WORLD INVESTMENT FORUM 2018
INVESTING IN SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

22–26 October Palais des Nations, Geneva

PROGRAMME AND SPEAKERS
Monday, 22 October

14:00 – 14:15
Official Opening of the Investment Village
Investment Village
1st floor stage

15:00 – 16:00
Grand Opening
Assembly Hall

16:00 – 16:30
Award Ceremony
Assembly Hall
➤ 2018 United Nations Investment Promotion Awards

16:30 – 18:30
Global Investment Game Changers Summit
Assembly Hall

18:30 – 19:30
Welcome Reception and Cultural Event
Salle des Pas Perdus

Tuesday, 23 October

10:00 – 13:00
Global Leaders Investment Summit I
Investment in a new era of globalization
Assembly Hall

13:15 – 14:45
Leaders Luncheon: Meeting of the Investment Advisory Council (by invitation only)
Delegates Restaurant

13:15 – 14:45
Sustainable Stock Exchanges (SSE) Executives Luncheon (by invitation only)
Delegates Restaurant

13:15 – 14:45
Talking Business Eastern Europe and Central Asia
Room XXIII

14:30 – 17:30
Investment and the Digital Economy
Room XXIII

14:30 – 17:30
Fostering Investment in the Development of New Antibacterial Treatments
Room XXIII

14:45 – 17:45
Investment Promotion Conference 2018
➤ Promoting investment in the Sustainable Development Goals – connecting the actors
➤ Building sustainable cities
Room XXIII

15:00 – 18:00
Sustainable Stock Exchanges (SSE) Global Dialogue
Assembly Hall
➤ Sustainable Stock Exchanges (SSE) Awards

15:00 – 17:00
Ministerial Roundtable: The African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States (ACP)
Room XXIII

15:00 – 17:00
Investing in Sports for SDGs
Room XXIII

15:00 – 18:00
Empretec Director’s Meeting (by invitation only)
Room E-8047

15:30 – 17:30
Legislating for Sustainable Development
Room XXIII
➤ Tripartite dialogue between parliamentarians, government and business Leaders

16:00 – 18:00
Main Obstacles and Solutions to Investment in Africa
Room XXIII

18:30 – 19:30
Networking Reception
Serpent Bar

Wednesday, 24 October

08:00 – 09:45
Talking Business Africa I
Room XXIII

09:00 – 10:00
Investment policies and practices for global value chain upgrading (by invitation only)
Delegates Restaurant
➤ Interactive breakfast encounter

10:00 – 13:00
Global Leaders Investment Summit II
Investment in a new era of industrialization
Assembly Hall

10:30 – 13:30
Blockchains for Sustainable Development
Room XXIII

11:00 – 13:00
The Global i-Guides Meeting
Room XXIII
➤ How the online investment guides can help promote and facilitate investment

13:15 – 14:45
Nordic IPAs Luncheon (by invitation only)
Delegates Restaurant
➤ Organized in collaboration with the World Association of Investment Promotion Agencies

13:15 – 14:45
Leaders Luncheon: Meeting of the Investment Advisory Council (by invitation only)
Delegates Restaurant

13:15 – 14:45
Talking Business Africa II
Room XXIII

14:30 – 17:00
Sovereign Wealth and Pension Funds Dialogue
Room XXIII

15:00 – 19:00
High-Level International Investment Agreements (IIA) Conference 2018
Room XXIII
➤ Going beyond IIAs: Fostering coherence in phase 3 of reform

15:30 – 17:30
The Investment, Trade and Development Nexus
Room XXIII

15:30 – 18:00
Entrepreneurship, Migration and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
Room XXIII
➤ Providing Options for the Social and Economic Inclusion of Migrants and Refugees in Host Countries

15:30 – 18:00
Responsible Agricultural Investment
Room XXIII

16:00 – 18:00
Ministerial Roundtable: LDCs and Business Executives
Room XXIII
➤ Mobilizing investment in Least Developed Countries (LDCs)

16:00 – 18:00
Sustainability, Commodities and Derivatives
Room XXIII

17:15 – 18:00
ISAR Honours 2018
Room XXIII

18:30 – 19:30
Networking Reception
Serpent Bar
➤ Global Enterprise Registration (GER) Awards Ceremony

Thursday, 25 October

08:30 – 09:45
Breakfast Roundtable: Investments with a Gender Lens
Delegates Restaurant

09:00 – 10:00
Sustainable investment facilitation policies and practices (by invitation only)
Delegates Restaurant
➤ Interactive breakfast encounter
Thursday, 25 October

10:00 – 13:00
Room XX
Ministerial Roundtable: Entrepreneurship for Sustainable Development
- Entrepreneurship policy: Challenges and Results
- Celebration of 30 Years of EMPRETEC

10:00 – 13:00
Room XXIV
People-First Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs)

10:30 – 13:00
Room XX
Sustainability Bonds: Innovative Tools for Financing the SDGs

10:30 – 13:30
Room XXV
Roundtable on Regional Integration and Investment Policy

13:15 – 14:45
Room XXIII
Talking Business Middle East and North Africa

13:15 – 14:45
Room XXII
Sustainability Bonds: Innovative Tools for Financing the SDGs

13:15 – 14:45
Room XXV
Roundtable on Regional Integration and Investment Policy

13:15 – 14:45
Room XXVI
Mobilizing investment for inclusive and Sustainable Industrial Development in Africa

13:15 – 14:45
Restaurant
Ministers’ Luncheon: Promoting foreign investment to LLDCs (by invitation only)

14:30 – 15:00
Room XX
Launch of the Global SDGs Financing Toolbox

14:30 – 17:30
Room XXIV
Multi-Disciplinary Academic Conference
Setting the investment research agenda

10:00 – 13:00
Room XXIII
Investment Promotion Agencies (IPA) Workshop
Showcasing investment promotion and facilitation in SDG Projects

10:00 – 13:00
Room XXVI
International Standards of Accounting and Reporting (ISAR) Workshop
Digital currencies and blockchain: implications for accounting

15:00 – 17:30
Room XXIV
Multi-Disciplinary Academic Conference
Setting the investment research agenda

10:00 – 13:00
Room XI
Women Entrepreneurship and the SDGs

10:30 – 13:00
Room XX
Using Blended Capital to Finance the SDGs

14:00 – 16:30
Room XXVI
Role of Central Banks in Greening the Financial System

14:00 – 17:00
Room XX
Forum Closing
- Investment Village Awards Ceremony
- Ambassadors’ Roundtable on investing in the SDGs
- Outcomes and Closing

18:00
Serpent Bar
Closing and Networking Reception

Friday, 26 October

8:30 – 10:00
Delegates Restaurant
Blended Capital: SDG aligned investment opportunities in developing Countries (by invitation only)
- Interactive breakfast encounter

09:00 – 16:00
Room XXIV
Multi-Disciplinary Academic Conference
Setting the investment research agenda

10:00 – 13:00
Room XXVII
Presentation of Publication: Energy Investment Risk Assessment (EIRA) 2018

10:00 – 13:00
Room XI
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Parallel Events

Wednesday, 24 – Friday, 26 October, 10:00 – 13:00 and 15:00 – 18:00, Room XVII
Thirty-fifth anniversary session of the Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting (ISAR)

Monday, 22 – Friday, 26 October, Room XXI
UNCTAD Youth Forum 2018
Youth Entrepreneurship: A force towards inclusive and sustainable growth

Investment Village

Monday, 22 October, 14:00, E-Building 1st floor stage

Official Opening of the Investment Village
- Country and Organization exhibition
- Private Sector Solutions for Sustainable Development
- Investment Village Award 2018

Side Events

Monday, 22 October
10:00 – 13:00; 16:00 – 18:00, Room XI
Workshop for Parliamentarians
Financing the SDGs: How can parliaments bridge the gap?

10:00 – 13:00, Room XXII
Investment Promotion Agencies (IPA) Workshop
Showcasing investment promotion and facilitation in SDG Projects

10:00 – 13:00, Room XVI
International Standards of Accounting and Reporting (ISAR) Workshop
Digital currencies and blockchain: implications for accounting

Tuesday, 23 – Friday, 26 October, 09:00 – 18:00, E-Building

10:00 – 13:00, Room XXI
CAIPA Meeting

Wednesday, 24 October
09:00 – 10:30, Room XVII
Presentation of Publication: Energy Investment Risk Assessment (EIRA) 2018

10:00 – 13:00, Room XI
Hearing on SDG Financial Products

Thursday, 25 October
18:15 – 19:45, Maison de la Paix (off site)
The Future of Corporate Income Taxes
Lessons for the emerging and low-income countries

Friday, 26 October
08:00 – 09:00, Room X
TNC Journal Advisory Board Meeting

10:00 – 12:00, Room E-1014-16
Regional commissions and UNCTAD: collaboration on FDI statistics and investment reports (by invitation only)

13:00 – 14:30, Delegates Restaurant
Inter-Agency Technical Committee Meeting on Promoting Investment in LDCs

IIA-related Break-out Sessions: Please see page 60
The UNCTAD 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 multi-stakeholder collective action to stimulate investment in development. The Forum offers a unique opportunity to influence investment-related policymaking, shape the global investment environment, and to network with global leaders in business and politics.

2018 marks the 10th anniversary of the Forum. Previous editions took place in Accra (2008), Xiamen (2010), Doha (2012), Geneva (2014) and Nairobi (2016). The Forum was set up to fill the investment institutional gap in the international economic governance architecture. Since inception, it has served as the leading forum to leverage investment policy for sustainable development.

The Forum biennially gathers investment stakeholders from 160 countries. 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 fund managers, investment treaty negotiators, heads of investment promotion agencies, international investment location experts, heads of international organizations, parliamentarians, civil society representatives, eminent scholars, and the international media.

THE WORLD INVESTMENT FORUM 2018

Organized under the overall theme Investing in Sustainable Development, the Forum will address global challenges for international investment in the new era of globalization and industrialization. Investment stakeholders will gather to brainstorm solution-oriented initiatives and build global partnerships to advance prosperity for all.

In 2018, the World Investment Forum will bring more actors to the table, including philanthropists, impact fund heads and other sustainability pioneers. More than 6,000 investment stakeholders are anticipated to converge in Geneva for the event.

