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UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

8th World Investment Forum 2023

Investing in Sustainable Development

The World Investment Forum is the pre-eminent global platform for investment and development. The Forum devises strategies and solutions for global investment and development challenges. It facilitates multistakeholder collective action to stimulate investment in development. The Forum offers a unique opportunity to influence investment-related policymaking, shape the global investment environment and network with global leaders in business and politics.

The Forum gathers investment stakeholders from more than 160 countries biennially. The stakeholder landscape encompasses high-level participants from the global investment community, including

- Heads of State and Government
- ministers
- executives of global companies and stock exchanges
- sovereign wealth and pension fund managers
- investment treaty negotiators
- impact investors
- family businesses
- heads of investment promotion agencies and special economic zones
- international investment location experts
- heads of international organizations
- parliamentarians
- civil society representatives
- eminent scholars
- international media

Previous editions:

- › Accra (2008)
- › Doha (2012)
- › Nairobi (2016)
- › Xiamen (2010)
- › Geneva (2014 & 2018)
- › Online (2021)



The Forum will address global challenges for international investment brought about by multiple global crises, including

- the need to invest in food security, energy, health
- supply-chain resilience
- sustainable infrastructure
- productive capacity growth in the most vulnerable countries

The 2023 edition, which will take place immediately ahead of global talks on climate change at COP28 in the same location, will include a focused track on promoting **climate finance and investment**. The forum will provide policymakers and other stakeholders with the opportunity to find solutions and reach consensus on climate finance and investment priorities over the course of five days, with outcomes feeding into the COP negotiations.

130+ events including the Global Leaders Summit, the Global Investment Game Changers Summit, ministerial round tables, conferences, private sector-led sessions, high-profile stakeholder round tables, networking events, award ceremonies, a youth forum, an academic track and an Investment Village

7,000+ participants expected to gather in the Abu Dhabi National Exhibition Centre (ADNEC)

80+ partner organizations involved in the WIF organization

Increasing investment for development to tackle cascading global crises



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PROGRAMME AT A GLANCE

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as of 5 October 2023

Pre-Forum Sunday, 15 October

13:30-18:00 IFRS sustainability disclosure standards workshop
Hall 2 Room 6

Monday, 16 October

9:30-9.40 **Flag Raising**

9:40-10:00 **Opening of the Investment Village**
Investment Village

10:00-10:30 **Opening of the Youth Forum** (in partnership with UNCTAD Youth)
Investment Village

10:30-12:30 **Grand Opening of the Forum and Global Leaders Investment Summit I**
Hall 6&7

12:45-14:30 **Leaders Luncheon: 14th meeting of the Investment Advisory Council** (in partnership with ICC) *(by invitation only)*
Conference B

13:30-15:15 **Symposium on Developing Public Sector Sustainability Reporting Standards** (in partnership with ACCA)
Hall 4 Room 11

13:30-15:15 **FDI Statistics in OIC Countries** (in partnership with SESRIC)
Hall 3 Room 8-A

13:30-15:00 **D-8 Organization for Economic Cooperation - UNCTAD Guiding Principles for Investment** (in partnership with D-8)
Hall 3 Room 8-B

13:45-15:15 **Financing the Just Energy Transition Partnerships: Perspectives from Vietnam, Indonesia, South Africa** (a joint event with ESCAP and UNECA)
Hall 2 Room 6

13:45-15:15 **Promoting Investment in the Blue Economy** (in partnership with WAIPA and CAIPA)
Hall 4 Room 12

13:45-15:15 **Opening of the Academic Track: Research policy dialogue**
Hall 2 Room 5

13:45-15:15 **Opening of the Investment in Agrifood Systems Forum: Investing in transforming agrifood systems** (organized by FAO)
Hall 4 Room 12

15:30-17:30 **Global Leaders Investment Summit II**
Hall 6&7

18:30-20:30 **Gala dinner and United Nations Investment Promotion Awards Ceremony: Excellence in promoting investment in the energy transition** *(by invitation only)*
Emirates Palace

Tuesday, 17 October

8:00-9:00 **World Economic Forum-UNCTAD joint breakfast event: Invest tech** *(by invitation only)*
Capital Suites 11

9:00-18:00 **WAPPP Abu Dhabi PPP Forum**
Hall 2 Room 6

9:00-18:00 **Youth Forum** (in partnership with UNCTAD Youth)
Hall 1

9:00-18:00 **COP28 Global Dialogue and Investment Focused Events** (in partnership with the COP28 incoming Presidency, UNFCCC, IRENA and ADGM)
Hall 4 Room 12

