

PROGRAMME AT A GLANCE

ABU DHABI, UAE

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as of 21 September 2023

Monday, 16 October

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

Tuesday, 17 October

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

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

Afternoon	Visit to SEZs
18:30-20:30	Gala reception and ▶ 2023 UNCTAD Sustainable Funds Awards ▶ ISAR Honours Ceremony

Wednesday, 18 October

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

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

Thursday, 19 October

8:30-10:00	Talking Business (session III): Supply chain management
8:30-10:00	The Role of Trade and Investment Policies in Boosting NDCs Implementation
8:30-10:00	Islamic Finance for Sustainable Development (in partnership with Arabesque)
9:30-18:00	Youth Forum (in partnership with UNCTAD Youth)
9:30-10:30	Game Changing Solutions for Sustainable Development: Energy

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

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

Friday, 20 October

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

WIF inputs including following

Special Presentations of Global Initiatives:

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