

# PROGRAMME AT A GLANCE

## ABU DHABI, UAE



as of 15 May 2023

16-20 OCTOBER 2023

### Monday, 16 October

#### Morning

- ▶ Grand Opening of WIF 2023
  - ▶ Opening of the Investment in Agri-Food Systems Forum (in partnership with FAO)
  - ▶ Opening of the Youth Forum (in partnership with UNCTAD Youth)
  - ▶ Opening of the Investment Village
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- ▶ Leaders Luncheon: 14th meeting of the Investment Advisory Council (in partnership with ICC)

#### Afternoon

- ▶ Global Leaders Investment Summit
  - ▶ Opening of the Academic Conference: Investment in sustainable development
  - ▶ Promoting Investment in the Blue Economy (in partnership with WAIPA and CAIPA)
  - ▶ D-8 Organization for Economic Cooperation - UNCTAD Guiding Principles for Investment (in partnership with D-8)
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- ▶ Gala dinner and United Nations Investment Promotion Awards Ceremony: Promoting investment for climate action

### Tuesday, 17 October

#### Morning

- ▶ World Economic Forum-UNCTAD joint breakfast event: Invest tech
  - ▶ Global Investment Game Changers Summit: Ground-breaking solutions for a better future
  - ▶ Global Investment Promotion Conference: Investing in the energy transition
  - ▶ SSE Global Dialogue (in partnership with UNGC, UNEP and PRI)
  - ▶ 40th ISAR Opening
  - ▶ High-level Panel on Investment in the Energy Transition
  - ▶ WAPPP Annual Congress
  - ▶ Industry 4.0 and the Future of Global Investment Summit Roundtable Small Island Developing States and Investment Guarantees (organized and facilitated by MIGA)
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- ▶ SSE Leaders luncheon
  - ▶ IPA Executive luncheon (in partnership with WAIPA)

#### Afternoon

- ▶ Game Changing Solutions for Sustainable Development: Health
- ▶ Tripartite Dialogue of Parliamentarians, Policymakers and Business Leaders (in partnership with IPU)
- ▶ International Sustainable Fund Conference
- ▶ Academic Conference (session I) (in partnership with AIB, Graduate Institute-CFD, CEPR, NYU, UNU-WIDER, SIEL, CCSI)
- ▶ 40th ISAR (session I)
- ▶ WAPPP Annual Congress
- ▶ Gender Equality in Corporate Leadership (in partnership with IFC and UN Women (tbc))

#### Afternoon

- ▶ SME Internationalization: Promoting FDI by SMEs
  - ▶ Entrepreneurship and Urban Development: Transforming urban ecosystems
  - ▶ Net Zero Finance: The role of exchanges (in partnership with PRI and GFANZ)
  - ▶ SEZs and Entrepreneurship Development (in partnership with AEZO)
  - ▶ Visit to SEZs
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- ▶ Gala dinner and the 2023 UNCTAD Sustainable Funds Awards and ISAR Honours Ceremony

### Wednesday, 18 October

#### Morning

- ▶ World Economic Forum-UNCTAD joint breakfast event: Services and investment facilitation
- ▶ Investment Ministerial Roundtable: Investment for sustainable development
- ▶ Game Changing Solutions for Sustainable Development: Food security
- ▶ Family Business Conference (session I) (in partnership with FBN)
- ▶ 40th ISAR (session II)
- ▶ WAPPP Annual Congress
- ▶ Talking Business (session I)
- ▶ Investing in a Digital Business Environment
- ▶ Carbon Markets (in partnership with IOSCO)
- ▶ Sovereign and Public Investors Dialogue: Leveraging institutional investment for sustainable development
- ▶ Sustainable Finance: Academic and practitioner dialogue (in partnership with Columbia University)
- ▶ Entrepreneurship and Innovation in the New Health Economy
- ▶ Investment and Enterprise in the Circular Economy
- ▶ IsDB Investment Policy Principles (in partnership with IsDB, ICTD, ICIEC)
- ▶ Investment Promotion and its Impact on Gender Equality (in partnership with ESCAP)

