



Investment and Regional Integration

High-level Inter-Regional Dialogue

Does regional integration matter in FDI decisions?

Description

Regional and inter-regional economic integration is an important feature of today's economic landscape and also has an impact on FDI flows and corporate operations. Heads of regional economic organizations, regional commissions and CEOs will exchange experiences and lessons learned in this area and explore regional synergies.

Elements for the debate

- How has regional integration in different parts of the world influenced corporate investment strategies and shaped regional value chains; and how did the latter in turn strengthen regional integration?
- How do global/regional value chains affect and shape regional economic integration efforts?
- What mechanisms can be adopted at the multilateral level to facilitate the exchange of experience and lessons learned among regional groupings?

Opening remarks **Mr. Petko Draganov**, Deputy Secretary-General, UNCTAD

Moderator **Ms. Courtney Fingar**, Editor-in-Chief, fDi Magazine, Financial Times

Panelists

H.E. Mr. Lim Hong Hin, Deputy Secretary General of ASEAN

H.E. Mr. Urban Rusnak, Secretary General, Energy Charter Treaty

Mr. Christian Friis Bach, Executive Secretary, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe

Mr. Rommel Acevedo, Secretary General, Latin American Association of Development Financial Institutions

Mr. James Lockett, Vice President, Head of Trade Facilitation and Market Access, Huawei Technologies

Interactive debate