9:00-10:30 **Summit Roundtable: Small Island Developing States and Investment Guarantees** (organized and facilitated by MIGA) *(by invitation only)*
Hall 3 Room 8-B

9:30-12:30 **SSE Global Dialogue** (in partnership with UNGC, UNEP and PRI)
Hall 3 Room 10-A

9:45-11:15 **Industry 4.0 and the Future of Global Investment**
Hall 3 Room 9

10:00-12:30 **The UAE 2031: Growing beyond borders** (organized by the Ministry of Economy of the UAE)
Hall 6 Room 14

10:00-13:00 **40th ISAR Opening**
Hall 4 Room 11

10:15-12:15 **Global Investment Promotion Conference: Powering the future with sustainable energy**
Hall 4 Room 13

11:30-13:00 **Global Investment Game Changers Summit: Ground-breaking solutions for a better future**
Hall 6 Room 19

11:30-13:00 **Investment in Agrifood Systems Forum: Strategic foresight to support long-term planning for sustainable agrifood systems** (organized by FAO)
Hall 7 Room 17

12:30-14:30 **Investment Promotion Executive luncheon** (in partnership with WAIPA) *(by invitation only)*
Conference B

12:45-14:15 **SSE Leaders luncheon** *(by invitation only)*
Conference A

14:00-15:00 **SEZs and Entrepreneurship Development** (in partnership with AEZO)
Hall 3 Room 10-B

14:30-16:00 **Gender Equality in Corporate Leadership** (in partnership with IFC and UN Women)
Hall 3 Room 9

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)
Hall 7 Room 17

14:30-16:00 **High-level Roundtable on Investment in the Energy Transition**
Hall 4 Room 13

14:45-16:15 **International Sustainable Fund Conference**
Hall 6 Room 19

15:00-18:00 **40th ISAR (session I)**
Hall 4 Room 11

15:00-17:00 **Delivering Public Sector Investment for Sustainable Development** (in partnership with ACCA)
Hall 2 Room 4

15:00-16:00 **Game Changing Solutions for Sustainable Development: Health**
Hall 6 Room 15

15:30-17:00 **FDI, ESG and Inclusivity: Promoting decent work and social development** (organized in partnership with CUTS and ILO)
Hall 7 Room 18

16:00-18:00 **Tripartite Dialogue of Parliamentarians, Policymakers and Business Leaders** (in partnership with IPU)
Hall 3 Room 8-B

16:15-17:45 **Net Zero Finance: The role of exchanges** (in partnership with PRI and GFANZ)
Hall 3 Room 9

16:15-17:45 **SME Internationalization: Promoting FDI by SMEs**
Hall 6 Room 14

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16:30-18:00 Hall 2 Room 7	Academic Track (session I) (in partnership with AIB, Graduate Institute-CFD, CEPR, NYU, UNU-WIDER, SIEL, CCSI)
16:30-18:00 Hall 6 Room 15	International Investment Support Center for the LDCs (organized by OHRLLS)
16:30-17:30 Hall 7 Room 17	The AfCFTA Protocol on Investment: Towards a new generation of investment policies in Africa (in partnership with AfCFTA)
17:00-18:00 Hall 2 Room 5	Entrepreneurship and Urban Development: Transforming urban ecosystems
18:30-20:30	Gala reception and ▶ 2023 UNCTAD Sustainable Funds Awards ▶ ISAR Honours Ceremony 2023

Wednesday, 18 October

8:00-9:00 Capital Suites 11	World Economic Forum-UNCTAD joint breakfast event: Services and investment facilitation <i>(by invitation only)</i>
8:15-9:45 Hall 6 Room 15	Impact Valuation in Practice: Determining the positive and negative contribution of business activities to society (organized by VBA in partnership with IFVI, SABIC, WifOR and Invesco)
8:45-10:00 Hall 6 Room 14	Talking Business (session I): Agriculture and food security
8:30-10:00 Hall 7 Room 16	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 Hall 4 Room 13	Sovereign and Public Investors Dialogue: Leveraging institutional investment for sustainable development
8:45-10:15 Hall 3 Room 9	Carbon Markets (in partnership with IOSCO)
9:00-20:30 Hall 1	Youth Forum (in partnership with UNCTAD Youth)
9:00-18:00 Hall 2 Room 6	WAPPP Abu Dhabi PPP Forum
9:00-10:00 Hall 2 Room 4	Investment Promotion and its Impact on Gender Equality (in partnership with ESCAP)
9:15-9:45 Hall 4 Room 12	NEOM Fireside Chat
9:30-11:00 Hall 3 Room 8-B	Family Business Conference (session I): Family business contributions to the SDGs (in partnership with FBN)
9:30-12:30 Hall 2 Room 7	Academic Track (session II) (in partnership with AIB, Graduate Institute-CFD, CEPR, NYU, UNU-WIDER, SIEL, CCSI)
9:30-10:30 Hall 7 Room 18	Game Changing Solutions for Sustainable Development: Food security
10:00-13:00 Hall 4 Room 11	40th ISAR (session II)
10:00-12:30 Hall 6 Room 14	Invest in Tomorrow: Abu Dhabi's economic transition (organized by the UAE)
10:00-12:00 Hall 4 Room 12	Investment Ministerial Roundtable: Investment for sustainable development

