Managing Director, Ram's Assorted Cold Storage Ltd., India
 Mr. Roberto Gandara, Empretec International Master Trainer
 Mr. Renato Santos, Empretec International Master Trainer
 Ms. Carla Goglia, Director Empretec Argentina

10:00 – 13:00

Room XXIV

PEOPLE-FIRST PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS (PPPs)

Public-private partnerships (PPPs) have been mooted as viable vehicles to involve private investment in advancing SDG objectives in public sectors. However, PPPs not only present opportunities but also risks for countries using them. People-First PPPs were introduced to ensure that the interests of people take precedence over other considerations in the execution of a PPP project. The meeting, organized in collaboration with the **United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)** will provide a unique, multi-stakeholder platform for an inclusive discussion of policy tools to deal with this dilemma, allowing member State representatives, experts, and other stakeholders (including private sector and affected communities) to share experience and lessons learned and exchange best practice.

Issues for the debate:

- What are key expectations for People-First PPPs?
- What are initial experiences with People-First PPPs? What lessons have been learned?
- What is the investment policy dimension of People-First PPPs and what can be gauged for national and international investment policymaking?

Note: The session will be followed by a side event: Technical Meeting on People-First PPP Impact Assessment Tool, scheduled 13:00-15:00 in Salle XI of Palais des Nations

Opening statements:

Ms. Isabelle Durant, Deputy Secretary-General of UNCTAD
 Ms. Olga Algayerova, Executive Secretary, UNECE

Speakers:

Mr. Geoffrey Hamilton, Chief of the Cooperation and Partnerships Section of the UNECE on People's first Guidelines for PPPs
 Mr. Joerg Weber, Head of Investment Policies Branch, Division on Investment and Enterprise, UNCTAD: Presentation on IPFSD principles
 Mr. Hafiz Salikhov, Vice Chairman / Bureau of Specialists on Public-Private Partnerships in the UNECE, Representative of the Russian Federation
 Ms. Lantonirina Ramanarivo, Director, PPP Department, Ministry of Finance and Budget, Madagascar
 Ms. Sedef Yavuz-Noyan, Head of PPP Department in the Presidency of the Republic of Turkey, Strategy and Budget Office
 Mr. Hans Docter, Director for Sustainable Economic Development and Ambassador Private Sector & Development Cooperation at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands
 Mr. Enrico Grassi, European Court of Auditors Principal Auditor, Luxembourg
 Mr. Morteza Bahrami Assad, Project Appraisal Senior Expert, Organization for Investment, Economic and Technical Assistance of Iran (OIETAI)
 Mr. Jos Verbeek, World Bank Manager and Special Representative Geneva
 Mr. Marek Waskiewicz, IPPF, EBRD
 Mr. David Dombkins, CEO, Complex Program Group. Project Team Leader, Project Impact Investment Tool
 Mr. Carlos Salle, Director of Energy Policies Iberdrola Group, Spain
 Ms. Anne Hornung-Soukup, Chair of Board of Directors TPG, Geneva
 Mr. Gavin Munro, Managing Director, Head of Infrastructure Finance, Asia and Pacific, Societe Generale

Mr. Miquel Rodriguez Planas, Manager PPSRC - Public-Private Sector Research Center
Mr. Michael Gerrard, Independent PPP Expert

Moderators:

Mr. Geoffrey Hamilton, Chief of the Cooperation and Partnerships Section of the UNECE on People's first Guidelines for PPPs

Mr. Ariel Ivanier, Economic Affairs Officer, Investment Policy Reviews Section, Division on Investment and Enterprise, UNCTAD

10:30 – 13:00

Room XXII

SUSTAINABILITY BONDS: INNOVATIVE TOOLS FOR FINANCING THE SDGs

Sustainability bonds, or “SDG bonds”, are fixed-income investments that can help bridge the SDG financing gap in developing countries. Specifically developed (and explicitly labelled) to fund projects that have positive social or environmental benefits, SDG bonds to date have mostly comprised green bonds (bonds with an environmental or climate-related focus) – with more than USD\$100 billion issued in 2017. With the growth of this sector, there is also an increasing diversification of issuers and types of green projects for which the proceeds of the bonds are used. Lessons learned in the green bond space are being applied to other SDG bonds, such as water bonds and gender bonds. This high-level session, organized with the **Climate Bonds Initiative (CBI)**, the **Global Reporting Initiative (GRI)**, the **Climate Disclosure Standards Board (CDSB)** and **Carbon Tracker**, will contribute to peer learning

Issues for the debate:

- What role can stock exchanges play in the SDG bond space? Experiences promoting sustainability bonds or developing-listing segments for sustainability bonds.
- What roles do reporting and assurance play in the further development of an SDG-oriented debt market?
- Beyond green bonds, what opportunities exist for other SDG bonds? Experiences from the development of gender bonds and water bonds.

Opening statement:

Mr. James Zhan, Director of Investment and Enterprise, UNCTAD

Speakers:

Ms. Nezha Hayat, CEO and Chairperson, Moroccan Capital Market Authority

Ms. Rebecca Self, CFO, Sustainable Finance, HSBC

Ms. Julia Haake, Director, ISS-Oekom

Ms Libby Bernick, Global Head of Corporate Business, Trucost, S&P Dow Jones Indices

Ms. Julie Becker, Member of the Executive Committee, Head of LGX, Luxembourg Stock Exchange

Mr. Gavin Power, Chief of Sustainable Development, PIMCO

Mr. Aldo Romani, Head of Sustainability Funding, European Investment Bank (EIB)

Mr. Anthony Miller, Coordinator, Sustainable Stock Exchanges, UNCTAD

Ms. Maria Paola Carvajal, Treasury & Capital Market Director (video intervention)

Moderator:

Mr. Sean Kidney, CEO, Climate Bonds Initiative

10:30 – 13:30

Room XXV

ROUNDTABLE ON REGIONAL INTEGRATION AND INVESTMENT POLICY

Promoting FDI for regional integration

Most regional economic cooperation organizations consider FDI an important factor for sustainable economic development and regional integration. Some regional organizations and cooperative frameworks have been more active than others in rolling out collective initiatives in support of a conducive investment environment, or in joint investment promotion. And results vary. What policy lessons can be drawn from the different experiences across regions?

In this High-Level Roundtable, panellists from various regional organizations and cooperative frameworks will discuss the main challenges of regional integration in investment policy. They will review regional investment trends and share experiences in investment policy and regional cooperation in investment promotion. They will discuss potential future investment trends in light of current developments in the world economy, and outline prospects for future regional cooperation.

Issues for the debate:

- What are the main challenges of regional integration in investment policy?
- How has regional integration in different parts of the world shaped global and regional investment trends and how will they affect them in the future?
- What are good investment-policy practices and lessons learned that can be replicated across regional groupings?

Opening statement:

Mr. James Zhan, Director of Investment and Enterprise, UNCTAD

Speakers:

Mr. Goran Svilanovic, Secretary-General, Regional Cooperation Council (RCC), Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Mr. Emir Djikic, Director, Central European Free Trade Agreement (CEFTA) Secretariat, Brussels, Belgium

Mr. José Palacín, Senior Economic Affairs Officer, Office of the Executive Secretary, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), Geneva, Switzerland

Mr. Thierry Kalonji, Director, Investment Promotion & Private Sector Development (IPPSD), COMESA Secretariat, Lusaka, Zambia

Mr. Stephen N. Karingi, Director, Capacity Development Division, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA), Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Mr. Chanchal Chand Sarkar, Director, Economic, Trade and Finance Division, SAARC Secretariat, Kathmandu, Nepal

Mr. Fahad H. Khan, Economist, Regional Cooperation and Integration Division, Economics Research and Regional Cooperation Department, Asian Development Bank (ADB), Manila, Philippines

Mr. Marc Proksch, Chief, Trade, Investment and Innovation Division, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP), Bangkok, Thailand

Ms. Cecilia Plottier, Economic Affairs Officer, Production, Productivity and Management Division, United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (UNECLAC), Santiago de Chile, Chile

Mr. Kenan Bagci, Acting Director, Economic and Social Research Department, Statistical, Economic and Social Research and Training Centre for Islamic Countries (SESRIC), Ankara, Turkey

Moderator:

Mr. Richard Bolwijn, Head, Investment Research Branch, UNCTAD

13:15 – 14:45

Room XXIII

TALKING BUSINESS: MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA

“Talking Business” are interactive sessions between governments and business. They provide a platform to showcase investment opportunities in countries, explore new investment horizons and interact with high-level country representatives.

Opening statements:

Mr. Joerg Weber, Head, Investment Policies Branch, DIAE, UNCTAD

Mr. Bahaa El Attar, Secretary General, Arab-Swiss Chamber of Commerce and Industry

Speakers:

H.E. Mr. Marwan Jassim Al Sarkal, Executive Chairman, Sharjah Investment and Development Authority – Shurooq, United Arab Emirates

Dr. Sami Al Araj, Chairman, National Investment Commission, Iraq

Mr. Nabil Itani, Chairman, Investment Development Authority of Lebanon, Lebanon
 Dr. Ahmed Al Ghassani, Executive Director, Public Authority for SME Development – Riyadh, Oman
 Mr. Ayedh Al Otaibi, Deputy Governor for Investment, Saudi Arabian General Investment Authority, Saudi Arabia

Moderator:

Mr. Bahaa El Attar, Secretary General, Arab-Swiss Chamber of Commerce and Industry



13:15 – 14:45

Room XXVI

MOBILIZING INVESTMENT FOR INCLUSIVE AND SUSTAINABLE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN AFRICA

The 2018 World Investment Report identifies the challenges that developing countries will be facing to attract international investment for inclusive and sustainable industrial development. These challenges – as the report underscores- are particularly pronounced in Africa, where the level of economic transformation remains low despite a period of strong economic growth and abundant opportunities. The share of manufacturing in GDP of African countries is still small, and it has further declined or stagnated to 10% over the past decade.

Against this background, and with a view to advancing towards the objectives of the Third Industrial Development Decade for Africa (IDDA III), proclaimed by the UNGA in 2016, this session, co-organized by the **African Union (AU)**, the **United Nations Development Organization (UNIDO)** and UNCTAD, will bring together global thought leaders in the investment and finance domain, to discuss new approaches towards mobilizing investment for Africa's manufacturing sector to strengthen productive capacity development. The roles of industrial policy, industrial parks and the recently established African Continental Free Trade Area will be at the center of the discussion. The outcome of the discussion will be key for policy makers and entities involved in policy analysis, technical assistance and resource mobilization. They will also be taken on board in the implementation of the IDDA III road map.

Issues for debate:

- Which new approaches are warranted to channel (international) investment to manufacturing and related sectors- and what is the role of modern industrial policy in this regard?
- How do we de-risk investment in Africa?
- What prospects does the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) hold for attracting (intra-African) investment into manufacturing?
- What is the role of development partners – and how can they best support the process?