- ▶ Ministerial luncheon

#### Afternoon

- ▶ Enterprise Ministerial Roundtable: Entrepreneurship for sustainable development
- ▶ High-level International Investment Agreements Conference 2023
- ▶ 40th ISAR (session III)
- ▶ Family Business Conference (session II) (in partnership with FBN)
- ▶ Academic Conference (session II) (in partnership with AIB, Graduate Institute-CFD, CEPR, NYU, UNU-WIDER, SIEL, CCSI)
- ▶ WAPPP Annual Congress
- ▶ Talking Business (session II)
- ▶ Finance for Human Rights (in partnership with UNU)
- ▶ Strategic Minerals for Decarbonisation: Investing in a just transition for artisanal miners

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## Afternoon

- ▶ Investing in Vaccine Supply Chain Resilience and Local Production (in partnership with WHO)
  - ▶ SDG Model Zones (in partnership with the GASEZ)
  - ▶ International Sustainable Finance Regulation Conference: Raising the bar: Sustainable finance regulations for a changing world (in partnership with PRI)
  - ▶ Stock Exchange Action on Climate Disclosures (in partnership with IFC)
  - ▶ Investing in Healthcare in Developing Countries
  - ▶ Visit to SEZs
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- ▶ Gala dinner and Women in Business Award Ceremony

## Thursday, 19 October

## Morning

- ▶ Structurally Weak and Vulnerable Economies (SWVE) Ministerial and Business Executive Roundtable (in partnership with UN-OHRLLS)
  - ▶ Game Changing Solutions for Sustainable Development: Energy AIM Meeting
  - ▶ Talking Business (session III)
  - ▶ 40th ISAR (session IV)
  - ▶ Investment Facilitation Policies for Sustainable Development
  - ▶ Investing in Business Development: Empretec (in partnership with Empretec centres)
  - ▶ Investing in Youth Entrepreneurship: Millennials & Gen Z as business trailblazers (in partnership with The Commonwealth)
  - ▶ Meeting of the Global Alliance of Special Economic Zones
  - ▶ Islamic Finance for Sustainable Development
  - ▶ Arab Capital Markets Sustainable Finance Dialogue (in partnership with the RCSF and the AFCM)
  - ▶ Integrating Nature-related Risk into Capital Markets (with support from Nature Finance)
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- ▶ Global Digital Government Awards and luncheon (in partnership with the GEN)
  - ▶ Meet the Women in Business Awards Winners

## Afternoon

- ▶ Academic Conference (session III) (in partnership with AIB, Graduate Institute-CFD, CEPR, NYU, UNU-WIDER, SIEL, CCSI)
  - ▶ Talking Business: (session IV)
  - ▶ Maximizing the Impact of Investment Facilitation
  - ▶ Agri-food Systems and Entrepreneurship: Food for thought: A sustainable agricultural revolution
  - ▶ Mobilizing Institutional Investment for Sustainable Development in Africa
  - ▶ Meeting of the World Investment for Development Alliance
  - ▶ International Tax Reforms and Sustainable Investment (in partnership with OECD (tbc))
  - ▶ Showcasing Reforms to Promote SDG Investment (session I)
  - ▶ Financing an Equitable Nature Economy (with support from Nature Finance)
  - ▶ 40th ISAR Closing
  - ▶ Visit to SEZs
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- ▶ Gala dinner

## Friday, 20 October

## Morning

- ▶ Financing the Climate Transition – The way forward
- ▶ FDI Statistics Symposium: Bridging investment data gaps
- ▶ Showcasing Reforms to Promote SDG Investment (session II)
- ▶ Talking Business (session V)
- ▶ High-level Panel on Investment in Sustainable Infrastructure
- ▶ FDI and Women Empowerment (in partnership with UNWOMEN)
- ▶ IPA / SEZs Policy Implications of Tax Reforms (with OECD)
- ▶ The Investment, Trade and Development Nexus
- ▶ Digital Investment Facilitation
- ▶ Sustainability Reporting Standards and Regulations (in partnership with GRI)
- ▶ Visit to SEZs
- ▶ Closing of the Academic Track
- ▶ Heads of Delegation Roundtable and Closing Ceremony

## to be scheduled

- ▶ joint event with OECD
- ▶ Investing in Tourism (in partnership with UNWTO)
- ▶ 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)
- ▶ Accounting and Development (in partnership with ACCA)
- ▶ Investment and Standards (in partnership with ISO)
- ▶ Investment in Sustainable Infrastructure (in partnership with UNECE and WAPPP)
- ▶ Individual events for the Investment in Agri-food Systems Forum (in partnership with FAO)
- ▶ 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)