Programme

The 2018 Forum will consist of over sixty events, including a grand opening, the Global Leaders Investment Summits, the Global Investment Game Changers Summit, ministerial roundtables, conferences, private sector-led sessions, high-profile stakeholder roundtables, networking events, award ceremonies and an Investment Village.
MONDAY, 22 OCTOBER

14:00 – 14:15  OPENING OF THE INVESTMENT VILLAGE

Master of Ceremony:
Mr. James Zhan, Director of Investment and Enterprise, UNCTAD

Opening remarks:
Dr. Mukhisa Kituyi, Secretary-General, UNCTAD

Guests of Honour:
H.E. Mr. Mokgweetsi E.K. Masisi, President Botswana
H.E. Mr. Hage Geingob, President of Namibia
H.R.H. Princess Astrid of Belgium

Ribbon Cutting:
Guests of Honour, Secretary-General and Deputy Secretary-General of UNCTAD

15:00 – 16:00  GRAND OPENING

The opening ceremony will take place in the presence of the highest-level representation from the host country, Switzerland, UNCTAD member States, the global business community, as well as other investment stakeholders and international organizations.

Opening Statements:
Dr. Mukhisa Kituyi, Secretary-General, UNCTAD (welcome statement)
H.E. Mr. Alain Berset, President of the Swiss Confederation
H.E. Ms. María Fernanda Espinosa Garcés, President, 73rd Session of the General Assembly, United Nations
Ms. Amina Mohammed, Deputy Secretary-General, United Nations (via video link)
Mr. Michael Møller, Director-General, United Nations Office at Geneva
Ms. Gabriela Cuevas Barron, President, Inter-Parliamentary Union
Ms. Nandini Sukumar, CEO, World Federation of Exchanges

Guests of Honour:
H.E. Mr. Armen Sarkissian, President of the Republic of Armenia
H.E. Mr. Mokgweetsi E.K. Masisi, President of the Republic of Botswana
H.E. Mr. Khaltmaagiin Battulga, President of Mongolia
H.E. Mr. Hage Geingob, President of the Republic of Namibia
H.E. Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen, Prime Minister of Cambodia
H.R.H. Princess Astrid of Belgium

Master of Ceremony:
Mr. James Zhan, Director of Investment and Enterprise, UNCTAD

16:00 – 16:30  2018 UNITED NATIONS INVESTMENT PROMOTION AWARDS

Investment in the Sustainable Development Goals

Held since 2002, the United Nations Investment Promotion Awards celebrate the exchange of best practice in investment promotion. The Awards will be presented to investment promotion agencies for excellence in promoting investment in the SDGs.

Bahrain:
Presenter: H.E. Mr. Masisi, President of the Republic of Botswana
Recipient: H.E. Mr. Zayed Alzayani, Minister of Industry, Commerce and Tourism, Bahrain
India:
Presenter: H.E. Mr. Armen Sarkissian, President of the Republic of Armenia
Recipient: Mr. Deepak Bagla, Managing Director and CEO, Invest India

Lesotho:
Presenter: H.E. Mr. Khaltmaagiin Battulga, President of Mongolia
Recipient: Mr. Mohato Seleke, CEO, Lesotho National Development Corporation

South Africa:
Presenter: Ms. Maria Fernanda Espinosa Garcés, President of the 73rd session of the United Nations General Assembly
Recipient: Ms. Annelize van der Merwe, Director, Green Economy Industries, InvestSA

2018 Special Recognitions:

Brazil:
Presenter: Dr. Mukhisa Kituyi, Secretary-General, UNCTAD
Recipient: Ambassador Roberto Jaguaribe, President, Apex-Brasil

Colombia:
Presenter: H.R.H. Princess Astrid of Belgium
Recipient: Mr. Alejandro Ossa, Executive Director, Invest Pacific

Russia:
Presenter: H.E. Mr. Hage Geingob, President of the Republic of Namibia
Recipient: Mr. Insaf Galiev, Deputy Chief Executive, Tatarstan Investment Development Agency

16:30 – 18:30
GLOBAL INVESTMENT GAME CHANGERS SUMMIT
Pioneering solutions for a better world

New ideas can transform the world we live in and rewrite the rules and policies that govern it. Mobilizing investment and channelling it towards the SDGs require above all new ideas that can be translated into concrete solutions for a better future for all. The Summit of Global Investment Game Changers will gather pioneers, leaders and visionaries who have successfully remodelled established business and industry practice in their respective fields to create innovative business models that foster economic success and sustainable objectives.

Issues for the debate:
• Innovative business models to address global and local challenges.
• Disruptive or disrupted: challenges and opportunities to embrace change.
• Mainstreaming sustainable development in industry 4.0.
• Frontier technologies and their impact on investment and sustainable development.

Dialogue:
Dr. Mukhisa Kituyi, Secretary General of UNCTAD
Sophia, Humanoid

Speakers:
Ms. Barbara Kux, Vice Chair, Firmenich
Ms. Juliet Anammah, CEO, Jumia Nigeria
Mr. David Hanson, CEO, Hanson Robotics
Mr. Tadahiro Kawada, CEO, Kawada Group, Kawada Technologies
Ms. Alexandra ‘Santu’ Boethius, Co-founder of the Impact Hub Geneva and Lausanne

Moderator:
Ms. Melissa Jun Rowley, journalist and entrepreneur

18:30
WELCOME RECEPTION AND CULTURAL EVENT
With Oesch’s die Dritten
TUESDAY, 23 OCTOBER

GLOBAL LEADERS INVESTMENT SUMMIT I

Investment in a new era of globalization

The Summit convenes Heads of State and Government and CEOs of global companies to share their vision for the future. Their insights will set the tone for the rest of the Forum and inform its outcomes.

The first part of the Summit will consider the backlash against globalization stemming from its unequal developmental impact, the risks in protectionism in both trade and investment, and related challenges to multilateralism. The international community needs to ensure that this backlash does not impede the advancement of the SDGs.

Issues for the debate:

• How will the globalization backlash affect international investment and its impact on development?
• What would be viable remedies in the investment policymaking area?
• How can more people benefit from globalization and how can the United Nations contribute?

Summit 1a 10:00 – 11:30

Opening statement:
Dr. Mukhisa Kituyi, Secretary-General, UNCTAD

Speakers:
H.E. Mr. Abdul Hamid, President of the People’s Republic of Bangladesh
H.E. Mr. Khaltmaagiin Battulga, President of Mongolia
H.E. Mr. Milo Đukanović, President of Montenegro
Mr. Vasant Narasimhan, CEO, Novartis
Mr. Paul Bulcke, Chairman of the Board of Directors, Nestlé

Moderator:
Ms. Nisha Pillai, renowned journalist and BBC News anchor

Summit 1b 11:30 – 13:00

Speakers:
Dr. Mukhisa Kituyi, Secretary-General, UNCTAD
H.E. Mr. Hage Geingob, President of Namibia
H.E. Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia
H.E. Mr. Kocho Angjushev, Vice Prime Minister, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
Mr. Roland Chalons-Browne, CEO, Siemens Financial Services
Ms. Nandini Sukumar, CEO, World Federation of Exchanges

Moderator:
Ms. Nisha Pillai, renowned journalist and BBC News anchor

13:15 – 14:45

LEADERS LUNCHEON: MEETING OF THE INVESTMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Launched in 2001, the UNCTAD-International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) Investment Advisory Council brings together global leaders from the public and the private sphere to brainstorm on innovative means to increase the contributions of private investment in sustainable development.
Issues for the debate:

- How to better leverage public funds for increased private sector investment in developing countries?
- How to target technical assistance and capacity building to help these economies attract more investment?
- How can UNCTAD and the ICC operationalize these ideas?

Participants:

H.E. Mr. Abdul Hamid, President of the People’s Republic of Bangladesh
H.E. Mr. Khaltmaagiin Battulga, President of Mongolia
H.E. Mr. Hage Geingob, President of Namibia
Together with Ministers, business executives and heads of international organisations.

Moderator:

Mr. James Zhan, Director of Investment and Enterprise, UNCTAD

13:15 – 14:45 SUSTAINABLE STOCK EXCHANGES (SSE) EXECUTIVES LUNCHEON

Delegates Restaurant
(by invitation only)

13:15 – 14:45 TALKING BUSINESS EASTERN EUROPE AND CENTRAL ASIA

Room XXIII

“Talking Business” are interactive sessions between governments and business. They provide a platform to showcase investment opportunities in countries, explore new investment horizons and interact with high-level country representatives.

Opening statements:

Mr. Joerg Weber, Head, Investment Policies Branch, DIAE, UNCTAD
Dr. Dorit Sallis, Managing Director, Joint Chambers of Commerce

Speakers:

H.E. Mr. Amandurdy Ishanov, Minister of Trade and Foreign Economic Relations, Turkmenistan
H.E. Mr. Daniyar Mukashev, Ambassador, Permanent Mission of Kyrgyzstan to the United Nations Office in Geneva
H.E. Mr. Jamshed Khamidov, Ambassador, Permanent Mission of Tajikistan to the United Nations Office in Geneva
Ms. Alena Perminava, Head of the Directorate-General for Investment Policy, Ministry of Economy, Belarus
Mr. Nurlan Zhaximbetov, Advisor to the Chairman, Agency for Civil Service Affairs and Anti-Corruption, Kazakhstan
Mr. Hayk V. Hovhannisyan, Trade Representative to the Swiss Confederation, Armenia
Ms. Alimaa Batchuluun, Officer, Integrated Investment Division, National Development Agency, Mongolia

Moderator:

Dr. Dorit Sallis, Managing Director, Joint Chambers of Commerce

14:30 – 17:30 INVESTMENT AND THE DIGITAL ECONOMY

Room XXIV

The rapid rise of digital economy, the application of internet-based technologies to the production and trade of goods and services, has reshaped how we consume, produce and trade. It has also transformed global investments, created new markets and even provided new avenues for tackling persistent development problems.

While ubiquitous for developed countries, digital economy development remains a challenge for most developing and least developed countries. Some 3.8 billion people, according to ITU, have never been online - and they are concentrated in Asia-Pacific and Africa. This digital divide, born out of a lack of investment, capacity or structural problems, makes the journey to digitalization a complex one.
This session, organized in cooperation with the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), will gather investors of the digital economy to discuss best practices in investing for digital economy development. Speakers, ranging from infrastructure providers, financial backers, and digital firms, will discuss the current and future state of investment in the digital economy, their role and interconnectedness, along with innovative practices and policies that have facilitated them in channeling investments to help close the digital divide. Insights from this session will also feed into the work of United Nations Secretary General’s High-level Panel of Digital Cooperation.

**Issues for the debate:**

- What kind of investments are needed for digital economy development?
- What are the challenges to mobilizing investments towards digital economy development?
- What kind of innovative practices or policies help facilitate investment for digital economy development?