Opening statements:

Mr. Li Yong, Director General, UNIDO

Dr. Mukhisa Kituyi, Secretary General, UNCTAD

Speakers:

H.E. Mr. Alan John Kwadwo Kyerematen, Minister of Trade and Industry, Ghana

H.E. Ms. Amelia Kyambadde, Minister of Trade, Industry and Co-operatives, Uganda

Ms. Clare Akamanzi, CEO Rwanda Development Board

H.E. Mr. Mustafa Osman Ismail Elamin, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Sudan to the United Nations in Geneva

Ms. Kayula Siame, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Commerce, Trade and Industry, Zambia

H.E. Mr. Hans Docter, Director for Sustainable Economic Development, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Netherlands

Ms. Helen Hai, CEO, Made in Africa Initiative

Moderator:

Dr. Joy Kategekwa, Head of Regional Office for Africa, UNCTAD

13:15 – 14:45

Delegates

Restaurant

*(by invitation only)***MINISTERS' MEETING: PROMOTING FOREIGN INVESTMENT TO LLDCs**

Organized in collaboration with the United Nations Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (UN-OHRLLS), this high-level event of Ministers and Ambassadors from Landlocked Developing Countries (LLDCs) will share success stories as well as measures and priorities to boost foreign investment in LLDCs.

Issues for the debate:

- Successful initiatives that have attracted investment and diversified economic activities in LLDCs.
- Policies, strategies and investment promotion practices that can help LLDCs attract more quality investment.
- Priority actions to include in the Midterm Review of the Vienna Programme of Action.

Opening remarks:

Ms. Isabelle Durant, Deputy Secretary-General of UNCTAD

Ms. Gladys Mutangadura, Senior Programme Officer on behalf of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States

H.E. Mr. Juan Esteban Aguirre Martínez, Ambassador, Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of Paraguay to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva, Global Chair of the Group of LLDCs

Speakers:

Hon. Prof. Mthuli Ncube, Minister of Finance and Economic Development, Zimbabwe

H.E. Mr. Emmanuel Fabiano, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Malawi

H.E. Mr. Matrika Prasad Yadav, Minister for Industry, Commerce, and Supplies, Nepal

Ms. Dorothy Tembo, Deputy Executive Director, International Trade Centre

14:30 – 15:00

Room XX

LAUNCH OF THE GLOBAL SDGs FINANCING TOOLBOX

The launch of the toolbox will be held under the auspices of H.E. Miroslav Lajčák, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Slovakia, former President of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

14:30 – 17:30

Room XXIV

WOMEN FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**Women economic empowerment to transform the investment and entrepreneurship landscape**

Women's economic empowerment has been identified as a key means for development and attaining the SDGs. Investment by MNEs can be a powerful tool to empower women, particularly in labour intensive, largely export-oriented industries and services. In many developing countries, MNEs have enabled women to enter the formal labour market for the first time – within their own companies or linked companies – through business opportunities generated in local, regional or global supply chains. At the same time, MNE investment poses several risks, as it can increase gender inequality and undermine work-life balance. Enhancing benefits of MNE investment for women's economic empowerment requires grassroots action, a change in corporate strategies, inclusive government policies and a societal mind shift. Organized with **UN Women** and the **Commonwealth**, this high-level meeting will weigh these issues and formulate new strategies for the public and private sector.

Issues for the debate:

- Are MNEs agents of change for women economic empowerment?
- How to empower a new generation of women in business leaders to act as feeders of sustainable development?
- What are the key policy considerations to mainstream women economic empowerment in investment and entrepreneurship policies?

Opening statements:

Ms. Isabelle Durant, Deputy Secretary-General, UNCTAD

Speakers:

Ms. Patricia Scotland, Secretary-General of the Commonwealth of Nations
 Ms. Laura Londén, Deputy Executive Director, United Nations Population Fund
 Ms. Yam Kumari Khatiwada, Secretary of Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Supply, Nepal
 Ms. Christine Löw, Director, UN Women Office in Geneva
 Ms. Jamila Belabidi-Chahid, Purchases Group Manager - Brand and Business Service Purchases, Procter & Gamble International SA
 Ms. Angie Rozas, The Coca-Cola Company, Senior Director, Social Impact
 Ms. Marianne Mwaniki, SVP Social Impact, Visa
 Ms. Francesca Lavazza, Board Member, Lavazza Group
 Ms. Anja Monrad, Senior VP & GM for Central and Eastern Europe, Dell EMC
 Ms. Cate Ambrose, President and CEO, Latin America Venture Capital Association
 Ms. Giselle Rufer, Founder and CEO, Delance
 Mr. Bisila Bokoko, CEO, Bisila Bokoko Embassy Services International, BBES
 Ms. Lama Sha'sha'a Abu Dahab, Cofounder and Chairperson, Robotic Academic International, Jordan (EMPRETEC Finalist)

Moderators:

Ms. Anna Falth, Head, Women Empowerment Principles (WEPs) Secretariat, UN Women
 Ms. Martina Fuchs, CNN Money Switzerland

15:00 – 17:30

Room XXV

FAMILY BUSINESSES AS A FORCE FOR LONG-TERM GOOD**Preceded by welcome refreshments 14:30 – 15:00**

The Sustainable Development agenda is deeply aligned with the *raison d'être* of values-based, impact-driven family businesses. In advancing the SDGs, the natural cross-generational structure of Family Businesses can play an important role in driving decisions based on a longer-term, less profit-driven perspective compared to traditional non-family businesses. The combination of their local rooted-ness together with their longer-term business focus makes family businesses potentially influential actors in the advancement of the SDGs, particularly for actions at the local-level. Family Businesses are therefore uniquely positioned to help drive not only economic activity, but also responsible consumption and production, and the building of sustainable communities. This session adds family businesses as key players to the investment-for-development community. It will help profile the SDG delivery capacity of the family business community, sensitize policy makers to its needs, and explore how family businesses can contribute to build an eco-system that eschews short-termism and promotes inclusive, sustainable outcomes.

Organized in collaboration with **Family Business Network (FBN) International** and the **Polaris Initiative**, the interactive dialogue examines why and how family businesses with their intrinsic inter-generational nature and responsibility for the next generation can take the lead in championing a business model that benefits people, communities, the environment and future generations.

Issues for the debate:

- What is the role of businesses in delivering on the SDGs, particularly in emerging markets?
- What are the challenges faced by family businesses in aligning Purpose and Profit?
- How can family businesses more effectively partner with policy makers, the investment community and civil society to build an eco-system that eschews short-termism and empowers purpose-driven long-term thinking and practice?

Opening statement:

Mr. James Zhan, Director of Investment and Enterprise, UNCTAD
 Ms. Caroline Seow, Director, Sustainability, Family Business Network International

Speakers:

Mr. Santiago Peralta, General Manager, Co-Founder, Pacari Chocolate
 Ms. Carla Barboto, President, Co-Founder, Pacari Chocolate
 Ms. Valentine Fievet, Member, Supervisory Board, Fromageries Bel

Mr. Alfonso Libano, Non-executive Director and Corporate Social Responsibility, Coca-Cola European Partners
 Mr. Winson Yeung, Vice President, Singbee
 Ms. Lina Wang, CEO, Singbee
 Mr. Philip Aminoff, Chairman, Helvar Merca
 Mr. Louis De Meckenheim, Director, Global Marketing and Communications, Chopard

Moderators:

Mr. Jesus Casado Navarro-Rubio, Secretary-General, European Family Businesses
 Mr. Alexis Du Roy de Blicquy, CEO, FBN International

15:00 – 18:00

Room XX

MINISTERIAL ROUNDTABLE: 21st CENTURY GLOBAL INVESTMENT POLICYMAKING



A global policy environment that effectively mobilizes investment in sustainable development is more important than ever. In response to this challenge, more than 160 countries have used UNCTAD policy tools for formulating “new generation” investment policies. The Ministerial Roundtable will share experiences with modern, sustainable development-oriented investment policies and identify best practice based on UNCTAD policy tools: The Investment Policy Framework for Sustainable Development (2012, updated 2015); Action Plan for Investment in the SDGs (2014); Global Action Menu for Investment Facilitation (2016), and Reform Package for the Global Investment Policy Regime (2017).

Issues for the debate:

- What are countries’ key priorities in national and international investment policymaking in the coming years?
- What are their recent experiences and lessons learned in “new generation” investment policymaking”?
- What approaches are countries adopting specifically to stimulate investment in SDG-relevant sectors?

Chair:

H.E. Ms. Amelia Kyambadde, Minister of Trade, Industry and Co-Operatives, Uganda

Opening statement:

Mr. Mukhisa Kituyi, Secretary-General, UNCTAD

Speakers:

H.E. Mr. Humayoon Rasaw, Minister of Industry and Commerce, Afghanistan
 H.E. Mr. Sorasak Pan, Minister of Commerce, Cambodia
 H.E. Mr. Li Chenggang, Assistant Minister of Commerce, China
 H.E. Mr. Alan John Kwadwo Kyerematen, Minister of Trade and Industry, Ghana
 H.E. Prof. Bambang Brodjonegoro, Minister of National Development Planning, Indonesia
 H.E. Prof. Wilson K. Tarpeh, Minister of Commerce and Industry, Liberia
 H.E. Dr. Emmanuel Fabiano, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Malawi
 H.E. Ms. Rkia Derham, Secretary of State to the Minister of Industry, Investment, Trade and Digital Economy, Kingdom of Morocco
 H.E. Ms. Nora K. Terrado, Undersecretary, Trade and Investments Promotion Group, Philippines
 H.E. Mr. Peter Bayuku Konteh, Minister of Trade and Industry, Sierra Leone
 H.E. Mr. Miroslav Lajčák, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Slovakia
 H.E. Ms. Amelia Kyambadde, Minister of Trade, Industry and Co-Operatives, Uganda
 Ms. Betty C. Maina, Principal Secretary, State Department of Investment and Industry, Ministry of Industry, Trade and Cooperatives, Kenya
 Ms. Virginie R. Fayçaline Boucal, Secretary General, Ministry for the Promotion of Investment, Partnerships and the Development of State Teleservices, Senegal
 Ms. Michelle Bachelet Jeria, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, former President of Chile

15:30 – 18:00

Room XXII

SMART BETA: PASSIVE INVESTMENT STRATEGIES FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Portfolio investment that track one or more market indices is expected to cover 22 per cent of global assets by 2020. Within this “passive investment” space there is increasing talk of so-called “smart beta” strategies, which seek to deliver a better risk-return trade-off than conventional indices, while opening innovative options for integrating environmental and social risk. This multi-stakeholder session, organized in collaboration with **Carbon Tracker** and the **Global Reporting Initiative (GRI)**, will bring together key market actors involved in the development of equity indices and asset management including stock exchanges, institutional investors, big financial data and index companies. In an interactive dialogue, experts will explore how technological improvements, big data, and improved corporate reporting can allow passive investors to better support the SDGs

Issues for the debate:

- What are the trends in passive investment and how can these be applied to investing in sustainable development?
- What role does corporate ESG data play in the further development of investment in the SDGs?
- What opportunities exist for sustainability indices? What lessons have been learned from the development of gender indices, fossil-free indices and other pioneering products?