10:30-13:00 Hall 3 Room 9	Sustainable Finance and Business: Academic and practitioner dialogue (in partnership with Columbia University)
11:00-12:30 Hall 6 Room 19	Investment in Agrifood Systems Forum: Innovative finance to unlock investment in sustainable food systems (organized by FAO)
11:00-12:15 Hall 2 Room 5	Investment, Trade and Enterprise in the Circular Economy
11:15-12:45 Hall 3 Room 8-B	Family Business Conference (session II): Building next generation family businesses in the Gulf (in partnership with FBN)
11:30-13:00 Hall 4 Room 13	IsDB Investment Policy Principles (in partnership with IsDB, ICDT, ICIEC)
12:15-13:15 Hall 2 Room 5	Entrepreneurship and Innovation in the New Health Economy
13:00-15:00 Conference B	Ministerial luncheon <i>(by invitation only)</i>
13:30-15:30 Hall 2 Room 4	International Sustainable Finance Regulation Conference: Raising the bar: Sustainable finance regulations for a changing world (in partnership with PRI)
13:30-15:00 Hall 3 Room 10-B	Finance for Human Rights (in partnership with UNU)
14:00-16:00 Hall 6 Room 15	B-Ready! Understanding the World Bank's new business-readiness assessment (in partnership with the World Bank)
14:00-15:30 Hall 3 Room 9	SDG Model Zones (in partnership with GASEZ)
14:00-15:30 Hall 3 Room 8-B	Family Business Conference (session III): Leveraging sustainability reporting and transparency to build impactful family businesses (in partnership with FBN)
14:00-16:00 Hall 2 Room 5	Investing in Health (in partnership with WHO)
14:30-17:30 Hall 6 Room 19	Investment in Agrifood Systems Forum: Forging the Path: Unveiling the Private Sector's Agrifood Investment Journey (organized by FAO)
15:00-18:00 Hall 4 Room 11	40th ISAR (session III)
15:00-18:00 Hall 2 Room 7	Academic Track (session III) (in partnership with AIB, Graduate Institute-CFD, CEPR, NYU, UNU-WIDER, SIEL, CCSI)
15:00-17:00 Hall 4 Room 12	Enterprise Ministerial Roundtable: Entrepreneurship for sustainable development
15:00-16:30 Hall 7 Room 18	Energy Transition and Investment Policy in Asia and the Pacific (organized by ADB)
15:00-16:30 Hall 6 Room 14	Talking Business (session II): Investing in times of crisis
15:15-17:15 Hall 3 Room 10-B	Strategic Minerals for Decarbonization: Investing in a just transition for artisanal miners
15:30-18:00 Hall 4 Room 13	High-level International Investment Agreements Conference 2023
15:45-17:15 Hall 3 Room 8-B	Family Business Conference (session IV): Impact investing: challenges and opportunities for business families (in partnership with FBN)
16:00-18:30 Hall 3 Room 9	Stock Exchange Action on Climate Disclosures (in partnership with IFC)

