

# PROGRAMME AT A GLANCE

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### 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>
10:30-11:00Hall 1	<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)
11:30-13:00	<b>Promoting Investment in the Blue Economy</b> (in partnership with WAIPA and CAIPA)
13:00-14:30	<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> (in partnership with FAO)
14:00-15:15	<b>Opening of the Academic Track: Research policy dialogue</b>
15:30-17:30	<b>Global Leaders Investment Summit</b>
18:30	<b>Gala dinner and</b> ▶ <b>United Nations Investment Promotion Awards Ceremony: Promoting investment for climate action</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 Annual Congress</b>
9:00-10:30	<b>Summit Roundtable: Small Island Developing States and Investment Guarantees</b> (organized and facilitated by MIGA)
10:15-12:15	<b>Global Investment Promotion Conference: Investing in the energy transition</b>
9:30-18:00	<b>Youth Forum</b>
9:45-11:15	<b>Industry 4.0 and the Future of Global Investment</b>
10:00-13:00	<b>SSE Global Dialogue</b> (in partnership with UNGC, UNEP and PRI)
10:00-13:00	<b>40th ISAR Opening</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 explore alternative future scenarios related to sustainable agrifood systems for food security</b>

12:30-14:30	<b>IPA 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 (tbc))
14:30-16:00	<b>Investment in Agrifood Systems Forum: Technology and innovation to increase resilience and support climate change adaptation and mitigation</b>
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>
15:30-18:00	<b>Academic Track (session I)</b> (in partnership with AIB, Graduate Institute-CFD, CEPR, NYU, UNU-WIDER, SIEL, CCSI)
15:00-18:00	<b>40th ISAR (session I)</b>
15:00-16:00	<b>Game Changing Solutions for Sustainable Development: Health</b>
15:15-16:15	<b>SME Internationalization: Promoting FDI by SMEs</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)
17:00-18:00	<b>Entrepreneurship and Urban Development: Transforming urban ecosystems</b>
Afternoon	<b>Visit to SEZs</b>
18:30	<b>Gala dinner and</b> ▶ <b>2023 UNCTAD Sustainable Funds Awards</b> ▶ <b>ISAR Honours Ceremony</b>

### Wednesday, 18 October

8:00-9:00	<b>World Economic Forum-UNCTAD joint breakfast event: Services and investment facilitation</b>
8:30-10:00	<b>Talking Business (session I)</b>
8:45-10:15	<b>Carbon Markets</b> (in partnership with IOSCO)
9:00-18:00	<b>WAPPP Annual Congress</b>
9:00-10:30	<b>Sovereign and Public Investors Dialogue: Leveraging institutional investment for sustainable development</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>
9:30-12:30	<b>Family Business Conference (session I)</b> (in partnership with FBN)
9:30-10:30	<b>Game Changing Solutions for Sustainable Development: Food security</b>

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10:00-13:00	<b>40th ISAR (session II)</b>
10:00-12:00	<b>Investment Ministerial Roundtable:</b> Investment for sustainable development
10:30-12:30	<b>Investing in a Digital Business Environment</b>
10:30-12:30	<b>Academic Track (session II)</b> (in partnership with AIB, Graduate Institute-CFD, CEPR, NYU, UNU-WIDER, SIEL, CCSI)
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 financial solutions to unlock investment opportunities in sustainable food systems
11:00-11:45	<b>Investment 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> )
13:30-15:00	<b>Finance for Human Rights</b> (in partnership with UNU)
14:00-15:30	<b>SDG Model Zones</b> (in partnership with the GASEZ)
14:00-15:30	<b>International Sustainable Finance Regulation Conference:</b> Raising the bar: Sustainable finance regulations for a changing world (in partnership with PRI)
14:15-16:15	<b>Investing in Healthcare in Developing Countries</b> (in partnership with WHO)
14:30-16:00	<b>Investment in Agrifood Systems Forum:</b> Repurposing agricultural public support and incentives
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>
15:15-16:45	<b>Strategic Minerals for Decarbonisation:</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)
Afternoon	<b>Visit to SEZs</b>
18:30	<b>Gala dinner and</b> ▶ <b>Women in Business Award Ceremony</b>
<b>Thursday, 19 October</b>	
8:30-10:00	<b>Talking Business (session III)</b>
8:30-10:00	<b>Islamic Finance for Sustainable Development</b>
9:30-18:00	<b>Youth Forum</b>

9:30-10:30	<b>Game Changing Solutions for Sustainable Development: Energy</b>
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
10:15-11:45	<b>Arab Capital Markets Sustainable Finance Dialogue</b> (in partnership with the RCSF and the AFCM)
10:30-12:00	<b>Investing in Tourism</b> (in partnership with UNWTO)
10:30-13:00	<b>Annual Investment Meeting</b> (organized by AIM)
10:45-13:15	<b>Investment Facilitation Policies for Sustainable Development</b>
11:00-12:00	<b>Investing in Business Development:</b> Empretec (in partnership with Empretec centres)
11:00-13:00	<b>Policy Advocacy for SEZs: A tripartite dialogue</b>
12:00-13:00	<b>Integrating Nature-related Risk into Capital Markets</b> (with support from Nature Finance)
12:45-14:15	<b>Global Digital Government Awards and luncheon</b> (in partnership with GEN)
	<b>Meet the Women in Business Awards Winners</b>
14:00-16:00	<b>Showcasing Reforms to Promote SDG Investment (session I)</b>
14:15-15:45	<b>Meeting of the World Investment for Development Alliance</b>
14:30-16:30	<b>Maximizing the Impact of Investment Facilitation</b>
14:45-15:30	<b>Agrifood Systems and Entrepreneurship: Food for thought: A sustainable agricultural revolution</b>
15:00-18:00	<b>Academic Track Closing</b> (in partnership with AIB, Graduate Institute-CFD, CEPR, NYU, UNU-WIDER, SIEL, CCSI)
15:00-18:00	<b>40th ISAR Closing</b>
15:00-16:00	<b>Mobilizing Institutional Investment for Sustainable Development in Africa</b>
15:30-17:30	<b>International Tax Reforms and Sustainable Investment</b> (in partnership with OECD (tbc))
16:00-17:30	<b>Financing an Equitable Nature Economy</b> (with support from Nature Finance)
16:30-18:00	<b>Talking Business (session IV)</b>
16:30-18:00	<b>Investment in Agrifood Systems Forum:</b> Transforming the urban food systems
Afternoon	<b>Visit to SEZs</b>
18:30	<b>Gala dinner</b>



## Friday, 20 October

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

## to be scheduled

- ▶ joint event with OECD
- ▶ 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)
- ▶ Investment and Standards (in partnership with ISO)
- ▶ Investment in Sustainable Infrastructure (in partnership with UNECE and WAPPP)
- ▶ Special Presentations on Global Initiatives
  - ▶ Global sustainability standards (ISSB)
  - ▶ Global corporate tax reform package (OECD)
  - ▶ 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)