Opening statement:

Mr. James Zhan, Director of Investment and Enterprise, UNCTAD

Speakers:

Mr. James Lockart Smith, Head of Financial Sector Risk, Verisk Maplecroft
 Mr. Hendrik Garz, Executive Director, ESG Research and Ratings, Sustainalytics
 Ms. Hannah Skeates, Senior Director, Strategy and ESG Indices, S&P Dow Jones Indices
 Ms. Shameela Soobramoney, Senior Manager, Group Strategy and Sustainability, JSE
 Mr. Aled Jones, Head of Sustainable Investment EMEA, FTSE Russell
 Ms. Sonia Favaretto, Press, Sustainability, Communication and Social Investment Director, B3 (Brazilian Stock Exchange)
 Mr. Jean-Maurice Ladure, Executive Director and Head, Equity Applied Research MSCI

Moderator:

Ms. Adrienne Klasa, Development Finance Editor, Financial Times

18:00

Assembly Hall

EMPRETEC WOMEN IN BUSINESS AWARDS 2018

Organized together with **UN Women** and the **Commonwealth Women Business Forum**, the Empretec Women in Business Award are granted to women-owned businesses that have benefited from the business development services of the Empretec programme – a pioneering UNCTAD programme for the promotion of entrepreneurship that operates in 40 developing countries. In line with this year's World Investment Forum theme, the Award will focus on the crucial role of women entrepreneurship in advancing the SDGs. The awards presentation will give women entrepreneurs the stage to share how they contribute to sustainable development in different sectors.

Opening remarks:

Dr. Mukhisa Kituyi, Secretary-General, UNCTAD

Speakers:

Mr. Fabio Sofia, President, Sustainable Finance Group
 Ms. Bisila Bokoko, Bisila Bokoko African Literacy Project (NGO)
 Ms. Lama Sha'sha'a Abu Dahab, Co-founder & Chairperson, IRA
 Ms. Rosana Marques, Founder and CEO, Ouseuse

Ms. Chandra Vadhana, 4Tune Factory
Ms. Barbra Ofwono, EO/ Director/ Principal, Victorious Education Services (VES)
Ms. Uneiza Ali Ussufo; Founding member/ Administrator, ConsMoz Limited
Ms. Francesca Lavazza, Board Member, Lavazza Group
Ms. Vanina Farber, Chair, Social Innovation, IMD Lausanne
Mr. Michele Coletti, Associate Professor, Grenoble Ecole de Management
Mr. Alok Kumar, Managing Partner SRKay
Ms. Giselle Rufer, CEO, Delance
Ms. Anya Berehzna, Head of Investment Pipeline, Symbiotics
Ms. Anja Monrad, SVP Dell
Ms. Magda El Sadek, Entrepreneur
International School of Geneva – Ecolint
Mr. Jonathan Ortman; Founder and President, GEN
Ms. Delphine Favrier, Managing Director, Richemont Montblanc
Ms. Brigitte Stringfield, Trade Data

19:00 – 21:00

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FRIDAY, 26 OCTOBER

8:30 – 10:00

Delegates

Restaurant

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BLENDED CAPITAL: SDG ALIGNED INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

Interactive breakfast encounter

SDG aligned investing, a form of impact investing, incorporates social and environmental considerations front and centre in the decision-making criteria for investors. Globally, investors are increasingly financing instruments including blended-capital public-private initiatives, SDG aligned impact funds and innovative mechanisms such as social impact bonds. Such investments overcome traditional market failures, help to multiply the impact of limited government resources, provide attractive risk-adjusted returns and deliver measurable sustainability outcomes. The participants at the investment breakfast will deliberate on potential opportunities in this space and collectively explore potential partnerships being guided by several examples from the developing world. Organized by UNCTAD in collaboration with **United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)**, **United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA)** and **Global Impact Investing Network (GIIN)**, this interactive dialogue will identify and share policies and practices that have facilitated investment for sustainable development in the host economy.

Areas of discussion:

- What kind of products and investment vehicles are investors seeking in SDG aligned projects?
- How can public financing and technical assistance be leveraged to mobilise private investment?
- How important is impact measurement to financial investors?

Opening statement:

Ms. Isabelle Durant, DSG, UNCTAD

Speakers:

Mr. Chris Clubb, Managing Director, Convergence

Mr. Maximilian Martin, Global Head of Philanthropy, Lombard Odier

Mr. Duncan Onyango, East Africa, Acumen Fund, and Founding Board Member of the Impact@Africa network

Mr. Tomas Sales, UNDP Regional Africa Private Sector Special Advisor, IGSD Cluster, RSCA at UNDP

Mr. John Tidmarsh, Chief Investment Officer, R20 Regions of Climate Action

Moderator:

Mr. Elliot Harris, ASG for Economic Development, UN DESA

09:00 – 16:00

Room XXIV

MULTI-DISCIPLINARY ACADEMIC CONFERENCE

Setting the future investment research agenda

The UNCTAD Academic Network on Investment convenes scholars of international business, economics, law and other relevant fields for a day-long multi-disciplinary academic conference. Co-organized in partnership with the **Academy of International Business (AIB)** and the **Society of International Economic Law (SIEL)**, discussions will explore emerging trends for future research in investment and multinational enterprise. The conference event will produce a “Future Investment Research Agenda” and identify a list of opportunities for collaboration between researchers and UNCTAD’s Investment and Enterprise Division. It will centre on key themes that are expected to shape the international business and development landscape in the coming years.

Issues for the debate:

- The digital economy and the new industrial revolution are fundamentally changing the way firms operate internationally. Can existing theories of international business, from OLI to GVCs, still fully explain current trends in international production?
- What is the latest thinking among scholars on the implications of the new era of globalization for global investment patterns and financial flows? What is their prognosis for policy directions?
- What are the key emerging challenges and opportunities for research and policy analysis on investment and development?

Opening statement:

Mr. James Zhan, Director of Investment and Enterprise, UNCTAD

Speakers:

Prof. Tony Addison, Chief Economist/Deputy Director, the United Nations University's World Institute for Development Economics Research (UNU-WIDER)

Prof. Gabriel Benito, Professor of International Strategy, BI Norwegian Business School

Ms. Nathalie Bravo, LL.M., Wissenschaftliche Mitarbeiterin DIBT (Doctoral Program in International Business Taxation), Research Associate DIBT (Doctoral Program in International Business Taxation), Institute for Austrian and International Tax Law

Prof. Peter Buckley, Professor of International Business and Founder Director of the Business Confucius Institute, University of Leeds

Prof. William Byrnes, Executive Professor of Law and Associate Dean for Special Projects, Texas A&M University School of Law

Prof. Lorraine Eden, the Gina and Anthony Bahr '91 Professorship in Business, Mays Business School, Texas A&M University

Prof. Xiaolan Fu, Founding Director of the Technology and Management Centre for Development (TMCD), Professor of Technology and International Development and Fellow of Green Templeton College, University of Oxford

Prof. Maria-Alejandra Gonzalez-Perez, Full Professor of Management, Universidad EAFIT, Medellin, Colombia

Prof. Tomas Hult, the Byington Endowed Chair, Professor of Marketing and International Business, Michigan State University

Prof. Ana Lehmann, Professor of International Business, School of Economics, University of Porto

Prof. Sarianna Lundan, Chair in International Management and Governance Faculty of Business Studies and Economics, University of Bremen

Prof. Jeffrey Owens, Director of the WU Global Tax Policy Center, Institute for Austrian and International Tax Law, Vienna University of Economics and Business

Prof. Ugo Panizza, Professor of Economics and Pictet Chair in Finance and Development, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva, Switzerland

Dr. Rodrigo Polanco, Senior Researcher and Lecturer at the World Trade Institute, University of Bern

Ms. Niraja Srinivasan, Vice President – Global Tax/Transfer Pricing, Dell Technologies

Prof. Heinz Tuselmann, Professor of International Business, Manchester Metropolitan University, United Kingdom

Moderator:

Mr. Richard Bolwijn, Head, Investment Research Branch, UNCTAD

10:00 – 13:00

Room XXIII

SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONES: OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES

Special economic zones (SEZ) have been mushrooming over the past decades. UNCTAD estimates that there are over 4800 SEZs worldwide. Special Economic Zones can be important incubators to support SDG initiatives and could play a role in the digitalization of the economy.

In this conference, organized in collaboration with **FEMOZA**, lessons learned for designing the right infrastructure, facilitation services, and incentives, creating economies of scale and promoting transfer of technology in the zones will be shared and synthesized to develop zone models that can be adopted and adapted to individual countries' needs.

Issues for the debate:

- SEZs and the SDGs: best practice
- The role of SEZs in the digitalization of the economy
- Lessons for policymaking

Opening statement:

Mr. James Zhan, Director of Investment and Enterprise, UNCTAD

Speakers:

Mr. Ahmed Bin Sulayem, Executive Chairman, DMCC: Free Trade Zone in Dubai, UAE

Ms. Nora Terrado, Undersecretary, Trade and Investment Promotion Group (TIPG), Philippines (Vice Minister)

Ms. Yifei Wang, Deputy Director, Department of Foreign Investment Administration, Ministry of Commerce of China

Ms. Lelise Neme Sori, CEO, Industrial Parks Development Corporation (IPDC), Ethiopia

Mr. Paban Chowdhury, Executive Chairman, Bangladesh Economic Zones Authority

Mr. Freddy Opsomer, Chairman, Kaunas Free Zone, Lithuania

Mr. Sergei Vaitekhovski, Deputy General Director, Industrial Park Development Company

Moderator:

Mr. Jacopo Dettoni, Deputy Editor, Financial Times (FDI Magazine)

10:00 – 13:00

Room XXVII

CREATING MORE AND BETTER JOBS THROUGH INVESTMENT

Investment contributes most effectively to achieving the SDGs when it maximizes the creation of more and better jobs. Investors can actively seek to expand their backward and forward linkages with local enterprises, support the improvement of working conditions and the inclusion of vulnerable groups, and contribute to sustainable enterprise development in a more encompassing way. One of the key objectives of IPAs is to grow employment through investment that is also sustainable investments. These considerations are also a key factor to advance the SDGs. In this session, organized with the **International Labour Organization (ILO)**, **Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)** and the **World Association of Investment Promotion Agencies (WAIPA)** experienced IPAs will share their matchmaking strategies to boost linkages with local producers and overcome capacity and skills gaps.

Issues for the debate:

- What policies and strategies have helped to foster linkages with local producers?
- How has your IPA addressed capacity and skills gaps?
- What other challenges have you faced in facilitating matchmaking?

Opening Statement:

Mr. Anthony Miller, Coordinator, Sustainable Stock Exchanges, UNCTAD

Speakers:

Mr. Ismail Ersahin, Deputy Executive Director, WAIPA

Ms. Andrea Shemberg, Co-Chair, Global Business Initiative on Human Rights

Mr. Vic Van Vuuren, Director, Enterprises, ILO

Mr. Boubacar Wargo, Permanent Secretary, Niger Investment Board

Mr. Adalberto Netto, CEO, APD Parana

Mr. Russell Curtis, CEO, Durban Investment Promotion Agency

Ms. Brooke Guven, Legal Researcher, Columbia Center on Sustainable Investment
 Mr. Cristian Rodriguez Chiffelle, Head of Policy, International Trade and Investment, World Economic Forum
 Ms. Alana Lansiquot-Brice, Investment Promotion & Fulfilment Manager, Invest Saint Lucia
 Mr. Ricardo Pedroza, European Director, ProColombia
 Ms. Purna Soni, Assistant Vice-President, Invest India
 Mr. Paul Wessendorp, Chief, Investment Promotion Section, UNCTAD
 Ms. Andrea Saldarriaga, Visiting Fellow, London School of Economics and Political Science

Moderator:

Mr. Vic Van Vuuren, Director, Enterprises, ILO

10:00 – 13:00

Room XI

WOMEN ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND THE SDGs

This interactive session, organized in collaboration with **UN Women**, shares views on policies and good practices to develop an effective ecosystem to support women entrepreneurship, which is an essential part of the Sustainable Development Goals. Experts will review the initiatives taken by the G7 and the G20 aimed to support women and girls to harness digitalization and reinforcing efforts to reduce the gender gap in participation by 25% by 2025. The discussion will aide policy formulation and implementation to embed women entrepreneurship as one of the key ways to promote sustainable and inclusive growth.