16:30-18:00 Hall 2 Room 5	Investing in Vaccine Supply Chain Resilience and Local Production (in partnership with WHO)	12:00-13:00 Hall 3 Room 9	Integrating Nature-related Risk into Capital Markets (with support from Nature Finance)
17:00-18:00 Hall 6 Room 15	The Winning Formula: How Investment Promotion Agencies (IPAs) can achieve better results (organized by WAIPA)	12:30-13:30 Hall 2 Room 7	Academic Track (session IV) (in partnership with AIB, Graduate Institute-CFD, CEPR, NYU, UNU-WIDER, SIEL, CCSI)
Afternoon	Visit to SEZs	14:00-16:00 Hall 6 Room 14	Showcasing Reforms to Promote SDG Investment (session I)
18:30-20:30	Gala reception and ▶ Women in Business Award Ceremony	14:00-15:30 Hall 7 Room 16	Transferred Emissions: Toward guidelines for responsible sales of upstream fossil fuel assets (in partnership with CCSI)
Thursday, 19 October			
8:30-10:00 Hall 2 Room 6	The Role of Trade and Investment Policies in Boosting NDCs Implementation	14:15-15:45 Hall 3 Room 9	Meeting of the World Investment for Development Alliance: Collaborating between investors and investment organisations <i>(by invitation only)</i>
8:30-10:00 Hall 3 Room 9	Islamic Finance for Sustainable Development (in partnership with Arabesque)	14:30-16:30 Hall 2 Room 6	Investment Facilitation: National success stories
8:45-10:00 Hall 6 Room 14	Talking Business (session III): Supply chain management	14:30-16:00 Hall 6 Room 19	High-level Roundtable on FDI and Women Empowerment (in partnership with UN-Women and ILO)
9:00-18:00 Hall 1	Youth Forum (in partnership with UNCTAD Youth)	14:30-16:00 Hall 6 Room 15	Mobilizing Institutional Investment for Sustainable Development in Africa (in partnership with ASIF)
9:00-18:00	WAPPP Abu Dhabi PPP Forum	14:30-15:30 Hall 2 Room 4	Make it in the Emirates: Unlocking opportunities for sustainable prosperity (organized by the UAE)
9:00-10:30 Hall 3 Room 8-B	Investment attraction in the age of mega incentive programmes (organized with McKinsey & Company)	14:45-15:30 Hall 2 Room 5	Agrifood Systems and Entrepreneurship: Food for thought: A sustainable agricultural revolution
9:30-10:30 Hall 7 Room 18	Game Changing Solutions for Sustainable Development: Energy	15:00-18:00 Hall 4 Room 11	40th ISAR Closing
9:45-10:45 Hall 2 Room 5	Investing in Youth Entrepreneurship: Millennials & Gen Z as business trailblazers (in partnership with The Commonwealth)	15:30-17:30 Hall 3 Room 10-A	International Tax Reforms and Sustainable Investment
10:00-13:00 Hall 4 Room 11	40th ISAR (session IV)	16:00-17:30 Hall 3 Room 9	Financing an Equitable Nature Economy (with support from Nature Finance)
10:00-12:00 Hall 4 Room 12	Structurally Weak and Vulnerable Economies (SWVE) Ministerial and Business Executive Roundtable (in partnership with UN-OHRLLS)	16:00-17:30 Hall 3 Room 8-A	Critical minerals: Value addition to escape commodity dependence
10:00-11:30 Hall 6 Room 19	Investment in Agrifood Systems Forum: Inclusive agrifood systems transformation (organized by FAO)	16:30-18:00 Hall 2 Room 7	Academic Track Closing (in partnership with AIB, Graduate Institute-CFD, CEPR, NYU, UNU-WIDER, SIEL, CCSI)
9:30-11:00 Hall 2 Room 4	Catalyzing Investment in Africa's Value Chains through Industrial Park Development (organized by UNIDO)	16:30-18:00 Hall 6 Room 14	Talking Business (session IV): Green economy
10:00-11:00 Hall 2 Room 6	Promoting Climate Action Through Trade and Investment Policy (in partnership with WTO)	16:30-18:00 Hall 6 Room 19	Investment in Agrifood Systems Forum: Transforming the urban food systems (organized by FAO)
10:15-11:45 Hall 3 Room 9	Arab Capital Markets Sustainable Finance Dialogue: From pledges to implementation (in partnership with the RCSF and the AFCM)	16:45-18:15 Hall 2 Room 6	Investment Facilitation and Trade Facilitation: Two sides of the same coin
10:30-12:00 Hall 4 Room 13	Accelerating Green Investments in Tourism for Sustainable Development (in partnership with UNWTO)	16:45-18:00 Hall 6 Room 15	Unlocking Investments in the African, Caribbean and Pacific Region (in partnership with UNIDO and AIM)
10:30-13:00 Hall 6 Room 15	AIM Congress Partner Event: Adapting to a shifting investment landscape: harnessing new potential for global economic development (organized by AIM)	Afternoon	Visit to SEZs
10:45-12:45 Hall 3 Room 10-A	Investment Facilitation: International policy developments	18:30-20:30	Gala reception and ▶ Global Digital Government Awards (in partnership with GEN)
11:00-13:00 Hall 7 Room 16	Policy Advocacy for SEZs: A tripartite dialogue (in partnership with GASEZ)		
11:00-12:00 Hall 6 Room 14	Financial Instruments for Early Retirement of Fossil-Fuel-Assets (in partnership with the Payne Institute)		
11:00-12:00 Hall 2 Room 5	Investing in Business Development (in partnership with Empretec centres)		