**Opening statements:**

Mr. James Zhan, Director of Investment and Enterprise, UNCTAD  
Mr. Houlin Zhao, Secretary-General of the International Telecommunication Union  
Ms. Nora K. Terrado, Undersecretary, Philippines Trade and Investment Promotions Group

**Speakers:**

Mr. Javier Albares, Head Corporate Strategy, Groupe Speciale Mobile Association (GSMA)  
Mr. Magdi Amin, Partner, Omidyar Network  
Mr. Kee Lock Chua, CEO, Vertex Holdings  
Mr. David Harmon, VP, Global Government Affairs, Huawei  
Mr. Fernando Loureiro, Senior Director, Public Policy and Government Affairs, Latin America, Intel  
Mr. Lexi Novistske, Principal Investment, Singularity Investments  
Mr. Dylan Piatti, Chairman of the Board, Ecommerce Africa  
Mr. Brian Wong, Vice President, Global Initiatives, Alibaba

**Moderators:**

Mr. Richard Bolwijn, Head, Investment Research Branch, UNCTAD  
Mr. Dylan Piatti, Chairman of the Board, Ecommerce Africa

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**14:30 – 17:30**  
Room XXV  
**FOSTERING INVESTMENT IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW ANTIBACTERIAL TREATMENTS**

Antimicrobial resistant infections (AMR) are on the rise and pose a significant global risk. Developing countries, in particular, are vulnerable because they often lack key medical resources. The development of new antibacterial treatments is costly while the return on investment is low. Organized in cooperation with the World Health Organization (WHO), the conference will explore solutions to this dilemma, seeking to facilitate cooperation between biotech firms, potential investors and governments for AMR investment. It will present some innovative technologies that need financial support and provide a matchmaking platform to connect impact investors with researchers and developers of treatments against AMR.

**Issues for the debate:**

- What is the role of governments?  
- What are the needs of the industry?  
- Which innovative means of investment can help address the AMR problem?

**Opening statement:**

Ms. Isabelle Durant, Deputy Secretary-General, UNCTAD  
Hon. Dr. Alfred Madigele, Minister of Health and Wellness, Botswana  
H.E. Dr. Venko Filipche, Minister of Health, former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia  
Dr. Ranieri Guerra, Assistant Director General for Special Initiatives, World Health Organization
Speakers:
Mr. Rich Lawson, CARB-X Senior Project Manager, Boston University School of Law
Mr. Christopher Egerton-Warburton, Expert Advisory Board Chair, United Kingdom Global AMR Innovation Fund
Mr. Tomotaka Goji, Managing Partner, The University of Tokyo Edge Capital Japan Fund
Mr. Marc Gitzinger, CEO, Bioversys
Mr. Anand Anandkumar, CEO, Bugworks Research
Mr. Yoshinori Yamano, Chief Scientific Officer for Infectious Diseases Pharmaceutical Research Division, Shionogi & Co. Ltd
Mr. Jean-Pierre Paccaud, the Incubation Business Development & Strategy Director, GARDP
Mr. Andreas Sandgren, Policy Advisor, ReAct – Action on Antibiotic Resistance Uppsala University, Sweden
Mr. Niresh Bhagwandin, Executive Manager of Strategic Research Initiatives, South Africa Medical Research Council
Mr. Clemens Martin Auer, Director-General, Federal Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs, Health and Consumer Protection, Austria
Ms. Jenny Hellman, Public Health Agency of Sweden

Moderator:
Ms. Laura Piddock, Head of Scientific Affairs, Global Antibiotic Research and Development Partnership (GARDP)

14:45 – 17:45
Room XXVI

INVESTMENT PROMOTION CONFERENCE 2018
Session 1: Promoting investment in the SDGs – connecting the actors

Bridging the enormous SDG financing gap (estimated at $2.5 trillion annually in developing countries) will require increased private investment. The Investment Promotion Conference, organized in partnership with the World Association of Investment Promotion Agencies (WAIPA) and the Caribbean Association of Investment Promotion Agencies (CAIPA), will bring together heads of outward investment agencies (OIAs) and investment promotion agencies (IPAs) to present ways in which bankable SDG-projects can be prepared, promoted and financed, and discuss how different institutions and companies can partner to realize SDG projects.

Issues for the debate:
• Preparation of bankable SDG project proposals by IPAs and OIAs
• Marketing tools for SDG projects and solutions to finance SDG projects with relatively low returns and high risks
• Benefits of partnerships between institutions such as OIAs and IPAs and with the private sector

Opening statement:
Mr. James Zhan, Director of Investment and Enterprise, UNCTAD

Speakers:
Mr. Bostjan Skalar, CEO, World Association of Investment Promotion Agencies (WAIPA)
Ms. Diane Edwards, President, JAMPRO and the Caribbean Association of Investment Promotion Agencies
Mr. Hans Docter, Director for Sustainable Development, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Netherlands
Mr. Jorge Lawson, Director, Banco de la Nación, Argentina
Mr. Roberto Jaguaribe, President, APEX-Brasil, Brazil
Ms. Yewande Sadiku, CEO, Nigerian Investment Promotion Commission

Discussant:
Mr. Russel Curtis, CEO, Invest Durban, South Africa

Moderator:
Ms. Courtney Fingar, Editor-in-Chief, fDi Magazine & Head of Content, fDi Intelligence
Session 2: Building Sustainable Cities

With two-thirds of the world population set to live in urban areas by 2050, sustainable urban development is a fundamental component to the successful implementation of the SDGs. Developing accessible infrastructure, affordable housing and suitable facilities will not be possible without private sector involvement. At the same time, private engagement in the provision of public services is highly sensitive and poses a challenge to city policymakers. This session, in cooperation with the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat), will join city leaders, developers, investors, and architects in discussion on the role of urban development in achieving the SDGs, and how cities and IPAs can better promote and facilitate private investment for this purpose.

Issues for the debate:

- Opportunities and challenges for investment in sustainable urban projects in developing countries.
- Means for cities and IPAs to improve the promotion and facilitation of investment.
- Key lessons from best practice, and effective multi-stakeholder coordination arrangements.

Speakers:

Mr. Marwan Abou Dib, Co-Founder and Partner, Tekuma Frenchman
Mr. Parfait Busabizwa, Vice Mayor, Kigali, Rwanda
Mr. Roland Chalons-Browne, CEO, Siemens Financial Services
Mr. Bruno Charles, Vice President, Métropole de Lyon, France
Ms. Mpho Moloi, Mayor, Maseru, Lesotho
Mr. Phillip Sithole, Deputy City Manager for Economic Development, eThekwini Municipality, South Africa
Mr. Kagiso Calvin Thutlwe, Mayor, Gaborone, Botswana

Discussants:

Mr. Robert Lewis-Lettington, Chief of Legislation Unit, United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)
Ms. Rachel Sklar, CEO, Pit Vidura

Moderator:

Ms. Courtney Fingar, Editor-in-Chief, fDi Magazine & Head of Content, fDi Intelligence

SUSTAINABLE STOCK EXCHANGES (SSE) GLOBAL DIALOGUE

The Sustainable Stock Exchange (SSE) initiative – launched by UNCTAD, the United Nations Global Compact (UNGC), the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the Principles for Responsible Investment (PRI) – is a global platform for promoting responsible investment for sustainable development. Bringing together its 70 partner exchanges, securities regulators, investors, companies and other stakeholders, the SSE Global Dialogue is the largest global gathering of stock exchange leaders exclusively devoted to sustainable development.

The 2018 Global Dialogue, organized in partnership with the World Federation of Exchanges (WFE), will strengthen consensus and action among capital market leaders on their contribution to sustainable development.

Issues for the debate:

- Bringing a stock exchange perspective to the SDGs: The experience with promoting Environmental, social, and governance (ESG) transparency among listed companies and innovative sustainability-themed products (e.g. ESG indices, green bonds, etc.).
- What is the appropriate role for regulators and policymakers and what should be left to stock exchanges, investors and issuers?
- What practical steps are exchanges and regulators taking to integrate sustainable development into securities markets?

Opening statement:

Mr. James Zhan, Director of Investment and Enterprise, UNCTAD
**Speakers:**

Mr. Paul Andrews, Secretary General, International Organisation of Securities Commissions (Keynote)
Ms. Bente Landsnes, CEO, Oslo Børs
Mr. José Rafael Brenes Vega, CEO, Costa Rica Stock Exchange
Mr. Mohamed Farid, Chairman, Egyptian Exchange
Mr. Robert Scharfe, CEO, Bourse de Luxembourg
Mr. Jianjun Wang, President, Shenzhen Stock Exchange
Mr. Karim Hajji, CEO, Bourse de Casablanca
Mr. Moremi Marwa, CEO, Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange
Mr. Sunil Benimadhu, CEO, Stock Exchange of Mauritius
Mr. Lauri Rosendhal, President, Nasdaq Nordic
Ms. Eva Halvarsson, CEO, Second Swedish National Pension Fund (AP2)
Ms. Didem Nisanci, Global head of public policy, Bloomberg LP
Mr. Tim Mohin, CEO, Global Reporting Initiative (GRI)
Mr. Eric Usher, Head, UNEP Finance Initiative
Ms. Nezha Hayat, CEO and Chairperson, Moroccan Capital Market Authority
Mr. Sandy Frucher, Vice Chair, NASDAQ
Mr. Pakorn Peetatchawatchai, President, Stock Exchange Thailand
Mr. Mohamed Omran, Chairman, Egyptian Financial Regulatory Authority
Mr. Shaiful Rahman Mazumdar, Managing Director, Chittagong Stock Exchange
Ms. Nicky Newton King, CEO, Johannesburg Stock Exchange
Ms. Olga Cantillo, CEO, Vice President, BVP Panama Stock Exchange
Ms. Mary Porter Peschka, Director of Sustainability, IFC
Mr. Steve Waygood, Chief Responsible Investment Officer, Aviva Investors
Mr. Rashid Ali Al-Mansoori, CEO, Qatar Stock Exchange
Mr. Urs Rüegsegger, Chairman, World Federation of Exchanges and Chairman of SIX Swiss Exchange
Mr. Kesiuke Arai, Secretary General, Sustainability Committee Japan Stock Exchange

**Moderator:**

Ms. Nandini Sukumar, CEO, World Federation of Exchanges

**2018 Sustainable Stock Exchanges (SSE) Awards**

The inaugural SSE Awards will be presented for two categories. The first recognizes SSE “ground breakers”, based on innovative sustainability practices. The second recognizes SSE market transparency, based on real impact towards market transparency in the market in which the exchange operates.

**Award Presenters:**

Mr. James Zhan, Director of Investment and Enterprise, UNCTAD
Mr. Eric Usher, Head, UNEP Finance Initiative
Mr. Steve Waygood, Chief Responsible Investment Officer, Aviva Investors
Mr. David Harris, Group Head of Sustainable Business, FTSE-Russell

**SSE “Ground-Breaker” Awards:**

Presented to the 5 founding signatories of the SSE.