Issues for the debate:

- The “eSkills4Girls” initiative.
- The “Women’ Entrepreneurship Facility”.
- Good practices in “bridging the digital gender divide”.
- The activities of the G20 “Women’s Business Council”.

Opening statement:

Ms. Isabelle Durant, Deputy Secretary-General, UNCTAD

Speakers:

H.E. Mrs. Maesaiah Thabane, the First Lady of the Kingdom of Lesotho
 Ms. Bisila Bokoko, BB Embassy Services International
 Mr. Fabio Sofia, President, Sustainable Finance Geneva
 Mrs. Lama Sha’sha’a, Cofounder and Chairperson IRA International Robotics Academy (Jordan)
 Ms. Rosana Marques, Founder and CEO, Ouseuse (Brazil)
 Ms. Chandra Vadhana, Founder of 4Tunes (India)
 Ms Barbra Ofwono, Founder, CEO, Director and Principal, Victorious Education Services (Uganda)
 Ms. Uneiza Ali Ussufo, ConsMoz, Ltd.
 Mr. Nigel Culkin, Professor, Enterprise and Entrepreneurial Development, Fellow and Past-President of the Institute of Small Business and Entrepreneurship
 Mr. Arif Zaman, Executive Director, Commonwealth Businesswomen’s Network
 Ms. Anna Falth, Manager, Empower Women
 Ms. Vanina Farber, Chair, Social Innovation, IMD
 Mr. Jorge Lawson, Director, Banco De la Nación
 Mr. Alok Kumar, Investor and Mentor SRKay
 Mr. Colin Jones, Senior Lecturer in Entrepreneurship
 Ms. Lindsey Nefesh-Clarke, Founder & Managing Director, Women Worldwide Web (W4)
 Ms. Alesimo Mwanga, Co- Founder of Pan-African Women, Accelerator and Global Entrepreneurship Network Africa, Research Director

10:30 – 13:00

Room XXII

USING BLENDED CAPITAL TO FINANCE THE SDGs

Blended finance uses a mix of public and private finance to fund projects with high development impact. Public finance is used to crowd in private sector financing that would otherwise not be available to such projects. Thus, blended finance acts as a multiplier for public funds by drawing in private finance through strategies that lower the risk of private investment. This session, jointly organized with the **Global Impact Investing Network (GIIN)** and **Principles for Responsible Investment (PRI)**, will provide an overview of the growth and development of blended finance in recent years, the policy dimension that facilitates the use of blended finance, and the opportunities for blended finance to contribute to the financing of the SDGs.

Issues for the debate:

- How can blended finance help to mobilize and scale up private and commercial resources for sustainable development and climate action in developing countries?
- Which types of blended finance instruments are currently in use?
- What are lessons learned from different approaches to blending, monitoring and evaluation?

Speakers:

Ms. Maria Teresa Zappia, CIO, Blue Orchard Finance
 Ms. Giselle Leung, Managing Director, GIIN
 Mr. Paul Clements-Hunt, CEO, Blended Capital
 Mr James Gifford, Head of Impact Investing, UBS
 Mr. Richard Amor, Head, Implementation & Business Development, EIB
 Ms. Tenke Andrea Zoltani, Founder, Better Finance
 Mr. Roland Dominicé, CEO, Symbiotics

Moderator :

Mr. Elliot Harris, Assistant Secretary-General, UN DESA

14:00 – 16:30

Room XXII

ROLE OF CENTRAL BANKS IN GREENING THE FINANCIAL SYSTEM

Central banks are becoming increasingly involved in green finance. Indicators of this growing interest include the creation of the Central Bank and Supervisors Network for Greening the Financial System (established at the Paris “One Planet Summit” in 2017 by eight central banks and supervisors) and the Task Force on Climate Related Financial Disclosure, (established by the Financial Stability Board). Environmental factors are increasingly seen as material issues by investors who are incorporating such factors into portfolio allocation and risk analysis.

This panel, organised in co-operation with the **Official Monetary and Financial Institutions Forum (OMFIF)**, will gather central banks, regulators and experts from around the world to discuss the role that central banks can play in greening the financial system and prospects for harmonised international approaches.

The session will facilitate dialogue among central banks and regulators to improve clarity on the role central banks can play in green finance, as well as review progress to date and identify future challenges.

Issues for the debate:

- The role central banks can play in mobilising green finance and supervising climate related risks.
- Assessing central banks’ capability to influence and improve green finance: monetary policy and enhancing supervision.
- Understanding central bank mandates in the era of climate change: how to overcome challenges of managing financial stability and promoting green investment.

Opening statement:

Ms. Danae Kyriakopoulou, Chief Economist and Head of Research, OMFIF

Speakers:

Mr. Alexander Barkawi, Founder and Director, Council on Economic Policies
 Mr. Frank Elderson, Member of Governing Board and Executive Director, De Nederlandsche Bank
 Mr. Rafael Del Villar Alrich, Chief Advisor to the Governor, Banco de México
 Mr. Masamichi Kono, Deputy Secretary-General, OECD
 Mr. Frédéric Samama, Co-Head Institutional Clients Coverage, Amundi
 Ms. Luna Romo González, Senior Economist, Banco de España

Moderator:

Ms. Danae Kyriakopoulou, Chief Economist and Head of Research, OMFIF

**14:00 – 17:00**

Room XX

FORUM CLOSING**VILLAGE AWARDS AND AMBASSADORS' ROUNDTABLE ON INVESTING IN THE SDGs**

Investment is a key driver for sustainable development: attaining the SDGs will not be possible without investment. At the same time, investment is a matter that cuts across various issues, including in particular those that are being dealt with by the various international organizations headquartered in Geneva (such as trade, labour, intellectual property, human rights, health, climate, migration, etc.). The Permanent Representatives attend to these various issues in their day-to-day responsibilities and are aptly situated to see and operationalize these cross-cutting elements from a global perspective. The Permanent Representatives can take advantage of their strategic positioning to effectively promote private sector contributions to the SDGs and spearhead the role of Geneva as a global SDG implementation hub. The World Investment Forum provides an opportunity and platform for PRs to interact with investment stakeholders worldwide, and to formulate an Action Agenda that translates the WIF2018 deliberations and outcomes into an SD action agenda for the Geneva development community. The event will commence with the Investment Village Award, presented by the Secretary-General of UNCTAD and special guests. The roundtable will bring together 20 to 25 PRs (representative for all regions and with a gender dimension) in an interactive discussion that wraps up the WIF2018. It is expected to result in the establishment of a Geneva Group of Friends of investing in the SDGs which will meet periodically to dialogue with private sectors and follow-up on the SD action agenda of the Geneva development community.

The event will close with the Secretary-General's WIF2018 Closing Remarks.

Issues for the debate:

- How to further enhance the role of Geneva PRs in the pursuit of the SDGs?
- How to improve and further facilitate interactions between PRs and the private sector to promote Geneva as a global SDG implementation hub?
- How to improve and further facilitate interactions between the various Geneva-based international organizations in the pursuit of making investment work for development and the attainment of the SDGs?

Co-chairs:

H.E. Ms. Monique T.G. Van Daalen, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of The Kingdom of the Netherlands to the UN and other International Organizations in Geneva
 H.E. Mr. Negash Kebret Botor, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Ethiopia to the UN and other International Organizations in Geneva

Opening Statement:

Dr. Mukhisa Kituyi, Secretary-General, UNCTAD

Speakers:

H.E. Mr. Yury Ambrazevich, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Belarus to the UN and other International Organizations in Geneva
 H.E. Mr. Xiangchen Zhang, Ambassador and Deputy Permanent Representative of China to the WTO

H.E. Mr. Diego Aulestia Valencia, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Ecuador to the WTO

H.E. Mr. Alaa Zakaria Youssef, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Egypt to the UN and other International Organizations in Geneva

H.E. Mr. Negash Kebret Botor, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Ethiopia to the UN and other International Organizations in Geneva

H.E. Mr. Michael von Ungern-Sternberg, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Germany to the UN and other International Organizations in Geneva

H.E. Ms. Cheryl Spencer, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Jamaica to the UN and other International Organizations in Geneva

H.E. Mr. Katsuro Nagai, Ambassador and Deputy Permanent Representative of Japan to the WTO

H.E. Ms. Saja S. Majali, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Jordan to the UN and other International Organizations in Geneva

H.E. Mr. Salim Baddoura, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the UN and other International Organizations in Geneva

H.E. Mr. Ljupčojivan Gjorgjinski, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of The FYR of Macedonia to the UN and other International Organizations in Geneva

H.E. Mr. Omar Zniber, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Morocco to the UN and other International Organizations in Geneva

H.E. Ms. Monique T.G. Van Daalen, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of The Kingdom of the Netherlands to the UN and other International Organizations in Geneva

H.E. Mr. Farukh Akhter Amil, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Pakistan to the UN and other International Organizations in Geneva

H.E. Mr. Juan Esteban Aguirre Martínez, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Paraguay to the UN and other International Organizations in Geneva

H.E. Mr. Manuel A.J. Teehankee, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Philippines to the WTO

H.E. Mr. R.D.S. Kumararatne, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Sri Lanka to the WTO

H.E. Mr. Mustafa Osman Ismail Elamin, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Sudan to the UN and other International Organizations in Geneva

H.E. Mr. Valentin Zellweger, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the UN and other International Organizations in Geneva

H.E. Mr. Mikael Anzén, Ambassador and Deputy Permanent Representative of Sweden to the WTO

H.E. Mr. James Alex Msekela, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the United Republic of Tanzania to the UN and other International Organizations in Geneva

H.E. Mr. Sek Wannamethee, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Thailand to the UN and other International Organizations in Geneva

H.E. Mr. Andrew Staines, Ambassador and Deputy Permanent Representative of The United Kingdom to the WTO

H.E. Mr. Jorge Valero, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela to the UN and other international organizations in Geneva

H.E. Mr. Walter Stevens, Ambassador and Head of the EU Delegation to the UN and other International Organizations in Geneva

Statement for closing the World Investment Forum 2018:

Dr. Mukhisa Kituyi, Secretary-General, UNCTAD

18:00

Serpent Bar

CLOSING AND NETWORKING RECEPTION

PARALLEL EVENTS



Intergovernmental
Working Group of Experts on
International Standards of
Accounting and Reporting

THIRTY-FIFTH SESSION

THIRTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY SESSION OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL WORKING GROUP OF EXPERTS ON INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS OF ACCOUNTING AND REPORTING (ISAR)

The Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting (ISAR) promotes high quality and internationally comparable financial and environmental, social and governance (ESG) reporting by enterprises. This enhances the role of accounting and reporting in assessing the private sector contribution to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and can facilitate financial inclusion. The 35th session of ISAR will review recent trends in this area and deliberate on the selection of core SDG indicators for company reporting to facilitate the harmonization of sustainability reporting and the integration of sustainability information into companies' reporting cycles. In the area of financial reporting the meeting will address the issue of the practical implementation of international standards of accounting and reporting into the public and private sectors. The session will also discuss further progress on the implementation of the Accounting Development Tool of UNCTAD and its impact on strengthening the regulatory and institutional foundations for high quality reporting by enterprises.

