

# PROGRAMME AT A GLANCE

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16-20 October 2023

### Monday, 16 October

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

### Tuesday, 17 October

8:00-9:00	<b>World Economic Forum-UNCTAD joint breakfast event: Invest tech</b>
9:00-18:00	<b>WAPPP Abu Dhabi PPP Forum</b>
9:00-10:30	<b>Summit Roundtable: Small Island Developing States and Investment Guarantees</b> (organized and facilitated by MIGA)
9:30-18:00	<b>Youth Forum</b> (in partnership with UNCTAD Youth)
9:30-12:30	<b>SSE Global Dialogue</b> (in partnership with UNGC, UNEP and PRI)
9:45-11:15	<b>Industry 4.0 and the Future of Global Investment</b>
9:00-18:00	<b>COP28 Global Dialogue and Investment Focused Events</b> (in partnership with the COP28 incoming presidency, UNFCCC, IRENA and ADGM)
10:00-12:30	<b>The UAE 2031: Growing beyond borders</b> (organized by the Ministry of Economy of the UAE)

10:00-13:00	<b>40th ISAR Opening</b>
10:15-12:15	<b>Global Investment Promotion Conference: Powering the future with sustainable energy</b>
11:30-13:00	<b>Global Investment Game Changers Summit: Ground-breaking solutions for a better future</b>
11:30-13:00	<b>Investment in Agrifood Systems Forum: Strategic foresight to support long-term planning for sustainable agrifood systems</b> (organized by FAO)
12:30-14:30	<b>Investment Promotion Executive luncheon</b> (in partnership with WAIPA) <i>(by invitation only)</i>
12:45-14:15	<b>SSE Leaders luncheon</b> <i>(by invitation only)</i>
14:00-15:00	<b>SEZs and Entrepreneurship Development</b> (in partnership with AEZO)
14:30-16:00	<b>Gender Equality in Corporate Leadership</b> (in partnership with IFC and UN Women)
14:30-16:00	<b>Investment in Agrifood Systems Forum: Technology and innovation to increase resilience and support climate change adaptation and mitigation</b> (organized by FAO)
14:30-16:00	<b>High-level Panel on Investment in the Energy Transition</b>
14:45-16:15	<b>International Sustainable Fund Conference</b>
15:00-18:00	<b>40th ISAR (session I)</b>
15:00-17:00	<b>Delivering Public Sector Investment for Sustainable Development</b> (in partnership with ACCA)
15:00-16:00	<b>Game Changing Solutions for Sustainable Development: Health</b>
16:00-18:00	<b>Tripartite Dialogue of Parliamentarians, Policymakers and Business Leaders</b> (in partnership with IPU)
16:15-17:45	<b>Net Zero Finance: The role of exchanges</b> (in partnership with PRI and GFANZ)
16:15-17:45	<b>SME Internationalization: Promoting FDI by SMEs</b>
16:30-18:00	<b>Academic Track (session I)</b> (in partnership with AIB, Graduate Institute-CFD, CEPR, NYU, UNU-WIDER, SIEL, CCSI)
16:30-18:00	<b>International Investment Support Center for the LDCs</b> (organized by OHRLLS)
16:30-17:30	<b>The AfCFTA Protocol on Investment: Towards a new generation of investment policies in Africa</b> (in partnership with AfCFTA)
17:00-18:00	<b>Entrepreneurship and Urban Development: Transforming urban ecosystems</b>
Afternoon	<b>Visit to SEZs</b>
18:30-20:30	<b>Gala reception and</b> ▶ <b>2023 UNCTAD Sustainable Funds Awards</b> ▶ <b>ISAR Honours Ceremony</b>