B3, Brazil

**Recipient:** Ms. Sonia Favaretto, Press, Sustainability, Communication and Social Investment Director

The Egyptian Exchange

**Recipient:** Mr. Mohamed Farid, Chairman, and Dr. Mohammed Omran, former Chairman
TUESDAY, 23 OCTOBER

The Johannesburg Stock Exchange
*Recipient:* Ms. Nicky Newton King, CEO
NASDAQ
*Recipient:* Mr. Sandy Frucher, Vice-Chair
Borsa Istanbul
*Recipient:* Mr. Recep Bildik, Director

**SSE Market Transparency Awards:**
Best Overall, Nasdaq Helsinki
*Recipient:* Mr. Lauri Rosenthal, CEO of Nasdaq Nordic (former CEO of Nasdaq Helsinki)
Best Emerging Market, Stock Exchange of Thailand
*Recipient:* Mr. Pakorn Peetatchawatchai, President

**MINISTERIAL ROUNDTABLE: THE AFRICAN, CARIBBEAN AND PACIFIC GROUP OF STATES (ACP)**

**Strengthening investment policy coordination for development**

Ministers and ambassadors from ACP countries will share their views on the global policy environment and how it can effectively mobilize investment for sustainable development objectives. They will highlight the most prominent investment policy developments in their countries and will discuss the need to strengthen coordination and cooperation among ACP countries to enhance, among others, the development dimension of the renewal of the ACP-EU Cotonou Agreement, especially with regard to investment-related provisions.

**Issues for the debate:**

- Which are ACP countries’ key priorities in investment policymaking in the coming years?
- Which role can the ACP Secretariat and UNCTAD play to support ACP countries in the best possible way in the formulation of modern and balanced investment policies?
- How can the Joint ACP-UNCTAD Guiding Principles for Investment Policymaking enhance ACP policymakers’ collective approach towards future investment policy negotiations?

**Opening statement:**

Dr. Mukhisa Kituyi, Secretary-General, UNCTAD
Dr. Patrick Ignatius Gomes, Secretary-General of the African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States (ACP) (via video)

**Speakers:**

H.E. Ms. Bogolo Joy Kenewendo, Minister of Investment, Trade and Industry, Botswana
H.E. Mr. Hassan Come, Minister of Commerce and Industry, Central African Republic
H.E. Mr. Marcel Ilunga Leu, Minister of Industry, Democratic Republic of the Congo
H.E. Mr. Alan John Kwadwo Kyerematen, Minister of Trade and Industry, Ghana
Mr. Halebonoe Setsabi, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Relations, Kingdom of Lesotho
H.E. Prof. Wilson K. Tarpeh, Minister of Commerce and Industry, Republic of Liberia
H.E. Mr. Henry Musa, Minister of Industry, Trade and Tourism, Republic of Malawi
H.E. Mr. Tjekero Tweya, Minister of Industrialization, Trade & SME Development, Namibia
H.E. Ms. Amelia Kyambadde, Minister of Trade, Industry and Co-Operatives, Uganda
Ms. Kayula Siame, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Commerce, Trade and Industry, Zambia
Ms. Betty Maina, Principal Secretary, State Department of Investment and Industry Ministry of Industry, Trade and Cooperatives, Kenya

**Ambassadors:**

H.E. Ms. Margarida Rosa Da Silva Izata, Ambassador, Permanent Representative, Angola
H.E. Mr. Rénovat Tabu, Ambassador, Permanent Representative, Burundi
TUESDAY, 23 OCTOBER

H.E. Ms. Véronique Resaka, Ambassador, Permanent Representative, Madagascar
H.E. Mr. Barrett Salato, Ambassador, Permanent Representative, Solomon Islands
H.E. Mr. James Alex Msekela, Ambassador, Permanent Representative, United Republic of Tanzania
H.E. Mr. Taonga Mushayavanhu, Ambassador, Permanent Representative, Zimbabwe

15:00 – 17:00
Room XX

INVESTING IN SPORTS FOR SDGs

The United Nations have long recognized the contribution of sport to human and social progress and its member states reaffirmed the role of sport in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development by stressing that: “Sport is an important enabler of sustainable development. We recognize the growing contribution of sport to the realization of development and peace in its promotion of tolerance and respect and the contributions it makes to the empowerment of women and of young people, individuals and communities as well as to health, education and social inclusion objectives” (A/RES/70/1, paragraph 37). Beyond promoting values of fairness, teamwork and tolerance, sport initiatives can empower individuals and communities, promote personal well-being and encourage social inclusion.

During this high-level interactive discussion, co-organized with the International Olympic Committee (IOC), UNCTAD will convene the key stakeholders in promoting sports for sustainable development, including UN Member States, renowned athletes, private investors as well as agencies and programmes of the UN family. The discussion will focus on concrete policies and initiatives to further enhance the contribution of sport and sport-related investment to achieving the SDGs.

Issues to be addressed:

• The levers through which sport empowers individuals and communities, particularly among the youth and women, and successful government policies to support them.
• Best practice sport-based initiatives to mobilize resources for sustainable development.
• Policies, initiatives and practices to enhance the development impact of sport events and sport tourism on host countries and cities.

Opening statements:
Mr. Michael Møller, Director-General, United Nations Office at Geneva
Mr. Juan Antonio Samaranch, Vice-President, International Olympic Committee (IOC)

Speakers:
H.E. Ms. Rethabile Marumo, Deputy Minister of Gender and Youth, Sports and Recreation, Kingdom of Lesotho

Mr. Francesco Ricci-Bitti, President, Association of Summer Olympic International Federations (ASOIF)
Mr. Nick Sore, Senior Refugee Sports Coordinator, UNHCR
Ms. Samantha Murray (UK), World Champion and Olympic Medalist, Pentathlon
Ms. Stefany Hernandez (VEN), World Champion and Olympic Medalist, BMX
Mr. Hans Reitz, CEO, Grameen Creative Lab, Advisor to Peace Nobel Laureate Prof Muhammad Yunus

Moderator:
Mr. Giovanni Di Cola, Special Adviser and Focal Point on Sport, Office of the Deputy Director General, International Labour Organisation (ILO)
EMPRETEC DIRECTOR’S MEETING

Representatives from the Empretec network will meet to review the activities carried out in the past twelve months and present their plans for the coming year. The meeting will also be an opportunity to provide a preliminary assessment of the implementation of a new version of the 6-day Empretec workshop, following the international training-of-trainers organized by UNCTAD, in collaboration with the Brazilian Empretec centre, last June.

**Issues for the debate:**

- Review of Empretec activities carried out in 2018 at the global and national levels.
- Strategic directions of the Empretec programme for 2019.
- Assessment of the implementation of a new version of the Empretec 6-day workshop in selected countries.

LEGISLATING FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Tripartite between parliamentarians, government and business Leaders

As national legislators, parliaments have a vital role to promote investment in sustainable development and set appropriate regulatory frameworks. This role extends to a broad range of policy areas, including investment, trade, competition and tax rules, environmental and social protection, as well as labour and safety regulations. Important considerations in this context are; first, to ensure that sustainable development objectives meet the needs of the people, are adequately discussed and taken into account in legislative action; second, the need for strong parliamentary oversight of governance issues, notably concerning issues related to investment regulation, and third, the relationship between legislators and different stakeholders – in this respect policy makers need to ensure that the needs of their constituents are equally balanced with the need to attract investment.

In this session, organized in cooperation with the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU), parliamentarians from around the world will join in a multi-stakeholder dialogue with business executives, ministers and heads of international organizations to discuss and debate the means in which legislators can work with the private sector to help channel investment into sustainable sectors.

**Issues for the debate:**

- How can the interaction between parliaments, policy makers and the private sector be improved to better deliver on sustainable development?
- What are the main challenges for the implementation of SDGs at national level and how can this partnership contribute to overcome them?

What are the global policy imperatives in this context, and how can international organizations contribute?

**Opening statements:**

- Ms. Gabriela Cuevas Barrón, President of the Inter-Parliamentary Union
- Dr. Mukhisa Kituyi, Secretary-General, UNCTAD

**Speakers:**

- H.E. Dr. Unity Dow, Minister of International Affairs and Cooperation, Botswana
- H.E. Mr. Tefo Mapesela, Minister of Trade and Industry, Lesotho
- Ms. Gabriela Cuevas Barrón, President of the Inter-Parliamentary Union
- H.E. Ambassador Mohamed Abu El Enein, Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean (PAM) President Emeritus and PAM Permanent Representative to the League of Arab States
- Mr. Tadahiro Kawada, President, Kawada Technologies
- Dr. Frank-Jürgen Richter, Founder and Chairman, Horasis
- Mr. Arif Zaman, Executive Director, Commonwealth Businesswomen’s Network

**Moderator:**

- Ms. Imogen Foulkes, BBC Journalist
MAIN OBSTACLES AND SOLUTIONS TO INVESTMENT IN AFRICA

16:00 – 18:00
Room XI

Accelerating private sector engagement and investments in Africa is a priority to achieve sustainable development and inclusive growth in the continent. There is a need to develop new strategic ties and partnerships between foreign investors and African Governments. Such partnerships should be based on new generation investment policies that guarantees a balance between investment protection and the right of African countries to regulate for public policy objectives. The event will shed light on the challenges and opportunities for investment in Africa. It will highlight recent efforts pursued by the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), the Islamic Development Bank (IDB) and UNCTAD to create an environment conducive to attracting more and better foreign investments in Africa and will present the proposed OIC - UNCTAD Guiding Principles for Investment Policies that can be used to assist OIC and African countries create more modern and balanced investment rules at the national and international levels.

Issues for the debate:
- OIC and IDB cooperation with African countries on investment-related issues and projects.
- Main obstacles to investment in Africa.
- Towards a new generation of investment policies in Africa and beyond: the OIC - UNCTAD Guiding Principles for investment policymaking.

Opening statement:
Ms. Isabelle Durant, Deputy Secretary-General, UNCTAD

Speakers:
Dr. El Hassane Hzaine, Director-General, Islamic Centre for Development of Trade
Dr. Oussama Kaissi, CEO, Islamic Corporation for Insurance of Investment and Export Credit
H.E. Mr. Musa Kulaklikaya, Director-General, Statistical, Economic and Social Research and Training Centre for Islamic Countries
Dr. Ayedh Al Obtaibi, Deputy Governor, Saudi Arabian General Investment Authority (SAGIA), The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
Mr. Nabil Marc Abdul, CEO, Inoks Capital
Ms. Patience Okala, Deputy Director, Legal Adviser, Nigerian Investment Promotion Commission (NIPC)

18:30
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NETWORKING RECEPTION
WEDNESDAY, 24 OCTOBER

08:00 – 09:45
TALKING BUSINESS AFRICA I
Room XXIII

“Talking Business” are interactive sessions between governments and business. They provide a platform to showcase investment opportunities in countries, explore new investment horizons and interact with high-level country representatives.

