

PROGRAMME AT A GLANCE

ABU DHABI, UAE

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as of 3 July 2023

16-20 October 2023

Monday, 16 October

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

Tuesday, 17 October

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| 8:00-9:00 | World Economic Forum-UNCTAD joint breakfast event: Invest tech |
| 9:00-18:00 | WAPPP Annual Congress |
| 9:00-10:30 | Summit Roundtable: Small Island Developing States and Investment Guarantees (organized and facilitated by MIGA) |
| 9:30-18:00 | Youth Forum |
| 9:45-11:15 | Industry 4.0 and the Future of Global Investment |
| 10:00-13:00 | SSE Global Dialogue (in partnership with UNGC, UNEP and PRI) |
| 10:00-13:00 | 40th ISAR Opening |
| 10:15-12:15 | Global Investment Promotion Conference: Powering the future with sustainable energy |
| 11:30-13:00 | Global Investment Game Changers Summit: Ground-breaking solutions for a better future |

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| 11:30-13:00 | Investment in Agrifood Systems Forum: Strategic foresight to explore alternative future scenarios related to sustainable agrifood systems for food security (organized by FAO) |
| 12:30-14:30 | IPA Executive luncheon (in partnership with WAIPA) <i>(by invitation only)</i> |
| 12:45-14:15 | SSE Leaders luncheon <i>(by invitation only)</i> |
| 14:00-15:00 | SEZs and Entrepreneurship Development (in partnership with AEZO) |
| 14:30-16:00 | Gender Equality in Corporate Leadership (in partnership with IFC and UN Women (tbc)) |
| 14:30-16:00 | Investment in Agrifood Systems Forum: Technology and innovation to increase resilience and support climate change adaptation and mitigation (organized by FAO) |
| 14:30-16:00 | High-level Panel on Investment in the Energy Transition |
| 14:45-16:15 | International Sustainable Fund Conference |
| 15:30-18:00 | Academic Track (session I) (in partnership with AIB, Graduate Institute-CFD, CEPR, NYU, UNU-WIDER, SIEL, CCSI) |
| 15:00-18:00 | 40th ISAR (session I) |
| 15:00-16:00 | Game Changing Solutions for Sustainable Development: Health |
| 16:15-17:45 | SME Internationalization: Promoting FDI by SMEs |
| 16:00-18:00 | Tripartite Dialogue of Parliamentarians, Policymakers and Business Leaders (in partnership with IPU) |
| 16:15-17:45 | Net Zero Finance: The role of exchanges (in partnership with PRI and GFANZ) |
| 17:00-18:00 | Entrepreneurship and Urban Development: Transforming urban ecosystems |
| Afternoon | Visit to SEZs |
| 18:30 | Gala dinner and ▶ 2023 UNCTAD Sustainable Funds Awards ▶ ISAR Honours Ceremony |

Wednesday, 18 October

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| 8:00-9:00 | World Economic Forum-UNCTAD joint breakfast event: Services and investment facilitation |
| 8:15-9:45 | Impact Valuation in Practice: Practical examples to determine the positive and negative contribution of business activities to society (organized by VBA in partnership with IFVI and in collaboration with IsDB) |
| 8:30-10:00 | Talking Business (session I) |
| 8:45-10:15 | Carbon Markets (in partnership with IOSCO) |
| 9:00-18:00 | WAPPP Annual Congress |

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| 9:00-10:30 | Sovereign and Public Investors Dialogue: Leveraging institutional investment for sustainable development |
| 9:00-10:00 | Investment Promotion and its Impact on Gender Equality (in partnership with ESCAP) |
| 9:30-18:00 | Youth Forum |
| 9:30-12:30 | Family Business Conference (session I) (in partnership with FBN) |
| 9:30-10:30 | Game Changing Solutions for Sustainable Development: Food security |
| 10:00-13:00 | 40th ISAR (session II) |
| 10:00-12:00 | Investment Ministerial Roundtable: Investment for sustainable development |
| 10:30-12:30 | Academic Track (session II) (in partnership with AIB, Graduate Institute-CFD, CEPR, NYU, UNU-WIDER, SIEL, CCSI) |
| 10:30-13:00 | Sustainable Finance and Business: Academic and practitioner dialogue (in partnership with Columbia University) |
| 11:00-12:30 | Investment in Agrifood Systems Forum: Innovative financial solutions to unlock investment opportunities in sustainable food systems (organized by FAO) |
| 11:00-11:45 | Investment and Enterprise in the Circular Economy |
| 11:30-13:00 | IsDB Investment Policy Principles (in partnership with IsDB, ICDT, ICIEC) |
| 12:00-13:00 | Entrepreneurship and Innovation in the New Health Economy |
| 13:00-15:00 | Ministerial luncheon <i>(by invitation only)</i> |
| 13:30-15:00 | Finance for Human Rights (in partnership with UNU) |
| 14:00-15:30 | SDG Model Zones (in partnership with GASEZ) |
| 14:00-15:30 | International Sustainable Finance Regulation Conference: Raising the bar: Sustainable finance regulations for a changing world (in partnership with PRI) |
| 14:15-16:15 | Investing in Healthcare in Developing Countries (in partnership with WHO) |
| 14:30-16:00 | Investment in Agrifood Systems Forum: Repurposing agricultural public support and incentives (organized by FAO) |
| 15:00-18:00 | 40th ISAR (session III) |
| 15:00-18:00 | Family Business Conference (session II) (in partnership with FBN) |
| 15:00-18:00 | Academic Track (session III) (in partnership with AIB, Graduate Institute-CFD, CEPR, NYU, UNU-WIDER, SIEL, CCSI) |
| 15:00-17:00 | Enterprise Ministerial Roundtable: Entrepreneurship for sustainable development |
| 15:00-16:30 | Talking Business (session II) |
| 15:15-17:15 | Strategic Minerals for Decarbonisation: Investing in a just transition for artisanal miners |
| 15:30-18:00 | High-level International Investment Agreements Conference 2023 |
| 16:00-18:30 | Stock Exchange Action on Climate Disclosures (in partnership with IFC) |

