

PROGRAMME AT A GLANCE

ABU DHABI, UAE



as of 17 October 2023

16-20 October 2023

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)	
10:30-12:30	Grand Opening of the Forum and Global Leaders Investment Summit	
12:45-14:30	Leaders Luncheon: 14th meeting of the Investment Advisory Council (in partnership with ICC) <i>(by invitation only)</i>	
13:30-15:15	Symposium on Developing Public Sector Sustainability Reporting Standards (in partnership with ACCA)	
13:30-15:15	FDI Statistics in OIC Countries (in partnership with SESRIC)	
13:30-15:00	D-8 Organization for Economic Cooperation - UNCTAD Guiding Principles for Investment (in partnership with D-8)	
13:45-15:15	Financing the Just Energy Transition Partnerships: Perspectives from Vietnam, Indonesia, South Africa (a joint event with ESCAP and UNECA)	
13:45-15:15	Promoting Investment in the Blue Economy (in partnership with WAIPA and CAIPA)	
13:45-15:15	Opening of the Academic Track: Research policy dialogue	
13:45-15:15	Opening of the Investment in Agrifood Systems Forum: Investing in transforming agrifood systems (organized by FAO)	
15:30-17:30	Global Leaders Investment Dialogue	
19:00-22:00	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 <i>(by invitation only)</i>	
9:00-18:00	WAPPP Abu Dhabi PPP Forum	
9:00-18:00	Youth Forum (in partnership with UNCTAD Youth)	
9:00-18:00	COP28 Global Dialogue and Investment Focused Events (in partnership with the COP28 incoming Presidency, UNFCCC, IRENA and ADGM)	
9:00-10:30	Summit Roundtable: Small Island Developing States and Investment Guarantees (organized and facilitated by MIGA) <i>(by invitation only)</i>	
9:30-12:30	SSE Global Dialogue (in partnership with UNGC, UNEP and PRI)	

9:45-11:15	Industry 4.0 and the Future of Global Investment	
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)	
14:30-16:30	High-level Roundtable on Investment in the Energy Transition	
14:45-16:45	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)	
16:00-17:30	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 (in partnership with OHRLLS)	

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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
Hall 7 Room 18
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 *(by invitation only)*

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-A
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-A
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 *(by invitation only)*

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 and Walk Free)

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) 

14:30-15:45
FDI, Hydrogen and the Greening of Emerging Markets (organized by BCG and DRCLAS at Harvard University) 


Hall 3 Room 8-A
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)

17:00-18:00
Hall 6 Room 15

The Winning Formula: How Investment Promotion Agencies (IPAs) can achieve better results (organized by WAIPA)

Afternoon **Visit to SEZs**

18:30-20:30
Hall 7 Room 18

Gala reception and
▶ **Women in Business Award Ceremony**

Thursday, 19 October

8:30-10:00
Hall 2 Room 6

The Role of Trade and Investment Policies in Boosting NDCs Implementation

8:30-10:00
Hall 3 Room 9

Islamic Finance for Sustainable Development (in partnership with Arabesque)

8:45-10:00
Hall 6 Room 14

Talking Business (session III):
Supply chain management

9:00-17:30
Hall 1

Youth Forum (in partnership with UNCTAD Youth)

9:00-18:00

WAPPP Abu Dhabi PPP Forum

9:30-10:30
Hall 7 Room 18

Game Changing Solutions for Sustainable Development: Energy

9:45-10:45
Hall 2 Room 5

Investing in Youth Entrepreneurship:
Millennials & Gen Z as business trailblazers (in partnership with The Commonwealth)

10:00-13:00
Hall 4 Room 11

40th ISAR (session IV) 

10:00-12:00
Hall 4 Room 12

Structurally Weak and Vulnerable Economies (SWVE) Ministerial and Business Executive Roundtable (in partnership with UN-OHRLLS) 

10:00-11:30
Hall 6 Room 19

Investment in Agrifood Systems Forum: Inclusive agrifood systems transformation (organized by FAO)

9:30-11:00
Hall 2 Room 4

Catalyzing Investment in Africa's Value Chains through Industrial Park Development (organized by UNIDO)

10:00-13:00
Hall 6 Room 15

AIM Congress Partner Event: Adapting to a shifting investment landscape: harnessing new potential for global economic development (organized by AIM)

10:00-11:00
Hall 2 Room 6

Promoting Climate Action Through Trade and Investment Policy (in partnership with WTO)

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)

10:30-12:30
Hall 4 Room 13

Accelerating Green Investments in Tourism for Sustainable Development (in partnership with UNWTO)

10:45-12:45
Hall 3 Room 10-A

Investment Facilitation: International policy developments

11:00-12:30
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)

11:30-12:30
Hall 2 Room 7

Academic Track (session IV) (in partnership with AIB, Graduate Institute-CFD, CEPR, NYU, UNU-WIDER, SIEL, CCSI)

12:00-13:00
Hall 3 Room 9

Integrating Nature-related Risk into Capital Markets (with support from Nature Finance)

14:00-16:00
Hall 6 Room 14

Showcasing Reforms to Promote SDG Investment: Experiences from Togo and the West African Economic and Monetary Union (WAEMU)

14:00-15:30
Hall 7 Room 16

Transferred Emissions: Toward guidelines for responsible sales of upstream fossil fuel assets (in partnership with CCSI)

14:15-15:45
Hall 3 Room 9

Meeting of the World Investment for Development Alliance: Collaborating between investors and investment organisations *(by invitation only)*

14:30-16:30
Hall 2 Room 6

Investment Facilitation: National success stories

14:30-16:00
Hall 6 Room 19

High-level Roundtable on FDI and Women Empowerment (in partnership with UN-Women and ILO) 

14:30-16:00
Hall 6 Room 15

Mobilizing Institutional Investment for Sustainable Development in Africa (in partnership with ASIF)

14:30-15:30
Hall 2 Room 4

Make it in the Emirates: Unlocking opportunities for sustainable prosperity (organized by the UAE)

14:45-15:30
Hall 2 Room 5

Agrifood Systems and Entrepreneurship: Food for thought: A sustainable agricultural revolution

15:00-18:00
Hall 4 Room 11

40th ISAR Closing 

15:30-17:30
Hall 3 Room 10-A

International Tax Reforms and Sustainable Investment

16:00-17:30
Hall 3 Room 9

Financing an Equitable Nature Economy (with support from Nature Finance)

16:00-17:30
Hall 3 Room 8-A

Critical minerals: Value addition to escape commodity dependence

16:30-18:00
Hall 2 Room 7

Academic Track Closing (in partnership with AIB, Graduate Institute-CFD, CEPR, NYU, UNU-WIDER, SIEL, CCSI)

16:30-18:00
Hall 6 Room 14

Talking Business (session IV): Green economy

16:30-18:00
Hall 6 Room 19

Investment in Agrifood Systems Forum: Transforming the urban food systems (organized by FAO)

16:45-18:15
Hall 2 Room 6

Investment Facilitation and Trade Facilitation: Two sides of the same coin

16:45-18:00
Hall 6 Room 15

Unlocking Investments in the African, Caribbean and Pacific Region (in partnership with UNIDO and AIM)

Afternoon **Visit to SEZs**

18:30-20:30
Hall 7 Room 18

Gala reception and
▶ **Global Digital Government Awards** (in partnership with GEN)

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: Experiences from Mauritania and Tajikistan
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 flows, 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 

Pre-Forum Sunday, 15 October

15 October
13:30-18:00
Capital Suites 8

IIFRS sustainability disclosure standards workshop

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

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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

Behind Women in Business Awards

20 October
9:00-10:45

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