Opening statements:
- Mr. Joerg Weber, Head, Investment Policies Branch, DIAE, UNCTAD
- Dr. Dorit Sallis, Managing Director, Joint Chambers of Commerce

Speakers:
- H.E. Mr. Tjekero Tweya, Minister of Industrialization, Trade and SME Development, Namibia
- Mr. Ken Ndala, Principal Secretary, Ministry of Industry, Trade and Tourism, Malawi
- Mr. Andry Ravalomanda, Chief Executive Officer, Economic Development Board of Madagascar, Madagascar
- Mr. Geoffrey Idelphonce Mwambe, Executive Director, Tanzania Investment Centre, United Republic of Tanzania
- Ms. Winifred Ngangure Kabega, Head, Investment Promotion and Facilitation, Rwanda Development Board, Rwanda
- M. Ghislain Mboma, Directeur en charge de la promotion des investissements, Agence nationale de promotion des investissements, Gabon
- Mr. Matongo Matamwandi, Director of Investments, Zambia Development Agency, Zambia

Moderator:
- Mr. Thomas Seghezzi, Managing Director, Swiss-African Business Circle (SABC)

09:00 – 10:00
INVESTMENT POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR GLOBAL VALUE CHAIN UPGRADING
Delegates Restaurant
(by invitation only)

Interactive breakfast encounter

Connecting to global and regional production networks can provide SMEs and developing country firms’ significant opportunities to cater to new markets and improve quality and productivity. To enable firms to absorb these benefits and upgrade their position in value chains, host countries must enact policy reforms and programmes, including in areas of investment, services, taxation, education and training. Organized by the World Economic Forum (WEF), in collaboration with the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) and UNCTAD, this interactive dialogue will share examples of successful investment policy and practice interventions that improved host countries’ participation in global and regional value chains and boosted sustainable development impacts of investment for local economies.

Issues for the debate:
- What barriers do small firms and developing country firms face in joining global and regional value chains and in upgrading to higher value-added stages?
- What are examples successful investment policy interventions for facilitating value chain upgrading? How can related areas of policy also support upgrading?
- What can leading firms and investors do to improve sustainable development impacts of GVC operations? Which policies incentivise and facilitate these contributions?

Opening statement:
- Mr. James Zhan, Director of Investment and Enterprise, UNCTAD

Speakers:
- H.E. Ms. Bogolo Joy Kenewendo, Minister of Investment, Trade and Industry, Botswana
- Mr. Roel Spee, Global Leader Plant Location International, IBM
Mr. Matthew Stephenson, Investment and Competition, Macroeconomics, Trade & Investment, World Bank Group
Mr. Martin G. Kaspar, Head of Business Development, Fränkische Industrial Pipes
Mr. Dylan Piatti, Senior Chief of Staff, Africa Consumer & Industrial Products, Deloitte South Africa
Mr. Hans Docter, Director Sustainable Economic Development and Ambassador Private Sector & Development Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands
Mr. Nikolaus Schultze, Director, Policy & Global Affairs, International Chamber of Commerce

Moderator:
Mr. Sean Doherty, Head of International Trade and Investment, World Economic Forum

10:00 – 13:00
Assembly Hall

GLOBAL LEADERS INVESTMENT SUMMIT II
Investment in a new era of industrialization

The second Summit will look into the impact of new industrialization. New industrialization (based on digitalization, robotics and big data) is bound to affect all aspects of the way in which goods and services are produced and consumed globally, with profound implications for trade, investment and development. The international community needs to ensure that new industrialization supports, not impedes, the advancement of the SDGs.

Issues for the debate:
• How will new industrialization affect international investment and its relation to development?
• What are the best possible scenarios for new industrialization to support the SDGs, and what are the main means to realize them?
• What can the United Nations contribute to maximize the positive and minimize the negative impact of new industrialization on investment for development?

Opening statement:
Dr. Mukhisa Kituyi, Secretary-General, UNCTAD

Speakers:
H.E. Mr. Armen Sarkissian, President of the Republic of Armenia
H.E. Mr. Mokgweetsi E.K. Masisi, President of the Republic of Botswana
H.E. Prof. Faustin Archange Touadéra, President of the Central African Republic
H.E. Mr. Motsosahoe Thomas Thabane, Prime Minister, Kingdom of Lesotho
H.E. Ms. María Fernanda Espinosa Garcés, President of the 73rd Session of the General Assembly, United Nations
Ms. Gabriela Cuevas Barron, President, Inter-Parliamentary Union
Mr. Børge Brende, President, World Economic Forum
Mr. Bruce Cleaver, CEO, De Beers Group
Mr. Tewolde GebreMariam, Group CEO, Ethiopian Airlines

Moderator:
Ms. Louise Cooper, renowned financial analyst and BBC broadcaster

10:30 – 13:30
Room XX

BLOCKCHAINS FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Blockchain technologies may have a profound impact on development-oriented investment, not only by revolutionizing global payment systems but also through improvements to access to finance, supply chain management, digital identities or land registries (through decentralized applications). This impact goes beyond traditional financial services and business processes and extends to other industries important for the SDGs, such as agriculture, healthcare and transportation. Organized with the Institute for Leadership and Sustainability (IFLAS), University of Cumbria, the event will seek to develop ideas on how to increase the positive impact and minimize the negative effects of blockchain technologies on investment for development.
Issues for the debate:
- The application of blockchain technologies in enterprise and finance
- The risks and opportunities of blockchain for sustainable development
- Regulatory and policy precedents, concerns and responses

Opening statement:
Mr. James Zhan, Director of Investment and Enterprise, UNCTAD

Speakers:
Prof. Dr. Jem Bendell, Professor of Sustainability Leadership and Founder of the Institute for Leadership and Sustainability (IFLAS), University of Cumbria
Ms. Galia Benartzi, Co-Founder, Bancor
Ms. Marta Piekarska, Director of Ecosystem, Hyperledger
Mr. Louis De Bruin, Blockchain Leader Europe, IBM Digital Operations
Ms. Vanessa Grellet, Executive Director, Consensys Social Impact
Mr. Sander De Jong, Managing Director, FairFood International
Mr. Changpeng “CZ” Zhao, CEO, Binance
Dr. Günther Dobrauz, Partner & Leader, PwC Legal Switzerland
Mr. Marius Jurgilas, Member of the Board, Bank of Lithuania
Mr. Chris Fabian, Co-Founder, UNICEF Innovation Fund
Ms. Eva Kaili, Member of the European Parliament, Chair Science & Technology Options Assessment Body, European Union
Mr. Hans Docter, Director for Sustainable Economic Development, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands
Dr. Abdalla Kablan, Chair of Blockchain Committee, Board of Directors, Malta Stock Exchange

11:00 – 13:00
Room XXIII
THE GLOBAL i-GUIDES MEETING
How the Online Investment Guides can help promote and facilitate investment

The online investment-guides have proven to be helpful tools for investment promotion agencies to attract better quality investment to these countries and develop their capacity for investment promotion. At the event, representatives of investment promotion agencies from implementing countries will first present their experience with the guides. This will be followed by a discussion open to all participants on how the online investment guides can be further improved and aligned with countries’ investment facilitation agenda, as well as how international and regional organizations can contribute to implementing the guides. The meeting is organized with the UN Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) and is aimed at investment promotion officials and practitioners from the public and private sectors.

Issues for the debate:
- How can i-Guides be further improved?
- How can i-Guides be aligned with countries’ investment facilitation agenda?
- What can international organizations contribute?

Opening statement:
Ms. Isabelle Durant, Deputy Secretary-General, UNCTAD

Speakers:
Ms. Yewande Sadiku, Executive Secretary / CEO, Nigerian Investment Promotion Commission
Mr. George Kanthiti, Principal Investment Promotion Officer, Ministry of Industry and Trade, Malawi
Mr. Johary Rajosefa, Director of Promotion and Economic Intelligence, Economic Development Board of Madagascar
Mr. Stephen Karingi, Director, Economic Commission for Africa
Mr. Richard Bolwijn, Head, Investment Research Branch, UNCTAD
Mr. Ian Richards, Economic Affairs Officer in charge of investment guides programme, UNCTAD
13:15–14:45
NORDIC IPAs LUNCHEON
Organized in collaboration with the World Association of Investment Promotion Agencies

13:15 – 14:45
LEADERS LUNCHEON: MEETING OF THE INVESTMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Launched in 2001, the UNCTAD-International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) Investment Advisory Council brings together global leaders from the public and the private sphere to brainstorm on innovative means to increase the contributions of private investment in sustainable development.

Issues for the debate:
- How to better leverage public funds for increased private sector investment in developing countries?
- How to target technical assistance and capacity building to help these economies attract more investment?
- How can UNCTAD and the ICC operationalize these ideas?

Participants:
H.E. Mr. Armen Sarkissian, President of the Republic of Armenia
H.E. Mr. Mokgweetsi E.K. Masisi, President of the Republic of Botswana
H.E. Prof. Faustin Archange Touadera, President of the Central African Republic
H.E. Mr. Motsoahae Thomas Thabane, Prime Minister, Kingdom of Lesotho
Together with Ministers, business executives and heads of international organisations.

Moderator:
Mr. James Zhan, Director of Investment and Enterprise, UNCTAD

13:15 – 14:45
TALKING BUSINESS AFRICA II

“Talking Business” are interactive sessions between governments and business. They provide a platform to showcase investment opportunities in countries, explore new investment horizons and interact with high-level country representatives.

Opening statements:
Mr. Joerg Weber, Head, Investment Policies Branch, DIAE, UNCTAD
Ms. Verena Utzinger, President, SABC

Speakers:
Mr. Emmanuel Essis, Secrétaire d’Etat auprès du Premier Ministre, chargé de la promotion de l’investissement privé, Côte d’Ivoire
Ms. Betty Maina, Principal Secretary, State Department of Investment and Industry Ministry of Industry, Trade and Cooperatives, Kenya
Mr. Mohato Seleke, Chief Executive Officer, Lesotho National Development Corporation, Lesotho
Ms. Yewande Sadiku, Executive Secretary, Nigerian Investment Promotion Commission, Nigeria
Mr. Sheku Lexmond Koroma, Chief Executive Officer, Sierra Leone Investment and Export Promotion Agency, Sierra Leone
Mr. Anthony Nkinzo Kamole, Directeur général, Agence nationale de promotion des investissements, République Démocratique du Congo
Mr. Reginald Selelo, Acting Chief Operations Officer, Botswana Investment and Trade and Centre, Bostwana
Mr. Pfungwa Kunaka, Principal Director, Fiscal and Advisory Services Department, Ministry of Finance and Economic Development, Zimbabwe

Moderator:
Mr. Thomas Seghezzi, Managing Director, Swiss-African Business Circle (SABC)
SOVEREIGN WEALTH AND PENSION FUNDS DIALOGUE
Partnering for long-term sustainable development

Sovereign wealth funds (SWFs) manage assets of over $6 trillion, and public-sector pension funds (PPFs) worldwide almost triple this figure. With a long-term investment horizon, these funds play a growing role as investors in SDG sectors, particularly in infrastructure, renewable energy, public health and education. However, only a small portion of their financial assets is currently dedicated to direct investment. This roundtable will bring together ministers, executives of SWFs and PPFs, other development financing partners, and investment experts to examine collaboration opportunities to mobilize more investment into SDG sectors.