Friday, 20 October

8:30-10:00 Hall 2 Room 5	Implications of Tax Reforms for IPAs and SEZs (in partnership with OECD)
8:45-10:00 Hall 6 Room 14	Talking Business (session V): Information and communication technologies (ICT)
9:00-11:30 Hall 1	Youth Forum (in partnership with UNCTAD Youth)
9:00-11:00 Hall 3 Room 10-B	FDI Statistics Symposium: Bridging investment data gaps
9:00-10:45 Hall 4 Room 13	High-level Roundtable on Investment in Sustainable Infrastructure
9:00-10:30 Hall 6 Room 19	Investment in Agrifood Systems Forum: Investing in mitigating food loss and waste (organized by FAO)
9:15-10:45 Hall 3 Room 9	Sustainability Reporting Standards and Regulations (in partnership with GRI)
9:30-11:00 Hall 3 Room 8-B	The Investment, Trade and Development Nexus
9:30-10:30 Hall 7 Room 16	Getting Blended Finance Right at Scale (in partnership with The Blended Capital Group)
9:30-10:30 Hall 6 Room 15	Industry 4.0 and the Transformation of Entrepreneurship
10:00-12:00 Hall 2 Room 6	Investment Facilitation: How digital government tools can accelerate implementation: Making online government services accessible for all
10:15-12:15 Hall 6 Room 14	Showcasing Reforms to Promote SDG Investment (session II)
10:30-12:00 Hall 6 Room 19	Investment in Agrifood Systems Forum: Investing in sustainable value chain and agribusiness development (organized by FAO)
10:30-11:30 Hall 7 Room 18	Global flow, the ties that bind in an interconnected world (organized by MGI)
10:45-13:30 Hall 7 Room 16	Asia Sustainable Finance Roundtable: Engagement for transition (with support from SynTao Green Finance and China SIF)
11:00-12:30 Hall 3 Room 9	African Regional Partnership for Sustainability and SDG Reporting
11:00-11:30 Hall 4 Room 12	Financing the Climate Transition – The way forward (in partnership with the COP28 incoming presidency)
11:30-13:30 Hall 4 Room 12	High-level Closing Roundtable on Investing in Sustainable Development: Way forward

Investment Village Events

16 October 10:00-18:00	Investment for Development Research Square: A meeting place for policy-oriented academic research (in partnership with AIB, Graduate Institute-CFD, CEPR, NYU, UNU-WIDER)
17 October 10:30-19:00	Investment for Development Research Square: A meeting place for policy-oriented academic research (in partnership with AIB, Graduate Institute-CFD, CEPR, NYU, UNU-WIDER)
18 October 13:00-19:00	Investment for Development Research Square: A meeting place for policy-oriented academic research (in partnership with AIB, Graduate Institute-CFD, CEPR, NYU, UNU-WIDER)
19 October 9:00-15:00	Investment for Development Research Square: A meeting place for policy-oriented academic research (in partnership with AIB, Graduate Institute-CFD, CEPR, NYU, UNU-WIDER)
19 October 2023 13:00-15:00 Enterprise Corner	Meet the Women in Business Awards Winners
20 October 9:00-10:45	Investment for Development Research Square: A meeting place for policy-oriented academic research (in partnership with AIB, Graduate Institute-CFD, CEPR, NYU, UNU-WIDER)

KEY PARTNERS



UAE Ministry of Economy



International Monetary Fund



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Inter-Parliamentary Union



UN Women



UAE Department of Economic Development



International Chamber of Commerce



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World Economic Forum



International Organization of Securities Commissions



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Food and Agricultural Organization



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UN Global Compact



International Trade Centre



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UN Environment Programme



UN University World Institute for Development Economics Research



Economic Commission for Africa



African Development Bank



International Labour Organization



World Health Organization



World Association of Investment Promotion Agencies



UN Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States



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Asian Development Bank



Academy of International Business



Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific



D-8 Organization of Economic Cooperation



Eurostat



Annual Investment Meeting



Global Alliance of Special Economic Zones



Family Business Network



International Financial Reporting Standards



Islamic Centre for Development of Trade



The Commonwealth



Columbia Center on Sustainable Investment



Global Reporting Initiative



Society of International Economic Law



Glasgow Financial Alliance for Net Zero



Islamic Corporation for Insurance of Investment and Export Credit



Global Entrepreneurship Network



UN University (FAST Initiative)



United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change



African Continental Free Trade Area



New York University



International Institute for Sustainable Development



Principles for Responsible Investment



Islamic Development Bank



Caribbean Association of Investment Promotion Agencies



World Association of PPP Units & Professionals



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