Wednesday, 24 October

10:00 – 13:00

Room XVII

Election of officers, adoption of the agenda and organization of work

Agenda items 1 and 2

Opening:

David Gichana, Deputy Auditor-General, Office of the Auditor General, Kenya, Chair, thirty-fourth session of ISAR

Opening remarks:

Isabelle Durant, Deputy Secretary-General, UNCTAD

Election of Chair and Vice-Chair-cum Rapporteur:

Andrew Staines, UK Ambassador and Deputy Permanent Representative (Economic Affairs) to the United Nations, Geneva (Chair Nominee)

Arman Bekturova, Director, Ministry of Finance, Kazakhstan (Vice-Chair nominee)

Keynote address:

Richard Howitt, Chief Executive Officer, International Integrated Reporting Council

10:50 – 12:30

Room XVII

High-level panel: Key trends in accounting and reporting and their impact on sustainable and inclusive development

This high-level panel will highlight recent developments and trends in the area of financial and non-financial enterprise reporting in the private and public sector and their implications for policy-makers, investors, companies and other stakeholders in the enterprise reporting chain. In particular, the following issues will be addressed:

- What are the current key trends and emerging new issues in the area of accounting and reporting in the private and public sector?
- How can policy-makers and other stakeholders further contribute towards harnessing the positive contribution of reporting to sustainable development and financial inclusion?
- What are some of the key recent development towards integrating reporting on the sustainability/ESG issues in companies reporting cycle?
- How can forums such ISAR further contribute towards promoting high-quality financial and non-financial reporting by enterprises?

Speakers:

Michel Prada, Former Chair, International Financial Reporting Standards Foundation
 Jean-Paul Servais, Vice Chairman, International Organization of Securities Commissions
 Steve Waygood, Chief Responsible Investment Officer, Aviva, and member of the EU High-Level Expert Group on Sustainable Finance
 Vania Maria da Costa Borgerth, BNDES, Brazil
 David Szafran, Attorney, Eubelius

15:00 – 16:45

Room XVII

Enhancing comparability of sustainability reporting: Selection of core indicators for entity reporting on the contribution towards the attainment of the SDGs

This high-level panel will focus on key initiatives, developments and challenges with respect to sustainability reporting, integration of the ESG reporting into companies reporting cycle, and enhancing the role of enterprise reporting in providing data for assessing the private sector contribution to the SDG implementation. In particular, the following issues will be addressed:

- Whether and how the SDG agenda and its monitoring needs have affected requirements in the area of sustainability reporting at a company level?
- What are the main drivers for companies to provide data on their performance and impacts on the SDG implementation? What are key obstacles?
- What could motivate companies to integrate the ESG information into the reporting cycle and publish high quality sustainability information as required by the SDG 12.6. and 12.6.1? In this regard is indicator 12.6.1 is a good measurement for the SDG 12.6?
- What are good practices and main challenges on data collection at a national level for assessment of the private sector contribution to the SDG implementation? Should the sustainability/SDG data be provided at a legal entity level considering that the impacts are local? Or it should only be provided at a consolidated level considering that investors are mainly concerned with a group performance at a consolidated level?
- How to facilitate coordination and cooperation among key stakeholders in the area of sustainability/SDG reporting, including such as financial reporting regulators, environmental, labour and statistical bodies, investors, professional bodies, and society at large? How to align all these users needs in this area and could a set of core baseline indicators be a solution as an entry point?
- What are the most pressing capacity-building needs in the area of sustainability reporting at a company level and at a country level to facilitate availability of reliable and comparable data on the private sector contribution to the SDG implementation?

Introduction of agenda items 3:

Tatiana Krylova, Head, Enterprise Branch, UNCTAD

Speakers:

Lucas Sebastian Gomez, Director for Monitoring and Evaluation of Public Policies and Technical Secretary of the SDG Commission, Colombia

Carmem Bueno, Director, Department of Political and Social Relations, Office of the President of Brazil

Martin Spolc, Head of Unit, DG Financial Stability, Financial Services and Capital, European Commission (TBC)

Shameela Ebrahim, Senior Strategist, Sustainability, JSE, and Chair of the Sustainability Working Group at the World Federation of Exchanges

Michael Zimonyi, Policy & External Affairs Manager, Climate Disclosures Standards Board

Catherine Saire, Sustainability Director, Deloitte

Sonia Aparecida Consiglio Favaretto, Director, B3, Brazil

Débora Ponce, Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Guatemala

Jimmy Greer, Head of Sustainability, ACCA

Alex Cobham, Chief Executive, Tax Justice Network

17:15 – 18:00

Room XVII

ISAR Honours Awards

ISAR Honours aims to support efforts on enhancing the quality of companies' reporting on their contribution to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and its usefulness for monitoring the implementation of the SDGs. ISAR Honours will be presented to policy, institutional or capacity-building initiatives that facilitate improvements in companies' reporting on sustainability and SDG issues.

Thursday, 25 October

10:00 – 12:30

Room XVII

Enhancing comparability of sustainability reporting: Selection of core indicators for entity reporting on the contribution towards the attainment of the Sustainable Development Goals

Agenda item 3 (continued)

The panel will conduct further deliberations on the draft guidance on core indicators on the SDG reporting by entities (GCI). In particular, the following issues will be addressed:

- Would the proposed indicators enable enterprises to provide comparable data on their performance towards the achievement of the SDGs, in alignment with the SDG monitoring framework?
- What could be main challenges on collecting underlying accounting data required for the proposed SDG indicators? Could cost and management accounting information be used for these purposes? What kind of assurance is required to facilitate reliability of such data?
- Are the suggested SDG indicators for companies useful for enabling countries to collect data on the private sector contribution to implementation of the SDGs and to report on the SDG target 12.6 and indicator 12.6.1; as well as on other SDG indicators in the area of environmental protection, waste generation; rational use of natural resources such as energy, water and land; social issues such as gender equality, good governance and anti-corruption practices?
- Would measures to promote alignment of a limited number of core SDG indicators for companies with the national accounts and statistic methodologies be helpful to facilitate usefulness and comparability of such reporting for different stakeholders, including the national SDG monitoring authorities?
- What kind of solutions can new data companies provide to support harmonisation and comparability of the SDG reporting by companies and to improve monitoring and aggregation of the SDG data at a company level, including the proposed core indicators?
- Would the GCI be a useful tool to develop case studies to advance high quality reporting by entities on their contribution to the SDG agenda?

Speakers:

Ariela Caglio, UNCTAD Resource Person
Anne Gadegaard, Associate Director, Corporate Sustainability, Novo Nordisk
Henrik Bang, Head of Division, Population and Education, Statistics Denmark
Richard V. Rothenberg, Executive Director, Global AI Corporation
Jose Luis Blasco, Global Head of Sustainability, KPMG
Neil Stevenson, Managing Director - Global Implementation, International Integrated Reporting Council
Bernhard Frey, Senior Manager - SDG Impact and Reporting, UN Global Compact
Emily Sims, Senior Specialist, Multinational Enterprises Programme, International Labour Office
Danielle Chesebrough, Senior Analyst, Investor Relations with UNGC, Policy & Research
Nadina Stodiek, Fund Manager PPP Mandates, Impact Manager, BlueOrchard
Gulenn També, Partner, EY
Victoria Hurth, Convenor TC309, ISO
Tatyana Ifemenko/ Liudmyla Lovinska, Academy of Financial management, Ukraine
Lowri Angharad Rees, Programme Management Officer, Sustainable Development Goals and Environmental Statistics Unit, UN Environment - Science Division
Denise Kronemberger, Advisor, Brazilian Institute of Geography and Statistics
Jessica Ying Chan, Environmental Economic Accounts Section, Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs
James Donovan, Chief Executive Officer, ADEC Innovations
Maria Mora, Chair of the Best Practices Board, XBRL

15:00 – 17:30

Room XVII

Issues of practical implementation of international standards of accounting and reporting in the public and private sectors**Agenda item 4**

The panel will review the current state of implementation of the International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS). In particular, the following issues will be addressed:

- What is the current state of implementation of IFRs around the world?
- Are IFRS being implemented in a comparable and consistent manner?
- Are monitoring, compliance and enforcement authorities conducting their work in a consistent and comparable manner around the world?
- What are some of the key benefits that have been derived as a result of the global implementation of IFRS?
- Some large jurisdictions around the world have not yet implemented IFRS as issued by the IASB. What are the prospects for these jurisdictions to implement IFRS in the coming years?
- What are some of the main challenges that countries and enterprises are encountering in implementing IFRS?
- What needs to be done at the global level to promote further implementation of IFRS in additional jurisdictions, particularly by developing countries and countries with economies in transition?

Speakers:

Amaro Luiz de Oliveira Gomes, Board Member, International Accounting Standards Board
Andrew Watchman, Chief Executive Officer and Technical Expert Group Chairman, European Financial Reporting Advisory Group
Alejandro Vera Espinosa, Director, Group of Latin American Accounting Standard-Setters

Lebagang Senne, Technical Director, Pan-African Federation of Accountants
 Alan McGill, Global Sustainability Assurance Partner, PwC
 Xu, Huaxin, Head of Secretariat, Asian-Oceanian Standard-Setters Group

Friday, 26 October

10:30 – 11:00

Room XVII

Informal consultations *(by invitations only)*

11:00 – 11:30

Room XVII

Consideration of outcomes

Agenda Item 3

11:30 – 12:30

Room XVII

Issues of practical implementation of international standards of accounting and reporting in the public and private sectors

Agenda Item 4 (continued)

Over the last 20 years, many countries have opted to prepare their public sector financial statements in accordance with global standards issued by the International Public Sector Accounting Standards Board. The panel discussion will focus on the following issues:

- What is the current state of implementation of IPSAS around the world?
- What are the main challenges that have been arising in the process of implementing IPSAS?
- Are there clearly defined and globally recognized assurance standards intended for financial reports prepared by public sector entities?
- What needs to be done to facilitate sharing of experiences among member States with respect to implementation of IPSAS?
- Furthermore, speakers in this panel will present case studies on implementation of International Public Sector Accounting Standards

Speakers:

Luzvi Chatto, Board member, International Public Sector Accounting Standards Board
 David Gichana, Deputy Auditor-General, Office of the Auditor General, Kenya
 Iain Mansfield, Head of Public Sector, ACCA
 Sandro Fuchs, Head, Center for Public Financial Management, Zurich University of Applied Sciences
 Lourdes Castillo, Assistant Commissioner, Philippines Commission on Audit
 Barbara Pabersath, INTOSAI General Secretariat and the Austrian Court of Audit

15:00 – 15:45

Room XVII

During this segment, member States that implemented the UNCTAD-ISAR Accounting Development Tool (ADT) will share their experiences

Speakers:

Tatyana Rybak, Head, Accounting, Reporting and Audit Directorate, Ministry of Finance of Belarus

15:45 – 16:15

Room XVII

Consideration of outcomes

Agenda item 4 and 5

16:15 – 16:45

Room XVII

Provisional agenda for the thirty-sixth session of ISAR

Agenda Item 6

16:45 – 17:15

Room XVII

Adoption of the report

Agenda Item 7



UNCTAD YOUTH FORUM 2018

A force towards inclusive and sustainable growth globalization

The UNCTAD Youth Forum 2018 aims to encourage a dialogue between youth and global leaders from governments and the private sector involved in the achievement of the sustainable development goals. Under the theme of youth entrepreneurship as a force towards inclusive and sustainable growth, over 200 young men and women from around the world will gather to talk about the future employment landscape and the role of the entrepreneurs of 2030. Convened in parallel with the World Investment Forum 2018, the Youth Forum also provides an opportunity for the participants to interact with the high-level investment-development stakeholders from around the world.