Issues for the debate:

• What role can SWFs and PPFs play in promoting sustainable development through investment, particularly in infrastructure?
• How can governments create a more conducive environment to encourage sustainable investment by these funds and maximize development benefits?
• What role can international organizations such as UNCTAD play in facilitating investment by SWFs and PPFs in sustainable development?

Opening statement:
Mr. James Zhan, Director of Investment and Enterprise, UNCTAD

Speakers:
Mr. Shahmar Movsumov, Executive Director, State Oil Fund, Azerbaijan
Mr. Michael Charlton, Managing Director & Chief Investment Officer
Mr. Magnus Billing, CEO, Alecta Pension, Sweden
Ms. Cate Ambrose, President & Executive Director, Latin American Private Equity & Venture Capital Association
Mr. Jean Laville, Deputy CEO, Swiss Sustainable Finance, Switzerland
Mr. Laurent Zylberberg, Chairman, European Long-Term Investors Association (ELTI); Senior Executive Vice-President, French Caisse des dépôts (CDC), France
Ms. Eva Halvarsson, CEO, The Second Swedish National Pension Fund (AP2), Sweden
Mr. Kevin Lu, Chairman of Asia, Partners Group, Singapore
Mr. M.K. Sinha, Managing Partner & Co-Head, Global Infrastructure Partners India LLP, India
Mr. Rahul Agarwal, Principal Investment Specialist, Invest India
Mr. Will Martindale, Director of Policy and Research, Principles for Responsible Investment

HIGH-LEVEL INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT AGREEMENTS (IIA) CONFERENCE 2018
Going beyond IIAs: Fostering coherence through phase 3 of reform

Mobilizing investment and channelling it towards the SDGs require adequate policy frameworks, at both the international and national levels, and in the investment and other policy fields. Countries have been working on reforming their international investment treaty networks. But there is also a need to consider national investment laws reform and ensure that investment policies are coherent with and supportive of other public policies. These challenges are taken up in Phase 3 of Reform. Based on UNCTAD’s Reform Package for the International Investment Regime (2017), the 2018 IIA Conference will take stock of Phases 1 and 2 of IIA Reform and chart the way forward for the third phase of reform.

Issues for the debate:

• What progress has been made on different reform areas and the modernization of old-generation treaties?
• What are countries’ priorities for the third phase of reform?
• What can be done to improve overall investment policy coherence?

Opening statement:
Mr. James Zhan, Director, Division on Investment and Enterprise, UNCTAD
Co-chairs:
Hon. Mr. Jayantha Jayasuriya, Attorney General, Sri Lanka
Ms. Maria Martin-Prat, Director, Directorate General for Trade, European Commission
Ms. Vilawan Mangaklanakul, Director-General, Department of International Economic Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Thailand
Mr. Ronald Roosdorp, Director for International Economic Governance and Trade Policy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Netherlands

Kick-off speakers:
Ms. Samira Sulejmanovic, Head, Unit for Bilateral Trade Relations, Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations, Bosnia and Herzegovina
Mr. Vernon MacKay, Director, Investment Trade Policy Division, Trade Policy Branch, Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development, Canada
Mr. Jiang Chenghua, Deputy Director General, Department of Treaty and Law, Ministry of Commerce, China
Ms. Angela Dau-Pretorius, Deputy Director, Ministry of Industrialisation, Trade and SME Development, Namibia
Ms. Meg Kinnear, Secretary-General, International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID)
Ms. Kate Gilmore, UN Deputy-High Commissioner for Human Rights, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)
Mr. Shaun Donnelly, Vice President, Investment and Financial Services, United States Council for International Business (USCIB)
Ms. Nathalie Bernasconi, Executive Director, International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD) Europe

Speakers:
H.E. Mr. Carlos Mario Foradori, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Representative of the Argentine Republic to the UN and other International Organisations in Geneva, Argentina
Mr. Simon Farbenbloom, Deputy Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of Australia to the WTO, Australia
Mr. Abrão Miguel Árabe Neto, Secretary, Foreign Trade, Ministry of Industry, Foreign Trade and Services, Brazil
Mr. Mahamady Koussoube, Director, Investment Facilitation, Investment Promotion Agency, Burkina Faso
Mr. Marcelo Salazar, Director, Prevention, Dispute Resolution and Investment, Foreign Trade Directorate, Ministry of Industry and Commerce, Dominican Republic
Ms. Maria Martin-Prat, Director, Directorate General for Trade, European Commission
Mr. Frédéric Paruta, Counselor, Permanent Representation of France to UN at Geneva, France
Mr. Jens Benninghofen, Advisor, Federal Ministry of Economics and Energy, Germany
Mr. Sulaiman, Deputy Director General for Legal Affairs and International Treaties, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Indonesia
Mr. Boaz Fleischman-Alaluf, Director, Investment and Trade Agreements Division, Ministry of Finance, Israel
Ms. Betty Maina, Principal Secretary, State Department of Investment and Industry Ministry of Industry, Trade and Cooperatives, Kenya
Mr. Vilaysack Phonesay, Deputy Director, Investment Promotion Department, Ministry of Planning and Investment, Lao People’s Democratic Republic
Ms. Lantonirina Erika Ramananarivo, Director, Public Private Partnership Department, Ministry of Finance and Budget, Madagascar
Mr. Syed Mohd Faizal Syed Mohd Dardin, Director Investment Policy and Trade Facilitation, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry, Malaysia
Mr. Amadou Moctar Kane, Director of the Promotion of Private Investment, Directorate General of Private Sector Promotion, Ministry of Economy and Finance, Mauritania
Mr. Fernando Mayer De Leeuw, Director of International Trade of Services and Investment, Ministry of Economy, Mexico
Ms. Doljinsuren Jambal, Director of Development Policy and Planning Division, National Development Agency, Mongolia
Ms. Jovana Krunić, Head, Department for International Economic Relations, Ministry of Economy, Montenegro
Mr. Ronald Roosdorp, Director for International Economic Governance and Trade Policy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Netherlands
Ms. Yewande Sadiku, Executive Secretary/CEO, Nigerian Investment Promotion Commission, Nigeria
Mr. Ricardo De Urioste Samanamud, Head Legal Advisor, Special Commission for the Defence of Peru in International Investment Arbitration, Ministry of Economy and Finance, Peru
Ms. Marya Baranova, Deputy Director, Department for Trade Negotiations, Ministry of Economic Development, Russian Federation
Mr. Ayedh H. Alotaibi, Deputy Governor, Saudi Arabian General Investment Authority (SAGIA), Saudi Arabia
Ms. Jasmina Roskić, Head International Agreements and Foreign Trade Department, Ministry of Trade, Tourism and Telecommunications, Serbia
Ms. Miriama Kiselyová, Financial Unit, Permanent Representation of the Slovak Republic to the EU
Ms. Kekeletso Mashigo, Director: Legal, International Trade and Investment, Trade Negotiations Unit, International Trade and Economic Development Division, Department of Trade and Industry, South Africa
Mr. Pablo Martinez Segrelles, Deputy Director, Directorate for International Investments, Spain
Ms. Champika Malalgoda, Executive Director (Research & Policy Advocacy), Board of Investment, Sri Lanka
Mr. Lukas Siegenthaler, Head of Division, International Investment and Multinational Enterprises, State Secretariat for Economic Affairs, Switzerland
Ms. Vilawan Mangaklatanakul, Director-General, Department of International Economic Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Thailand
Mr. Ahmad Mousa Aljaghbeer, Legal Advisor, Secretary General Office, Supreme Legislation Committee in the Emirate of Dubai, United Arab Emirates
Ms. Vu Thi Chau Quynh, Deputy Director General, Department of Legislation, The Ministry of Planning and Investment, Viet Nam
Ms. Kayula Siame, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Commerce, Trade and Industry, Zambia
Ms. Treasure Maphanga, Director, Trade and Industry, African Union Commission (AU Commission)
Mr. Thierry Kalonji, Director, Investment and Promotion and Private Sector Development, Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA)
Mr. Urban Rusnák, Secretary-General, Energy Charter Secretariat (ECS)
Mr. El Hassane Hzaine, Director-General, Islamic Centre for Development of Trade (ICDT)
Mr. David Gaukrodger, Senior Legal Adviser, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)
Mr. Surya Deva, Vice Chair, UN Working Group on Business and Human Rights
Mr. Chanchal Chand Sarkar, Director, Economic, Trade and Finance Division, South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation Secretariat (SAARC)
Mr. Kenan Bagci, Acting Director, Research Department, Statistical, Economic and Social Research and Training Centre for Islamic Countries (SESRIC)
Mr. Vicente Paolo Yu, Coordinator, Global Governance for Development Programme, South Centre
Ms. Caroline Nicolas, Senior Legal Officer, International Trade Law Division, United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL)
Mr. Stephen Karingi, Director, Capacity Development Division, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA)
Mr. Marc Proksch, Chief, Investment and Enterprise Development Section, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)
Mr. Christoph Sprich, Senior Manager, Federation of German Industries (Bundesverband der Deutschen Industrie, BDI)
Mr. Pradeep S. Mehta, Secretary-General, Consumer Unity & Trust Society (CUTS International)
Mr. Pascal Kerneis, Managing Director, European Service Forum (ESF)
Mr. Dilip Chenoy, Secretary General, Federation of India Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI)
Mr. Kamalinne Pinitpuvadol, Executive Director, International Institute for Trade and Development (ITD)

15:30 – 17:30
Room XXIV
THE INVESTMENT, TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT NEXUS

Organized together with the World Trade Organization (WTO), the high-level event will shed light on the evolving relationship between trade, investment and development in the new era of globalization and industrialization. The event will also discuss how the mounting trade tensions and the resurgence of trade and investment protectionism affect global trade, global value chains and investment prospects. Taking the Global Leaders Investment Summit outcome as basis, the event will focus on formulating strategies for developing countries to deal with ongoing and emerging challenges within the context of the 2030 Agenda for sustainable development and their commitment to meeting the SDGs.