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## Wednesday, 18 October

8:00-9:00	<b>World Economic Forum-UNCTAD joint breakfast event:</b> Services and investment facilitation
8:15-9:45	<b>Impact Valuation in Practice:</b> 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	<b>Talking Business (session I):</b> Agriculture and food security
8:30-10:00	<b>Alignment of Investment in Sustainable Infrastructure with the Paris Agreement:</b> Private Sector Experiences from the UAE (in partnership with Middlesex University Dubai)
8:45-11:15	<b>Sovereign and Public Investors Dialogue:</b> Leveraging institutional investment for sustainable development
8:45-10:15	<b>Carbon Markets</b> (in partnership with IOSCO)
9:00-18:00	<b>WAPPP Abu Dhabi PPP Forum</b>
9:00-10:00	<b>Investment Promotion and its Impact on Gender Equality</b> (in partnership with ESCAP)
9:30-18:00	<b>Youth Forum</b> (in partnership with UNCTAD Youth)
9:30-12:30	<b>Family Business Conference (session I)</b> (in partnership with FBN)
9:30-12:30	<b>Academic Track (session II)</b> (in partnership with AIB, Graduate Institute-CFD, CEPR, NYU, UNU-WIDER, SIEL, CCSI)
9:30-10:30	<b>Game Changing Solutions for Sustainable Development:</b> Food security
10:00-13:00	<b>40th ISAR (session II)</b>
10:00-12:30	<b>Invest in Tomorrow:</b> Abu Dhabi's economic transition (organized by the UAE)
10:00-12:00	<b>Investment Ministerial Roundtable:</b> Investment for sustainable development
10:30-13:00	<b>Sustainable Finance and Business:</b> Academic and practitioner dialogue (in partnership with Columbia University)
11:00-12:30	<b>Investment in Agrifood Systems Forum:</b> Innovative finance to unlock investment in sustainable food systems (organized by FAO)
11:00-11:45	<b>Investment, Trade and Enterprise in the Circular Economy</b>
11:30-13:00	<b>IsDB Investment Policy Principles</b> (in partnership with IsDB, ICDT, ICIEC)
12:00-13:00	<b>Entrepreneurship and Innovation in the New Health Economy</b>
13:00-15:00	<b>Ministerial luncheon</b> <i>(by invitation only)</i>
13:30-15:30	<b>International Sustainable Finance Regulation Conference:</b> Raising the bar: Sustainable finance regulations for a changing world (in partnership with PRI)
13:30-15:00	<b>Finance for Human Rights</b> (in partnership with UNU)
14:00-15:30	<b>SDG Model Zones</b> (in partnership with GASEZ)
14:00-16:00	<b>B-Ready!</b> Understanding the World Bank's new business-readiness assessment (in partnership with the World Bank)

14:15-16:15	<b>Investing in Health</b> (in partnership with WHO)
14:30-17:30	<b>Investment in Agrifood Systems Forum:</b> Forging the Path: Unveiling the Private Sector's Agrifood Investment Journey (organized by FAO)
15:00-18:00	<b>40th ISAR (session III)</b>
15:00-18:00	<b>Family Business Conference (session II)</b> (in partnership with FBN)
15:00-18:00	<b>Academic Track (session III)</b> (in partnership with AIB, Graduate Institute-CFD, CEPR, NYU, UNU-WIDER, SIEL, CCSI)
15:00-17:00	<b>Enterprise Ministerial Roundtable:</b> Entrepreneurship for sustainable development
15:00-16:30	<b>Talking Business (session II):</b> Investing in times of crisis
15:00-16:30	<b>Energy Transition and Investment Policy in Asia and the Pacific</b> (organized by ADB)
15:15-17:15	<b>Strategic Minerals for Decarbonization:</b> Investing in a just transition for artisanal miners
15:30-18:00	<b>High-level International Investment Agreements Conference 2023</b>
16:00-18:30	<b>Stock Exchange Action on Climate Disclosures</b> (in partnership with IFC)
16:30-18:00	<b>Investing in Vaccine Supply Chain Resilience and Local Production</b> (in partnership with WHO)
<b>Afternoon</b>	<b>Visit to SEZs</b>
18:30-20:30	<b>Gala reception and</b> ▶ <b>Women in Business Award Ceremony</b>

## Thursday, 19 October

8:30-10:00	<b>Talking Business (session III):</b> Supply chain management
8:30-10:00	<b>The Role of Trade and Investment Policies in Boosting NDCs Implementation</b>
8:30-10:00	<b>Islamic Finance for Sustainable Development</b> (in partnership with Arabesque)
9:30-18:00	<b>Youth Forum</b> (in partnership with UNCTAD Youth)
9:30-10:30	<b>Game Changing Solutions for Sustainable Development:</b> Energy
9:45-10:45	<b>Investing in Youth Entrepreneurship:</b> Millennials & Gen Z as business trailblazers (in partnership with The Commonwealth)
10:00-13:00	<b>40th ISAR (session IV)</b>
10:00-12:00	<b>Structurally Weak and Vulnerable Economies (SWVE) Ministerial and Business Executive Roundtable</b> (in partnership with UN-OHRLLS)
10:00-11:30	<b>Investment in Agrifood Systems Forum:</b> Inclusive agrifood systems transformation (organized by FAO)
10:00-11:30	<b>Catalyzing Investment in Africa's Value Chains through Industrial Park Development</b> (organized by UNIDO)
10:15-11:45	<b>Arab Capital Markets Sustainable Finance Dialogue:</b> From pledges to implementation (in partnership with the RCSF and the AFCM)
10:30-12:00	<b>Accelerating Green Investments in Tourism for Sustainable Development</b> (in partnership with UNWTO)