Monday, 22 October

9:00 – 10:30 **Welcoming session – *Closed session***

10:30 – 11:30 **Cybersecurity Starts with You**

Room XXI

with Prof. Solange Ghernaouti

Moderator: Rubi Hernandez

11:30 – 12:00 **Youth Debate – *Closed session***

Room XXI

UN Youth Strategy 2030

with Fredrik Asche Kaada, Miram Wafuk, Nuerjahan Ainiwaer, Ndusimo Mngomezulu

11:50 – 12:00 **Welcome**

Room XXI

by Dr. Mukhisa Kituyi, Secretary-General of UNCTAD

12:00 – 12:45 **Youth o'Clock**

Room XXI

Way to the Future

with Tiago Mattos

Moderator: Chenxi Zhu

12:45 – 13:30 **Youth Debate – *Closed session***

Room XXI

Team building with Zarja Vojta, Alessandra Gatti

Tuesday, 23 October

9:00 – 9:30 **Warming-up – *Closed session***

Room XXI

by Arlette Verploegh

9:30 – 10:30 Room XXI	Champions of the New Digital Economy Meet the Netpreneurs Fellows of the joint UNCTAD and Alibaba Group eFounders Fellowship programme; Nancie Amunga, Teddy Warria, Caroline Kariuki, Magellan Fetalino Moderator: Viridiana Garcia-Quiles
10:30 – 11:30 Room XXI	Blockchains with Francesco Abbate, Nicholas Kee & Arnaud Salomon Moderator: Eugenia Novoa Zubiria
11:30 – 12:00 Room XXI	Presentation of the Iberoamerican Report of the Youth Entrepreneurship by Alejandra Saenz Moderator: Daniela Perozo Coste
12:00 – 12:45 Room XXI	Youth o'Clock The New Economy with Brian Wong & Arlette Verploegh and the eFounders Fellows: Nancie Amunga, Teddy Warria, Caroline kariuki and Magellan Fetalino Moderator: Viridiana Garcia-Quiles
17:30 – 18:30 Room XXI	Youth Debate – <i>Closed session</i> Blockchains Business Models Led by Arnaud Salomon, Yann Gerardi and Francesco Abbate Co-facilitated by Eugenia Novoa Zubiri & Rohan Singh

Wednesday, 24 October

9:00 – 9:30 Room XXI	Warming-up – <i>Closed session</i> by Arlette Verploegh
9:30 – 11:00 Room XXI	Youth for Sustainable Development Goals Opening remarks: Adam Koniuszewski Keynote address: Isabelle Durant, Deputy Secretary-General of UNCTAD with Chris Garroway, Alejandra Saenz, Linda Okero, Thomson Chng, Ebba Engstrom, Laurens Houwink, Daniele Guadagnolo Moderator: Samira Fierro Sedas
11:00 – 12:00 Room XXI	Youth Debate – <i>Closed session</i> 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development Presentation by Dario Piselli on SDSN with Felipe Villela, Amanda Abrom, Qaiser Nawab, Christian Inkum
12:00 – 12:45 Room XXI	Youth o'Clock A conversation with H.E. Mrs. Neo Masisi, First Lady of Botswana Moderator: Nancie Amunga
13:00 – 13:30 Room XXI	Informal interaction Dr. Mukhisa Kituyi, Secretary-General of UNCTAD with the participants on United Nations Day

14:00 – 15:00 Room XXI	Linking Rural Markets to the Global Economy with Felipe Villela, Rolf Traeger, Daniela Perozo Coste, Ashish Poudyal Moderator: Kanika Sahijani
14:00 – 15:00 Room XXI	Youth Debate – <i>Closed session</i> Workshop on Sustainable Development Goals
16:00 – 17:00 Room XXI	Data.Me Zanna van Dijk, Mathias Haas Moderator: Sanya Rajpal
17:00 – 18:00 Room XXI	Youth Debate – <i>Closed session</i> UN Youth Strategy 2030 & 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development Opening remarks Olusola Owonikoko & Camila Malagodi with Fredrik Kaada, Miram Elgendy, Nuerjiahan Ainiwear, Ndusimo Mngomezulu & Felipe Villela, Amanda Abrom, Qaiser Nawab, Christian Inkum

Thursday, 25 October

9:00 – 9:30 Room XXI	Warming-up – <i>Closed session</i> by Arlette Verploegh
9:30 – 10:30 Room XXI	The Changing Job Market Landscape; why should I care? with Ariel King, Efrem Berhe, Teddy Warria, Manoj Bhardwaj, Brian Wong Moderator: Alena Dique
10:30 – 10:55 Room XXI	Youth Debate – <i>Closed session</i> International Geneva with a Youth Perspective With Olivier Coutau, Samira Fierro Sedas Moderator: Cristina Valdes Arguelles
10:55 – 11:30 Room XXI	Youth Debate – <i>Closed session</i> UN Youth Strategy 2030 & 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
11:30 – 12:00 Room XXI	Launch of the Blue and Green Entrepreneurship Report Ms. Isabelle Durant, Deputy Secretary-General of UNCTAD and Rt Hon. Patricia Scotland QC, Secretary-General of Commonwealth Moderator: Jessica Anuna
12:00 – 12:45 Room XXI	Youth o'Clock Leadership, what does it take in today's world? conversation with Dona Bertarelli Moderator: Hayatun Nafysa
14:00 – 14:30 Room XXI	Youth Debate – <i>Closed session</i> UNCTAD Youth Action Hubs by Arthur Mclean with Thomson Chng
14:30 – 15:00 Room XXI	Sustainable Development Goals pitching With jury members Hans Docter, Prof. Désirée van Gorp, Waleed Nasir, Loren Newman, Jessica Anuna Moderator: Bareha Abbas

15:00 – 16:00

Room XXI

Youth Crossing the Border

with Roderick Rutters, Flavia Bellaguarda De Castro Chuery, Prof. Désirée van Gorp, Amougou Aristide Agbor, Saurabh Navande

Moderator: Jeroen Plantinga

16:00 – 17:00

Room XXI

Beyond Education and Skills

Opening remarks by Muhammad Sarim Raza

with Prof. Désirée van Gorp, Magellan Fetalino, Jose Alvarez, Sanya Rajpal, Loren Newman

Moderator: Ariel King

17:00 – 18:00

Room XXI

Young Women in Business

Opening remarks by Dorothy Tembo

with Jessica Anuna, Anida Yupari, Nancy Amunga, Hilda Liswani

Moderator: Somya Sharma

Friday, 26 October

9:00 – 9:15

Room XXI

Warming Up

by Arlette Verploegh

9:15 – 10:15

Room XXI

Mindset Makeover

Conversation with H.E. Ms. Bogolo Kenewendo, Minister of Investment, Trade and Industry of Botswana

with Waleed Nasir, Alena Dique, Loren Newman, Tina Arok Kuek

Moderator: Eugenia Novoa Zubiri

10:15 – 11:15

Room XXI

Youth Debate – *Closed session*

And now ...

11:00 – 11:45

Room XXI

We are UNCTAD Youth – *Closed session*

UNCTAD Youth Action Hubs by Arthur Mclean with Thomson Chng

11:45 – 12:30

Closing Session

with Dr. Mukhisa Kituyi, Secretary-General of UNCTAD

INVESTMENT VILLAGE

Monday 22 October

14:00

OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE INVESTMENT VILLAGE

E-Building,
1st floor stage

Tuesday, 23 – Friday, 26 October

09:00 – 18:00

COUNTRY AND ORGANIZATION EXHIBITION

E-Building,
1st and 3rd floor

The World Investment Forum will offer member States the possibility to showcase their countries' investment opportunities in the Investment Village. The Village, located in the proximity of the main meeting rooms of the Forum, will feature public investment exhibitions, ensuring visibility and interaction.

The official opening, involving high-level UN and partner country officials, will take place on 22 October at 14:00.

Please see the map of the Village on page 66.

Friday 26 October

14:00

INVESTMENT VILLAGE AWARD CEREMONY 2018

E-Building,
Room XX

Monday, 23 – Friday, 26 October

E-Building,
3rd floor

PRIVATE SECTOR SOLUTIONS FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

The private sector will be a vital partner to public efforts to direct more investment effectively towards sustainable development. This session, organized in the format of investment stakeholders networking breakfasts or luncheons, will be the opportunity for private sector entities – global TNCs, SMEs and Foundations – to present their existing programmes and initiatives in support of sustainable development to the international community.

Tuesday, 23 October

13:30 – 14:30 ISO standards: helping to make the 2030 Agenda a reality International Organization for Standardization (ISO)

Refreshments provided

Speakers:

- Mr. José Alcorta, Head of Standard Development, ISO
- Mrs. Pamela Tariff, Membership Team Leader, ISO
- Mrs. Noelia Garcia Nebra, Programme Manager, ISO
- Mrs. Elisabeth GASIOROWSKI, Creative Content Team Leader, ISO

Moderator:

- Mr. Oktawian Kuc, UNCTAD

Wednesday, 24 October

09:00 – 10:30 **Introduction to Blockchain for Sustainable Development** Institute for Leadership and Sustainability (IFLAS), University of Cumbria

Refreshments provided

Speakers:

Ms. Galia Benartzi, Co-Founder, Bancor
Mr. Chris Fabian, Co-Founder, UNICEF Innovation Fund
Ms. Vanessa Grellet, Executive Director, Consensus Social Impact
Mr. Sander de Jong, Managing Director, Fairfood International

Moderator:

Mr. Thomas Van Giffen, UNCTAD

10:30 – 11:00 **The 3Ms Model as Championed in the Agriculture Industry** Amru Rice, Cambodia

Speaker:

Mr. Saran Song, CEO, Amru Rice

13:00 – 15:00 **Investing in sustainable communities** **LIV – A multi-stakeholder partnership to deliver on the Goals** LIV, South Africa

Refreshments provided

Speakers:

Mr. Tich Smith, Founder, LIV
Mr. Russell Curtis, HoD, Invest Durban
Mr. Chester Koyana, General Manager, LIV

Moderator:

Ms. Christiane Stepanek-Allen, UNCTAD

Thursday, 25 October

09:00 – 10:00 **Climate-Smart Agriculture is Business-Smart, cases from Latin America**

ALIMI Impact Ventures, Brazil

Refreshments provided

Speakers:

Ms. Angélica Rotondaro, Funding Member, Alimi Impact Ventures
Ms. Leonie Dissemond, Alimi Impact Ventures

Moderator:

Mr. Oktawian Kuc, UNCTAD

13:00 – 14:00 **A sustainability success story on Mount Kilimanjaro** Nature Discovery, Tanzania

Speaker:

Mr. Thomas M. Holden, General Manager, Nature Discovery

Moderator:

Mr. Oktawian Kuc, UNCTAD

14:00 – 15:00 Our Legacy of Good Imperative

Dell Technologies

Speaker:

Ms. Niraja Srinivasan, Vice President, Dell Technologies

Moderator:

Mr. Oktawian Kuc, UNCTAD

Friday, 26 October

12:00 – 13:00 Investment in Sustainable Energy Solutions for Refugees and Migrants

UNITAR on behalf of The Global Plan of Action for Sustainable Energy Solutions in Situations of Displacement – Initiative

Speaker:

Mr. Mark Gibson, UNITAR

Moderator:

Mr. Oktawian Kuc, UNCTAD

13:00 – 14:00 Implementing SDGs in private investment funds
Symbiotics

Speaker:

Mr. Roland Dominicé, CEO, Symbiotics

Moderator:

Mr. Oktawian Kuc, UNCTAD

SIDE EVENTS

Monday, 22 October



10:00 – 13:00; Workshop for Parliamentarians

16:00 – 18:00 Financing the SDGs: How can parliaments bridge the gap?

