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NOTIFICATION

World Investment Forum 2018

Geneva, 22–26 October

The Secretary-General of UNCTAD presents his compliments to the member States of UNCTAD and has the honour to inform them that the World Investment Forum, celebrating its 10-year anniversary, will be held from 22 to 26 October 2018 at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, Switzerland.

The Forum is a multi-stakeholder gathering at the level of Heads of State and Government, ministers, chief executive officers and principals of international organizations, designed to facilitate dialogue and action on the world's current and emerging investment development challenges. It is recognized by Governments and business leaders as the pre-eminent global gathering for investment policymaking, providing a platform for interacting with participants ranging from the heads of investment promotion agencies, investment treaty negotiators, impact investors and foundations, investment lawyers, academics, stock exchange executives and pension and sovereign wealth fund managers, to international accounting standard setters, corporate social responsibility monitors, entrepreneurs and representatives of non-governmental organizations.

World Investment Forum 2018 will focus on the global challenges to international investment in the new era of globalization and industrialization. It will provide an opportunity for open dialogues between all investment stakeholders, the brainstorming of solution-oriented initiatives and the fostering of global partnerships to advance prosperity for all.

The previous Forums, held in Ghana (2008), China (2010), Qatar (2012), Switzerland (2014) and Kenya (2016), gathered over 3,000 investment development actors from some 150 countries. World Investment Forum 2018 will feature numerous high-profile events and networking opportunities, including global leaders investment summits, ministerial round tables, an international investment agreements conference, minister and business executive dialogues, several multi-stakeholder sessions on special themes, a global sustainable stock exchanges dialogue, an investment promotion conference, private-sector led discussions and United Nations awards ceremonies. World Investment Forum 2018 also provides an opportunity for high-level thematic events organized in partnership with other international organizations.

Regular updates on World Investment Forum 2018 and registration will be posted on the UNCTAD website and <http://worldinvestmentforum.unctad.org/>.

For further information regarding high-level participation at World Investment Forum 2018, please contact Mr. James Zhan, Director, Division on Investment and Enterprise, tel.: 41 22 917 5797; email: wif@unctad.org.

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