10:30-13:00	<b>Annual Investment Meeting: Adapting to a shifting investment landscape: harnessing new potential for global economic development</b> (organized by AIM)
10:45-12:45	<b>Investment Facilitation:</b> International policy developments
11:00-13:00	<b>Policy Advocacy for SEZs: A tripartite dialogue</b> (in partnership with GASEZ)
11:00-12:00	<b>Financial Instruments for Early Retirement of Fossil-Fuel-Assets</b> (in partnership with the Payne Institute)
11:00-12:00	<b>Investing in Business Development:</b> Empretec (in partnership with Empretec centres)
12:00-13:00	<b>Integrating Nature-related Risk into Capital Markets</b> (with support from Nature Finance)
12:30-13:30	<b>Academic Track (session IV)</b> (in partnership with AIB, Graduate Institute-CFD, CEPR, NYU, UNU-WIDER, SIEL, CCSI)
13:00-15:00	<b>Meet the Women in Business Awards Winners</b>
14:00-16:00	<b>Showcasing Reforms to Promote SDG Investment (session I)</b>
14:00-15:30	<b>Transferred Emissions:</b> Toward guidelines for responsible sales of upstream fossil fuel assets (in partnership with CCSI)
14:15-15:45	<b>Meeting of the World Investment for Development Alliance</b>
14:30-16:30	<b>Make it in the Emirates</b> (organized by the UAE)
14:30-16:30	<b>Investment Facilitation:</b> National success stories
14:30-16:00	<b>Mobilizing Institutional Investment for Sustainable Development in Africa</b> (in partnership with ASIF)
14:45-15:30	<b>Agrifood Systems and Entrepreneurship:</b> Food for thought: A sustainable agricultural revolution
15:00-18:00	<b>40th ISAR Closing</b>
15:00-16:00	<b>High-level Roundtable on FDI and Women Empowerment</b> (in partnership with UN-Women)
15:30-17:30	<b>International Tax Reforms and Sustainable Investment</b>
16:00-17:30	<b>Financing an Equitable Nature Economy</b> (with support from Nature Finance)
16:30-18:00	<b>Academic Track Closing</b> (in partnership with AIB, Graduate Institute-CFD, CEPR, NYU, UNU-WIDER, SIEL, CCSI)
16:30-18:00	<b>Talking Business (session IV):</b> Green economy
16:30-18:00	<b>Investment in Agrifood Systems Forum:</b> Transforming the urban food systems (organized by FAO)
Afternoon	<b>Visit to SEZs</b>
18:30-20:30	<b>Gala reception and Global Digital Government Awards</b> (in partnership with GEN)

## Friday, 20 October

8:30-10:00	<b>Implications of Tax Reforms for IPAs and SEZs</b> (in partnership with OECD)
8:30-10:00	<b>Talking Business (session V):</b> Information and communication technologies (ICT)
9:00-11:00	<b>FDI Statistics Symposium:</b> Bridging investment data gaps

9:00-10:30	<b>Investment in Agrifood Systems Forum:</b> Investing in mitigating food loss and waste (organized by FAO)
9:00-10:00	<b>High-level Panel on Investment in Sustainable Infrastructure</b>
9:15-10:45	<b>Sustainability Reporting Standards and Regulations</b> (in partnership with GRI)
9:30-13:00	<b>Youth Forum</b> (in partnership with UNCTAD Youth)
9:30-11:00	<b>The Investment, Trade and Development Nexus</b>
9:30-10:30	<b>Getting Blended Finance Right at Scale</b> (in partnership with The Blended Capital Group)
9:30-10:30	<b>Industry 4.0 and the Transformation of Entrepreneurship</b>
10:00-12:00	<b>Investment Facilitation:</b> Digital tools: Making online government services accessible for all
10:15-12:15	<b>Showcasing Reforms to Promote SDG Investment (session II)</b>
10:30-12:00	<b>Investment in Agrifood Systems Forum:</b> Investing in sustainable value chain and agribusiness development (organized by FAO)
10:45-13:00	<b>Asia Sustainable Finance Roundtable:</b> Engagement for transition (with support from SynTao Green Finance and China SIF)
11:00-12:30	<b>African Regional Partnership for Sustainability and SDG Reporting:</b> Enhancing sustainability reporting to boost investment flows and develop green finance in Africa
11:00-11:30	<b>Financing the Climate Transition – The way forward</b> (in partnership with the COP28 incoming presidency)
11:30-13:30	<b>Heads of Delegation Roundtable and Closing Ceremony</b>

## to be scheduled

- ▶ joint event with FT on FDI
- ▶ joint event with PM office of UAE
- ▶ joint event with Economist Impact
- ▶ Investment in the Digital Economy (joint event with ITU and DTL)

## 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)