Room XI

How to finance the 2030 Agenda at the country level has emerged as a key issue since world leaders adopted the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in September 2015. Governments' abilities to mobilize sequence and make effective use of a wide variety of both financing sources and financing instruments and strategies will be central to their ability to achieve the SDGs. The World Investment Report 2014 estimates the annual investment gap in key SDG sectors in developing countries at an average 2.5 trillion per year.

This implies the need to proactively mobilize finance from ready sources and implementing innovative mechanisms to pool public and private efforts; and blend domestic and international financing. On this front, national parliaments have a crucial role to play. They are responsible for creating a smooth, pro-SDG environment at the legislative level by identifying reform priorities and drafting new legislation, on matters such as public-private partnerships or investment incentives. They take part in formulating, approving, auditing and overseeing budget management. National lawmakers may initiate relevant steps to improve tax administration and public finance management or to combat illicit financial flows and tax avoidance as they overlook the performance of the government. The role of parliamentarians in building partnerships for development and its financing cannot be underestimated. They are also central to promoting and initiating public debate on the SDGs – not only within the parliamentary chamber both also outside, with business and civil society stakeholders.

Issues for the debate:

- What are the key financing means to achieve the SDGs?
- In what ways can parliaments ensure adequate resources for the SDGs at country level? What innovative approaches can be considered?
- How can the interaction between parliaments, policy makers and the private sector be improved to better deliver on sustainable development?

Opening statements:

Mr. Michael Møller, Director-General, United Nations Office at Geneva

Ms. Gabriela Cuevas Barron, President, Inter-Parliamentary Union

Speakers:

Mr. László Borbély, State Counsellor to the Prime Minister, Government of Romania; former MP

Ms. Christine Löw, Director, Liaison Office Geneva, UN Women

Mr. Fernando Aportela, former Deputy Secretary of Finance, Mexico

Dr. Ger Bergkamp, President & CEO, Arcowa

Mr. James Zhan, Director of Investment and Enterprise, UNCTAD

Dr. Flavia Bustreo, Partnership for Maternal Newborn and Child Health

Ms. Monika Sheldon-London, CEO of Alpha Financial Technical Service

Moderators:

Mr. Alessandro Motter, senior advisor for economic and social affairs, IPU

Mr. Martin Chungong, Secretary General, IPU

Ms. Nadia Isler, Director of the SDG Lab, UN Office at Geneva

For a detailed programme of the Workshop please refer to <http://worldinvestmentforum.unctad.org/ipu-workshop/>

10:00 – 13:00

Room XXIII

Investment Promotion Agencies (IPA) Workshop



Showcasing Investment Promotion and Facilitation in SDG Projects

The workshop will provide IPAs basic knowledge and skills to engage effectively in narrowing the SDG-related investment gap and contribute to the achievement of Agenda 2030. Organized in cooperation with the **World Association of Investment Promotion Agencies (WAIPA)**, the workshop will systematize best practice, feedback and insights from IPAs and be incorporated in UNCTAD's investment promotion technical cooperation programme as an outcome of this session.

Issues for the debate:

- FDI global trends and investment in SDG-related projects (WIR 2018), UNCTAD.
- The role of IPAs in promoting and facilitating the SDGs, WAIPA.
- UNCTAD's Guide for IPAs to promote/facilitate SDGs-related projects, UNCTAD.

Opening Statement:

James Zhan, Director, Division on Investment and Enterprise, UNCTAD

Speakers:

Fahad Al Gergawi, CEO, Dubai FDI & WAIPA Vice President

Diane Edwards, President, JAMPRO, & President, CAIPA

Anna Falth, Head, Women's Empowerment Principles Secretariat, UN Women

Vanessa Gibson, Head of Investment Climate, CINDE, Costa Rica

Henry Loewendahl, Group CEO, WAVTEQ

Anuj Joshua Mathew, Head, Trade and Investment Promotion Economics, Department for International Trade, United Kingdom

Dushyant Thakor, Vice President, Invest India

Annelize van der Merwe, Director, Green Economy Industries, Investment South Africa, Department of Trade & Industry, South Africa

Paul Wessendorp, Chief, Investment Promotion Section (IPS), DIAE, UNCTAD

Moderators:

Natalia Guerra, Senior Capacity-building Coordinator, IPS, DIAE, UNCTAD

Bostjan Skalar, CEO, WAIPA

10:00 – 13:00

Room XXVI

International Standards of Accounting and Reporting (ISAR) Workshop



Digital Currencies and Blockchain: Implications for Accounting

The workshop will address emerging issues in the area of blockchain, digitalization and digital currencies, and in particular the implications of these phenomena for financial reporting. It will allow a range of reporting stakeholders to take stock of this technological revolution, which brings both opportunities and risks for the quality of reporting, the accounting profession and financial stability. The first roundtable will introduce emerging issues, focusing on the broader implications of blockchain technology and the digitalization revolution for accounting stakeholders. The second roundtable will delve into the subject of digital currencies, and how they relate to the existing financial reporting infrastructure.

Keynote

- Digitalization and accounting: the current context.

Round table 1

- What is the impact of digitalization on accounting practice?
- What are some of the risks and opportunities of blockchain technology in accounting?
- What are the main implications for the accountancy profession? What are some emerging good practices in harnessing the digital revolution for high-quality accounting?

Round table 2

- What is the current context for digital currencies from an accounting perspective?
- What are the main technical developments that occurred over recent years in the area of accounting standards for cryptocurrencies? What are some emerging frameworks?
- What are the main challenges to devising standards and practice in financial reporting in response to digital currencies?

Opening Statement:

Mr. James Zhan, Director of Investment and Enterprise, UNCTAD

Keynote address:

Mr. Philippe Arraou, Board member, International Federation of Accountants

Panel 1

Mr. David Lyford-Smith, Technical Manager, ICAEW IT Faculty

Ms. Peggy Gondo, PWC

Mr. Marco Grossi, Director, Deloitte

Mr. Mohini Singh, Director of Financial Reporting Policy, CFA Institute

Panel 2

Mr. Craig Smith, Technical Manager, International Accounting Standards Board

Mr. Kris Peach, Chair, Australian Accounting Standards Board

Mr. Yasunobu Kawanishi, Board member, Accounting Standards Board of Japan

Moderator:

Mr. David Szafran, Attorney, Eubelius. Chairman of ISAR 30th session

Tuesday, 23 October

10:30 – 14:30 CAIPA Meeting

Room XXV

Launched in 2007, the Caribbean Association of Investment Promotion Agencies (CAIPA) brings together Caribbean Investment Promotion Intermediaries from 23 Caribbean economies to collaborate in promoting the region as a location for investment. Each year, the members of CAIPA meet to discuss and agree on the work programme for the upcoming year.

Issues for deliberation:

- Plans for a Regional Investment Policy Review and an iGuide for the Caribbean.
- Strategies for the continued promotion of the Caribbean to attract quality investment Initiatives to enhance the capacity of CAIPA members to execute their country specific mandates.

Wednesday, 24 October

09:00 – 10:30 Presentation of Report: Energy Investment Risk Assessment (EIRA) 2018

Room XXVII

The Energy Investment Risk Assessment (EIRA) is a publication of the Energy Charter Secretariat that evaluates specific risks affecting energy investment that can be mitigated through adjustments to policy, legal and regulatory frameworks. EIRA is an instrument primarily targeted at governmental decision-makers. It aims to identify policy gaps, provide learning opportunities, and stimulate reforms which make the investment climate of countries more robust and reduce the risk of investor-State disputes. EIRA 2018, the first public edition of the Report, was launched on 3 October 2018. Secretary General of the Energy Charter Secretariat Dr. Urban Rusnák will present the results, after which the floor will be open for discussion.

10:00 – 13:00 Hearing on SDG financial products

Room XI

Thursday, 25 October

18:15 – 19:45 The future of corporate income taxes

Maison de la Paix
(off site event)

Lessons for the Emerging and Low-Income Countries

Session organized in partnership with the **Graduate Institute**.

Are corporate income taxes currently designed as “fit for purposes”? Should policymakers be engaging in a fundamental review of the structures of these taxes which goes beyond the current focus on the international dimension? What are the options for reform and what political, economic and transitional barriers would need to be overcome? These are some of the questions which will be addressed in this lecture.

Friday, 26 October

08:00 – 09:00 TNC Journal Advisory Board Meeting

Room X

(by invitation only)

10:00 – 12:00 Regional commissions and UNCTAD: Collaboration on FDI statistics and investment reports

Room E-1014–16
(by invitation only)

13:00 – 14:30 Inter-Agency Technical Committee Meeting on Promoting Investment in LDCs

Delegates

Restaurant

(by invitation only)

Organized by UNCTAD and **UNOHRRLLS**, this meeting of representative UN organizations will discuss current and planned activities to support LDCs in attracting investment and a joint initiative on capacity-building in investment promotion for LDCs.



IIA-RELATED BREAK-OUT SESSIONS BY EXTERNAL PARTNERS

Tuesday, 23 October

- 08:30 – 10:00** **IIA Reform and sustainable development: sharing Asia-Pacific experiences**
Room XXV ESCAP and ITD
- 12:30 – 14:30** **Promoting transformative investment in Africa through regional integration**
Room XXVI UNECA
- 12:30 – 14:30** **Reforms and alternatives for the future of the international investment treaty regime: views for the way forward**
Room XXII South Centre

Wednesday, 24 October

- 08:30 – 10:00** **Designing the next generation of the ICSID rules**
Room XXVI ICSID
- 09:00 – 10:00** **Rethinking international investment governance: principles for the 21st century**
Room XXV CCSI
- 13:00 – 14:30** **Investment for sustainable development: incorporating investor obligations in trade and investments agreements**
Room XXVI FES, ICJ and IISD

Thursday, 25 October

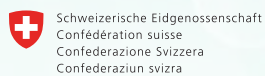
- 08:30 – 10:00** **Towards realization of the SDGs on the national level: challenges posed by international investment law**
Room XXVI Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Nyenrode Business University and Utrecht University
- 13:00 – 14:30** **The future of investment-related dispute settlement: options and models**
Room XXVII FES, ICJ and IISD

Friday, 26 October

- 08:30 – 10:00** **The right and duty to regulate in the context of mega-infrastructure investment**
Room XXV OHCHR and Heinrich Böll Foundation
- 08:00 – 09:30** **Improving policy coherence to attract export oriented FDI for sustainable development: taking forward phase 3 of IIA reform**
Room XXVI CUTS International

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Location

Palais des Nations
8-14, Av. de la Paix
1211 Geneva 10, Switzerland

Free WiFi

During your stay at the Palais de Nations you can access to free wifi by registering at the **UNCTAD-Public-WiFi** network.