Issues for the debate:

- What strategies should developing countries design and adopt to cope with the new era of globalization and industrialization?
- How to translate such coping strategies into national and international policies?
- What can international organizations do to assist developing countries deal with the issues arising from the resurgence of unilateralism and strengthen cooperation in trade and investment to meet the SDGs?

Opening Remarks:
Ms. Pamela Coke-Hamilton, Director, Division on International Trade and Commodities,UNCTAD

Keynote address:
Mr. Kurt Brauner, Deputy-Director-General, WTO

Speakers:
H.E. Mr. Alan John Kwadwo Kyerematen, Minister of Trade and Industry, Ghana
H.E. Mr. Benjamin Estoista Diokno, Secretary of Budget and Management, Philippines
Mr. Soaile Mochaba, Principal Secretary in the Ministry of Trade and Industry, Lesotho
Ms. Duangjai Asawachintachit, Secretary General, Board of Investment, Thailand
Mr. Osamu Onodera, Deputy Director-General for Trade Policy (G20) Trade Policy Bureau, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry, Japan
Mr. Ricardo Meléndez-Ortiz, Chief Executive Officer, International Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development

Moderator:
Mr. Sean Doherty, Head, International Trade and Investment, Member of the Executive Committee, World Economic Forum

15:30 – 18:00
Room XI
ENTREPRENEURSHIP, MIGRATION AND THE SDGs

Promoting the social and economic inclusion of migrants and refugees in host countries

Entrepreneurship can be a means to integrate migrants and refugees into local economies and bolster their positive contribution to economic and social development in host countries. Policies have an important role to play to support entrepreneurial activity by and for refugees and migrants.
The session, organized in collaboration with the International Organization for Migration (IOM) and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), will host the launch of the joint UNCTAD, IOM and UNHCR Policy Guide on Entrepreneurship for Migrants and Refugees. The guide comes in the form of policy options and possible measures and initiatives that can be adopted by governments or other relevant stakeholders in host countries, depending on local needs and circumstances.

Issues for the debate:

- What are the main challenges migrants and refugees face when starting and scaling enterprises in new host countries?
- How can entrepreneurship development programmes help refugees and migrants, and foster sustainable livelihoods?
- How can the Entrepreneurship for Refugees and Migrants initiative contribute to the attainment of the SDGs?

Opening statements:

Ms. Isabelle Durant, Deputy Secretary-General, UNCTAD
Ms. Laura Thompson, Deputy Director General, IOM
Mr. Volker Turk, Assistant High Commissioner, UNHCR

Speakers:

Ms. Heloisa Menezes, Technical Director, SEBRAE, Brazil
Mr. Alfonso Abdo Felix, Executive Director, Conquito, Ecuador
Ms. Yanki Tshering, Executive Director, Business Center for New Americans, USA
Mr. Nayef Z. Stetieh, President & CEO, BDC, Jordan
Mr. Usman Itikhar, CEO, Catalysr and 2018 Commonwealth Young Person of the Year
Ms. Barbara Duque, PEI, Portugal
Mr. Charles Ocici, Enterprise Uganda
Ms. Sahra Fahra, IOM Uganda
Ms Maria Alicia Eguiguren, UNHCR Ecuador
Mr. Emiliano Giovine, Politecnico di Milano and Tiresia

Moderator:

Mr. James Zhan, Director of Investment and Enterprise, UNCTAD

15:30 – 18:00 RESPONSIBLE AGRICULTURAL INVESTMENT

Room XXV

Responsibility AGRICULTURAL INVESTMENT

Achieving Zero Hunger (SDG2) requires significant increases in investment in agricultural value chains. At the same time, international investment in agriculture comes with a broad range of social, economic, and environmental challenges. The inter-agency working group (IAWG) of UNCTAD, the World Bank Group, the Food and Agriculture Organization, and the International Fund for Agriculture Development has worked together for a decade to improve understanding and provide recommendations on how to maximize the benefits of international investment in agriculture while minimizing the risks. The high-level meeting will present the lessons learned from the application in the field of responsible agricultural investment principles, and assess relevant policy dimensions and future policy-oriented research and work directions.

Issues for the debate:

- How can private investment in agricultural value chains best contribute to the SDGs?
- What are the main challenges to ensuring a positive contribution and what solutions are most effective?
- How can the lessons from the IAWG’s experience be used to improve the outcomes of private investment in agricultural value chains?
Opening Statement:
Mr. James Zhan, Director of Investment and Enterprise, UNCTAD

Speakers:
H.E. Mr. Veng Sakhon, Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, Kingdom of Cambodia
Mr. Daniel Hulls, CEO, AgDevCo
Mr. Eytan Stibbe, CEO, Vital Capital Fund
Mr. Saran Song, CEO, AMRU Rice Cambodia
Mr. Shenggen Fan, Director-General, International Food Policy Research Institute
Mr. Martien Van Nieuwkoop, Director, World Bank Group
Ms. Marcela Villarreal, Director, Food and Agriculture Organization
Mr. Alvaro Lario, IFAD Associate Vice-President, Chief Financial Officer & Chief Controller, Financial Operations Department
Ms. Iris Krebber, Head of Agriculture, Department for International Development, UK
Ms. Angélica Rotondaro, Founder, Alimi Impact Investors, Brazil
Ms. Carin Smaller, Senior Policy Advisor, International Institute for Sustainable Development

Moderators:
Ms. Gerda Verburg, SUN Movement
Mr. Greg Garrett, Director, Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition

16:00 – 18:00
MINISTERIAL ROUNDTABLE: LDCs AND BUSINESS EXECUTIVES
Mobilizing investment in Least Developed Countries (LDCs)
Organized in collaboration with the United Nations Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (UN-OHRLLS), the high-level meeting of LDC ministers and business executives will seek to advance ideas on how to strengthen the investment climate of these economies and the role of the private sector in development. These efforts are in pursuit of the high-level mid-term Review of the Istanbul Programme of Action for LDCs (2011–2020).

Issues for the debate:
• Ways to improve the capacity of LDC governments to promote and facilitate investment.
• Initiatives to diversify investment in LDCs.
• SDG-focused investment promotion strategies.

Opening statement:
Dr. Mukhisa Kituyi, Secretary-General, UNCTAD
Mr. Oumar Diallo, on behalf of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries, and Small Island Developing States

Speakers:
H.E. Mr. Humayoon Rasaw, Minister of Industry and Commerce, Afghanistan
H.E. Mr. Marcel Ilunga Leu, Minister of Industry, Democratic Republic of the Congo
H.E. Mr. Tefo Mapesela, Minister of Trade and Industry, Lesotho
H.E. Mr. Wilson Tarpeh, Minister of Commerce and Industry, Liberia
H.E. Mr. Emmanuvel Fabiano, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Malawi
H.E. Mr. Matrika Prasad Yadav, Minister for Industry, Commerce, and Supplies, Nepal
H.E. Ms. Amelia Kyambadde, Minister of Trade, Industry, and Co-Operatives, Uganda
Mr. Ren Hongpeng, Vice President, China Railway Group Limited
Mr. Tewolde Gebremariam, Group CEO, Ethiopian Airlines
Mr. Thomas Seghezzi, Managing Director, Swiss-African Business Circle
16:00 – 18:00
Room XXVII

**SUSTAINABILITY, COMMODITIES AND DERIVATIVES**

Commodity producers and users are increasingly focused on specific sustainability aspects of commodities and are exploring ways to address these across the value chain, including in the products they use to hedge their exposure. Organized with the World Federation of Exchanges (WFE), the session will bring together key players such as commodities exchanges, market intermediaries, commodity users, investors and market regulators to discuss sustainability in the context of commodities and commodity derivatives.

**Issues for the debate:**

- What can various actors in the commodities ecosystem do to address the challenges of addressing sustainability concerns?
- Are there certain commodities that better lend themselves to the incorporation of sustainability elements?
- If one were to embed sustainability elements into a derivatives contract, what might that look like?

**Opening statement:**

Ms. Nandini Sukumar, CEO, World Federation of Exchanges, United Kingdom
Mr. James Zhan, Director of Investment and Enterprise, UNCTAD

**Speakers:**

Ms. Nandini Sukumar, CEO, World Federation of Exchanges, United Kingdom
Ms. Norma Tregurtha, Director, Policy and Outreach, ISEAL Alliance
Ms. Vera Blei, Global Director, Oil Markets, S&P Global Platts
Mr. Owain Johnson, Managing Director, Energy Research and Product Development, Chicago Mercantile Exchange

**Moderator:**

Ms. Siobhan Cleary, Head of Research & Public Policy, United Kingdom

17:15 – 18:00
Room XVII

**ISAR HONOURS 2018**

The ISAR Honours ceremony will acknowledge key new developments in the area of sustainability reporting and the SDGs, while celebrating 35 years of the Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts in International Standards of Accounting and Reporting (ISAR). The objective of the ISAR Honours is to raise awareness and facilitate dissemination of best practice on sustainability and SDG reporting. The ISAR Honours will recognize policy, institutional or capacity-building initiatives in member States that encourage and assist enterprises to publish data on their contribution to the implementation of Agenda 2030.

**Issues for the debate:**

- What are the key criteria to identify national best practice on sustainability and SDG reporting?
- How do these practices address issues in the global monitoring framework of the SDGs, particularly indicator 12.6.1 on sustainability reporting?
- What means, and tools could raise awareness and facilitate dissemination of good practice?

18:30
Serpent Bar

**NETWORKING RECEPTION**

Global Enterprise Registration (GER) Awards Ceremony

**Award Winners:**

- The Republic of Armenia
- The Republic of Iraq
- The Kingdom of Lesotho
- Republic of Montenegro
08:30 – 09:45  BREAKFAST ROUNDTABLE: INVESTMENTS WITH A GENDER LENS
Delegates
Restaurant
Organized in cooperation with the European Union, ILO and UN Women.

09:00 – 10:00  SUSTAINABLE INVESTMENT FACILITATION POLICIES AND PRACTICES
Interactive breakfast encounter
In order to attract foreign direct investment, many countries have recognised the importance of focusing on domestic reforms in the area of investment facilitation - including regulatory transparency, streamlining administrative processes and dispute prevention. However, investment facilitation efforts should not just be designed to attract more investment, but also the right kind of investment, which contributes to the long-term development of the local economy, preserves the environment and improves societal outcomes. Organized by the World Economic Forum (WEF), in collaboration with the International Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development (ICTSD) and UNCTAD, this interactive dialogue will identify and share policies and practices that have facilitated investment for sustainable development in the host economy.