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

Afternoon **Visit to SEZs**

18:30 **Gala dinner and**
▶ **Women in Business Award Ceremony**

Thursday, 19 October

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

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

9:30-18:00 **Youth Forum**

9:30-10:30 **Game Changing Solutions for Sustainable Development: Energy**

9:45-10:45 **Investing in Youth Entrepreneurship:**
Millennials & Gen Z as business trailblazers (in partnership with The Commonwealth)

10:00-13:00 **40th ISAR (session IV)**

10:00-12:00 **Structurally Weak and Vulnerable Economies (SWVE) Ministerial and Business Executive Roundtable** (in partnership with UN-OHRLLS)

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

10:15-11:45 **Arab Capital Markets Sustainable Finance Dialogue** (in partnership with the RCSF and the AFCM)

10:30-12:00 **Accelerating Green Investments in Tourism for Sustainable Development** (in partnership with UNWTO)

10:30-13:00 **Annual Investment Meeting** (organized by AIM)

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

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

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

12:00-13:00 **Integrating Nature-related Risk into Capital Markets** (with support from Nature Finance)

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

Meet the Women in Business Awards Winners

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

14:15-15:45 **Meeting of the World Investment for Development Alliance**

14:30-16:30 **Investment Facilitation: Success stories**

14:45-15:30 **Agrifood Systems and Entrepreneurship: Food for thought: A sustainable agricultural revolution**

15:00-16:30 **Academic Track (session IV)** (in partnership with AIB, Graduate Institute-CFD, CEPR, NYU, UNU-WIDER, SIEL, CCSI)

16:30-18:00 **Academic Track Closing** (in partnership with AIB, Graduate Institute-CFD, CEPR, NYU, UNU-WIDER, SIEL, CCSI)

15:00-18:00 **40th ISAR Closing**

15:00-16:00 **Mobilizing Institutional Investment for Sustainable Development in Africa**

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| 15:30-17:30 | International Tax Reforms and Sustainable Investment |
| 16:00-17:30 | Financing an Equitable Nature Economy (with support from Nature Finance) |
| 16:30-18:00 | Talking Business (session IV) |
| 16:30-18:00 | Investment in Agrifood Systems Forum: Transforming the urban food systems (organized by FAO) |
| Afternoon | Visit to SEZs |
| 18:30 | Gala dinner |

Friday, 20 October

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| 8:00-10:30 | Investment in Agrifood Systems Forum: Investing in mitigating food loss and waste (organized by FAO) |
| 8:30-10:00 | IPA / SEZs Policy Briefing on Tax Reforms (in partnership with OECD) |
| 8:30-10:00 | Talking Business (session V) |
| 9:00-10:00 | High-level Roundtable on FDI and Women Empowerment (in partnership with UNWOMEN) |
| 9:00-11:00 | FDI Statistics Symposium: Bridging investment data gaps |
| 9:15-10:45 | Sustainability Reporting Standards and Regulations (in partnership with GRI) |
| 9:30-13:00 | Youth Forum |
| 9:30-11:00 | The Investment, Trade and Development Nexus |
| 10:15-11:30 | High-level Panel on Investment in Sustainable Infrastructure |
| 10:00-12:00 | Investment Facilitation: Digital tools |
| 10:15-12:15 | Showcasing Reforms to Promote SDG Investment (session II) |
| 10:30-12:00 | Investment in Agrifood Systems Forum: Investing in sustainable value chain and agribusiness development (organized by FAO) |
| 11:00-11:30 | Financing the Climate Transition – The way forward |
| 11:30-13:30 | Heads of Delegation Roundtable and Closing Ceremony |
| Morning | Visit to SEZs |

to be scheduled

- ▶ joint event with Harvard & BCG
- ▶ joint event with FT on FDI
- ▶ **Sports and Development** (in partnership with UN Sport for Development and Peace)
- ▶ joint event with PM office of UAE
- ▶ joint event with Economist Impact
- ▶ **Investment and Industrial Development** (joint event with UNIDO)
- ▶ **Investment in the Digital Economy** (joint event with ITU and DTL)

WIF inputs including following

Special Presentations of Global Initiatives:

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