Transportation

To the Palais des Nations

By tram or bus

Trams number 13 and 15, as well as buses 5, 8, 11, 14, 28, V, F, and Z serve the Place des Nations. Buses 8, 28, F, V and Z will take you directly to Pregny Gate (Appia stop), where the badge distribution and identification is located.

More information on Geneva public transportation is available on the Geneva Public Transport Website.

By taxi

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The Palais de Nations is served by numerous restaurants and cafeterias.

Main cafeteria

Opening hours: 8:15 am – 4:45 pm

Location: Floor 0, Door A13|15

Delegates Restaurant

Opening hours: 12:00 am – 2:30 pm

Location: Floor 8, Door A13|15

Serpent Bar

Opening hours: 9:00 am – 5:15 pm

Location: Floor 1, Door E40

Bar / Snack Palette

Opening hours: 8:15 am – 5:00 pm

Location: Floor 6, Doors E40

Press Bar

Opening hours: 8:00 am – 6:30 pm

Location: Floor 0, Door C6|23

Delegates Lounge

Opening hours: 8:30 am – 5:00 pm

Location: Floor 3, Door A13

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A breastfeeding room is available on the third floor of the E building (Room E 3054-2) in the Palais des Nations (UN building). It is located behind Room XX and is equipped with two armchairs, a fridge, a changing table and a protective barrier by the window. The room can be used on a first come – first serve basis (no reservation).

A second breastfeeding room is located in the S building (room S036) next to the Medical Service.

Other Services and Facilities

UNOG Medical Service

Opening hours: 8.00 AM – 5.00 PM

Floor: – 1

Door: S2

UNOG Banking facilities

Opening hours: 8.30 AM – 4.30 PM

Floor: -1

Door: S2

UNOG Post office

Opening hours: 8.00 AM – 5.00 PM

Floor: 0

Door: C6/23

UNOG Souvenir Shop

Opening hours: 9.00 AM – 5.30 PM

Floor: 0

Door: C6/23

UNOG Library

Opening hours: 8:30 am – 5:30 pm

Location: Floor 1, Door B20

UNOG Archives

Opening hours: 8:30 am – 5:30 pm

Location: Floor 3, Door B20

UNOG Bookshop

Opening hours: 9:00 am – 5:30 pm

Location: Floor 2, Door E40

League of Nations Museum

Opening hours: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Location: Floor 1, Door B20

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The 3rd floor and the ground floor allow you to cross the entire length of the Palais des Nations.

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Priority parking for persons with disabilities is available at the following accessible doors:

A13 | A18 | B20 | C6 | D9 | E

Accessible doors

C6 | D9 | A18 | B20 | E40

Accessible elevators

S2 | A12 | A13 | A15 | A16 | C5 | C7 | A29 | E46

Accessible restrooms

Door A13 | Ground floor near the Cafeteria

Door A13 | 3rd floor

Door C6 | 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th floor

Door E40 | 1st, 3rd, 6th floor

Visiting Geneva

Bienvenue à Genève! Welcome to Geneva!

Situated along the banks of Lake Geneva at the foot of the Alps, Geneva sparkles as one of Europe's most beautiful cities. Home to the European headquarters of the United Nations, Geneva has a long history of diversity and tolerance dating back to the Protestant Reformation. Today, the city of Geneva is a cultural center second to none featuring world class entertainment, top rated restaurants and unlimited opportunities for recreation.

Geneva Weather

Average temperatures feature constant decrease in the city of Geneva during October.

High temperatures are initially around 18°C (64.4°F), dropping to around 12°C (53.6°F) by the end of October.

Low temperatures follow the similar trend, decreasing from around 9°C (48.2°F) to 5°C (41°F)

In most cases, though, average daily temperatures remain within the 7°C (44.6°F) to 15°C (59°F) range.

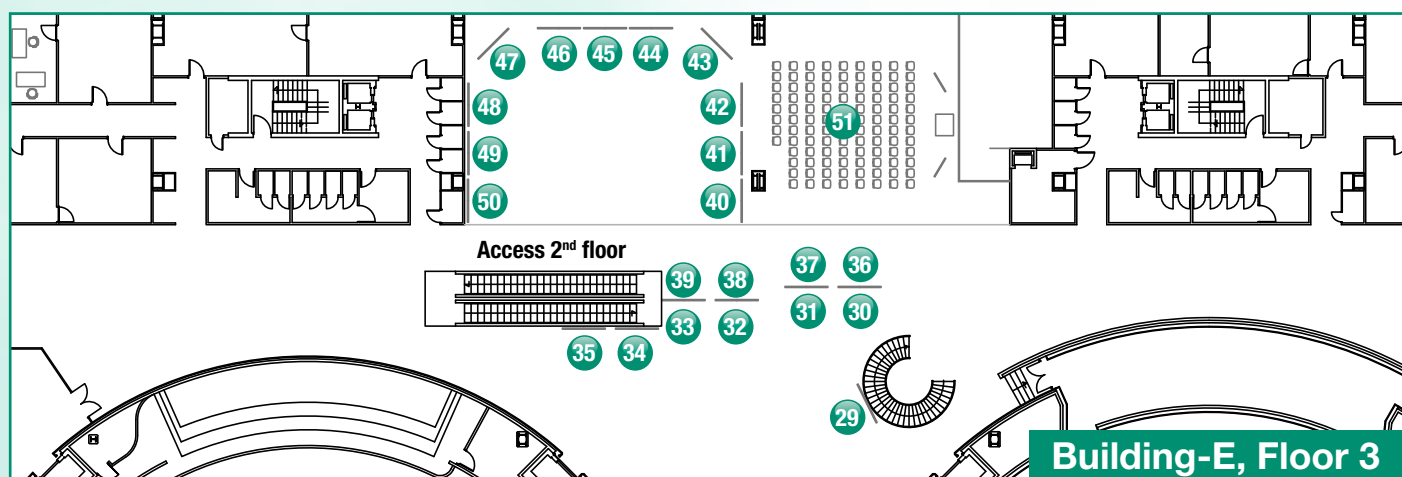
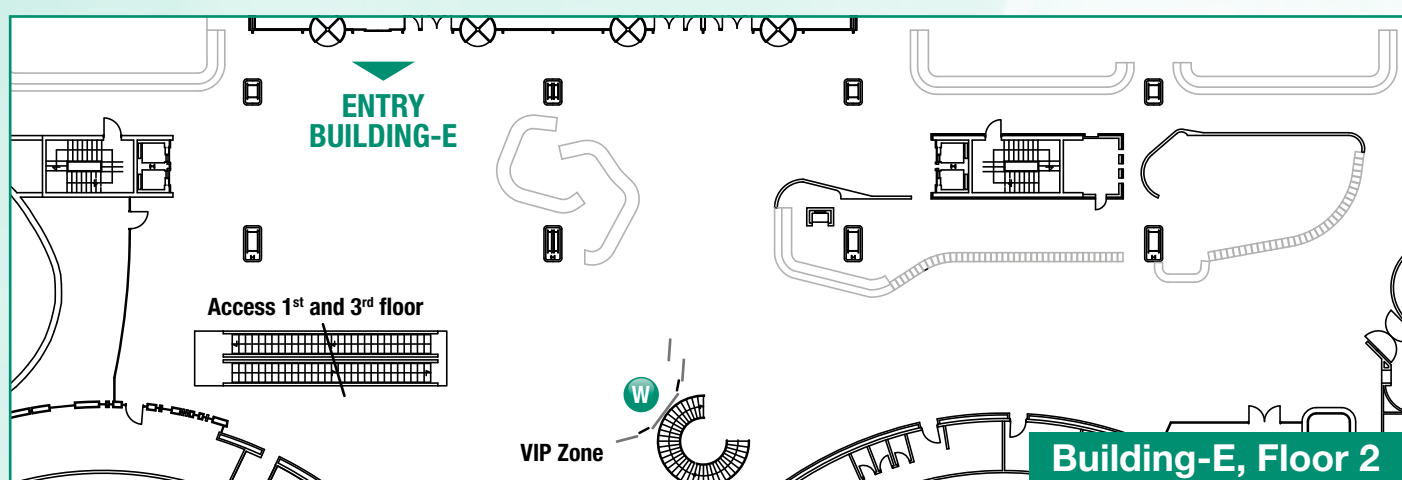
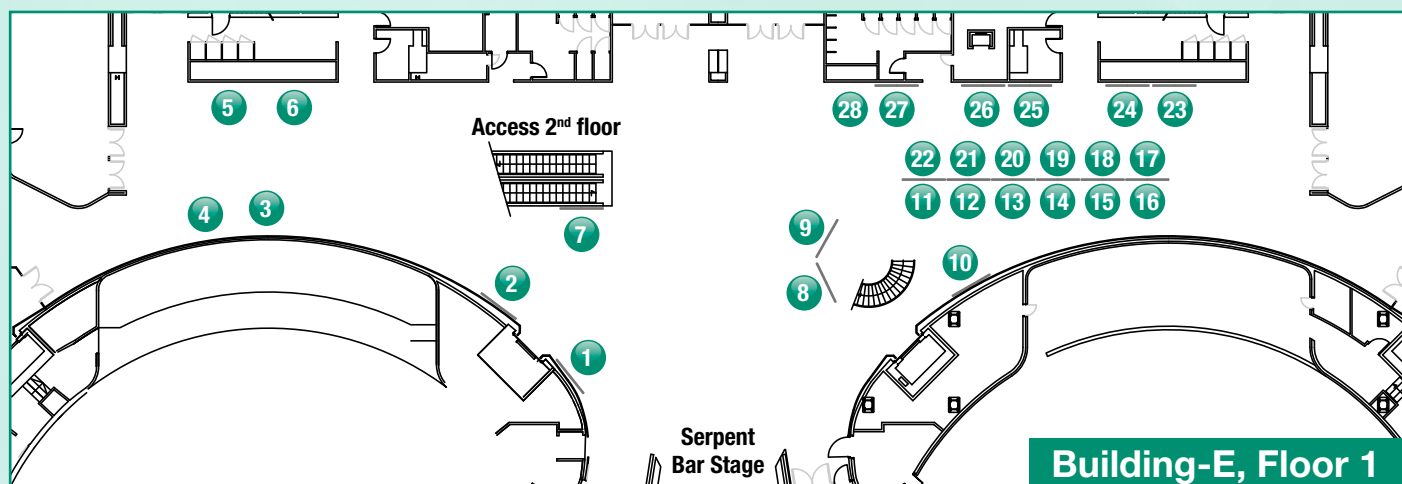
CAGI Delegates Welcome Service

The CAGI Delegates Welcome Service provides you with all useful and practical information during the conference at United Nations Office at Geneva (UNOG).

The Delegates Information Desk (DID) is located within the "Palais des Nations", Building E, main entrance, in order to:

- facilitate your stay in Geneva,
- inform you about the services and the conference.

Investment Village Map



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