Issues for the debate:
• What challenges prevent developing countries from successfully attracting and retaining long-term, sustainable investment?
• What are successful and failed examples of investment facilitation policies and how can impacts on the host community be improved?
• What policy recommendations should be prioritised at the regional and international levels to facilitate more sustainable investment flows for value chain upgrading?

Opening Statement:
Mr. Sean Doherty, Head of International Trade and Investment, World Economic Forum

Speakers:
H.E. Mr. Mokgweetsi E.K. Masisi, President of the Republic of Botswana
Mr. Richard Bolwijn, Head, Investment Research Branch, UNCTAD
Mr. Grahame Dixie, Executive Director, Grow Asia
Mr. Khalil Hamdani, Visiting Professor, Lahore School of Economics, Pakistan; Former Director of the Division on Investment, Technology and Enterprise Development, UNCTAD
Ms. Rebecca Self, Chief Financial Officer, Sustainable Finance, HSBC
Mr. Jim Riordan, Head of Direct Funding Governance, World Economic Forum and Chief Operating Officer, Grow Africa
Ms. Angie Rozas, Senior Director Social Impact, Coca Cola
Ms. Rashmi Jose, Senior Programme Officer, Investment Policy and Regulatory Systems, ICTSD

10:00 – 13:00  MINISTERIAL ROUNDTABLE: ENTREPRENEURSHIP FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT
Room XX
Part I: Entrepreneurship Policy: Challenges and results
Developing entrepreneurship is a key element of strategies that support the attainment of the SDGs, particularly SDG9, to build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation. In this high-level event, organized with the Global Entrepreneurship Network and i4Policy, ministers will share lessons from various strategies, including innovative solutions, with a view towards developing models that can be adopted and adapted to individual countries’ needs.
Issues for the debate:

- Key elements of successful entrepreneurship development strategies.
- Innovative solutions for strategy development and implementation.
- Special needs dimensions.

Co-chairs:

H.E. Mr. Alan John Kwadwo Kyerematen, Minister of Trade and Industry, Ghana
Ms. Armgard Wippler, Deputy Director General for SME Policy, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Energy, Germany

Opening statement:

Dr. Mukhisa Kituyi, Secretary-General, UNCTAD

Panelists:

H.E. Mr. Zayed Alzayani, Minister of Industry, Commerce and Tourism, Bahrain
H.E. Mr. José Ramón Valente, Minister of Economy, Economic Development and Tourism, Chile
H.E. Prof. Bambang Brodjonegoro, Minister of National Development Planning, Indonesia
H.E. Ms. Amelia Anne Kyambadde, Minister, Ministry of Trade, Industry & Cooperation, Uganda
H.E. Professor Mthuli Ncube, Minister of Finance and Economic Development, Zimbabwe

Discussants from Government:

Ms. Marthe Chantal Mbajon, Secretary-General, Ministry of Small and Medium Enterprises, Social Economy and Handicraft, Cameroon
Mr. Alfonso Abdo Félix, Director Executive, Agencia de Promoción Económica Conquito, Ecuador
Ms. Betty Maina, Principal Secretary, State Department for Industrialization, Ministry of Industry, Trade and Cooperatives, Kenya
Ms. Rkia Derham, Secretary of State to the Minister of Industry, Investment, Trade and Digital Economy, in charge of Foreign Trade, Morocco
Ms. Winifred Kabega, Head of Investment Promotion Department, Rwanda Development Board, Rwanda

Discussants:

Mr. Jonathan Ortmans, President, Global Entrepreneurship Network
Mrs. Heloisa Menezes, Technical Director of SEBRAE, Empretec Brazil
Mr. Sanjay Mungur, Executive Director of Empretec Mauritius
Ms. Busi Bango, Director of Empretec Zimbabwe

Part II: Celebration of 30 years of Empretec

UNCTAD's Empretec programme has been engaged in entrepreneurs’ motivation and skills development in 40 countries since 1988, using a behavioural approach to entrepreneurship. Its impact has proved effective for a vast range of target audiences in advanced and less developed economies. Over the past three decades, Empretec has continuously demonstrated high impact by contributing to sustainable development and inclusive growth.

Issues for the debate:

- Key success factors of Empretec and comparative advantages vis-à-vis other entrepreneurship programmes.
- Measuring Empretec impact.
- Way forward to further strengthen Empretec.

Discussants:

Mr. Jorge Lawson, President of Empretec Argentina
Mrs. Heloisa Menezes, Technical Director of SEBRAE, Empretec Brazil
Mr. Sanjay Mungur, Executive Director of Empretec Mauritius
Ms. Busi Bango, Director of Empretec Zimbabwe
Ms. Paola Tucunduva, Empretec Trainer, Presenter of Alma do Negócio, Professor at Fundação Dom Cabral FDC, Brazil
Mr. Aditya Dash, Managing Director, Ram’s Assorted Cold Storage Ltd., India
Mr. Roberto Gandara, Empretec International Master Trainer
Mr. Renato Santos, Empretec International Master Trainer
Ms. Carla Goglia, Director Empretec Argentina

10:00 – 13:00
Room XXIV

PEOPLE-FIRST PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS (PPPs)

Public-private partnerships (PPPs) have been mooted as viable vehicles to involve private investment in advancing SDG objectives in public sectors. However, PPPs not only present opportunities but also risks for countries using them. People-First PPPs were introduced to ensure that the interests of people take precedence over other considerations in the execution of a PPP project. The meeting, organized in collaboration with the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) will provide a unique, multi-stakeholder platform for an inclusive discussion of policy tools to deal with this dilemma, allowing member State representatives, experts, and other stakeholders (including private sector and affected communities) to share experience and lessons learned and exchange best practice.

Issues for the debate:

• What are key expectations for People-First PPPs?
• What are initial experiences with People-First PPPs? What lessons have been learned?
• What is the investment policy dimension of People-First PPPs and what can be gauged for national and international investment policymaking?

Note: The session will be followed by a side event: Technical Meeting on People-First PPP Impact Assessment Tool, scheduled 13:00-15:00 in Salle XI of Palais des Nations

Opening statements:
Ms. Isabelle Durant, Deputy Secretary-General of UNCTAD
Ms. Olga Algayerova, Executive Secretary, UNECE

Speakers:
Mr. Geoffrey Hamilton, Chief of the Cooperation and Partnerships Section of the UNECE on People’s first Guidelines for PPPs
Mr. Joerg Weber, Head of Investment Policies Branch, Division on Investment and Enterprise, UNCTAD: Presentation on IPFSD principles
Mr. Hafiz Salikhov, Vice Chairman / Bureau of Specialists on Public-Private Partnerships in the UNECE, Representative of the Russian Federation
Ms. Lantonirina Ramananarivo, Director, PPP Department, Ministry of Finance and Budget, Madagascar
Ms. Sedef Yavuz-Noyan, Head of PPP Department in the Presidency of the Republic of Turkey, Strategy and Budget Office
Mr. Hans Docter, Director for Sustainable Economic Development and Ambassador Private Sector & Development Cooperation at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands
Mr. Enrico Grassi, European Court of Auditors Principal Auditor, Luxembourg
Mr. Morteza Bahrami Assad, Project Appraisal Senior Expert, Organization for Investment, Economic and Technical Assistance of Iran (OIETAI)
Mr. Jos Verbeek, World Bank Manager and Special Representative Geneva
Mr. Marek Waskiewicz, IPPF, EBRD
Mr. David Dombkins, CEO, Complex Program Group. Project Team Leader, Project Impact Investment Tool
Mr. Carlos Salle, Director of Energy Policies Iberdrola Group, Spain
Ms. Anne Hornung-Soukup, Chair of Board of Directors TPG, Geneva
Mr. Gavin Munro, Managing Director, Head of Infrastructure Finance, Asia and Pacific, Societe Generale
SUSTAINABILITY BONDS: INNOVATIVE TOOLS FOR FINANCING THE SDGs

Sustainability bonds, or “SDG bonds”, are fixed-income investments that can help bridge the SDG financing gap in developing countries. Specifically developed (and explicitly labelled) to fund projects that have positive social or environmental benefits, SDG bonds to date have mostly comprised green bonds (bonds with an environmental or climate-related focus) – with more than USD$100 billion issued in 2017. With the growth of this sector, there is also an increasing diversification of issuers and types of green projects for which the proceeds of the bonds are used. Lessons learned in the green bond space are being applied to other SDG bonds, such as water bonds and gender bonds. This high-level session, organized with the Climate Bonds Initiative (CBI), the Global Reporting Initiative (GRI), the Climate Disclosure Standards Board (CDSB) and Carbon Tracker, will contribute to peer learning.

Issues for the debate:

- What role can stock exchanges play in the SDG bond space? Experiences promoting sustainability bonds or developing-listing segments for sustainability bonds.
- What roles do reporting and assurance play in the further development of an SDG-oriented debt market?
- Beyond green bonds, what opportunities exist for other SDG bonds? Experiences from the development of gender bonds and water bonds.

Opening statement:
Mr. James Zhan, Director of Investment and Enterprise, UNCTAD

Speakers:
Ms. Nezha Hayat, CEO and Chairperson, Moroccan Capital Market Authority
Ms. Rebecca Self, CFO, Sustainable Finance, HSBC
Ms. Julia Haake, Director, ISS-Oekom
Ms. Libby Bernick, Global Head of Corporate Business, Trucost, S&P Dow Jones Indices
Ms. Julie Becker, Member of the Executive Committee, Head of LGX, Luxembourg Stock Exchange
Mr. Gavin Power, Chief of Sustainable Development, PIMCO
Mr. Aldo Romani, Head of Sustainability Funding, European Investment Bank (EIB)
Mr. Anthony Miller, Coordinator, Sustainable Stock Exchanges, UNCTAD
Ms. Maria Paola Carvajal, Treasury & Capital Market Director (video intervention)

Moderator:
Mr. Sean Kidney, CEO, Climate Bonds Initiative

ROUNDTABLE ON REGIONAL INTEGRATION AND INVESTMENT POLICY

Promoting FDI for regional integration

Most regional economic cooperation organizations consider FDI an important factor for sustainable economic development and regional integration. Some regional organizations and cooperative frameworks have been more active than others in rolling out collective initiatives in support of a conducive investment environment, or in joint investment promotion. And results vary. What policy lessons can be drawn from the different experiences across regions?
In this High-Level Roundtable, panellists from various regional organizations and cooperative frameworks will discuss the main challenges of regional integration in investment policy. They will review regional investment trends and share experiences in investment policy and regional cooperation in investment promotion. They will discuss potential future investment trends in light of current developments in the world economy, and outline prospects for future regional cooperation.

**Issues for the debate:**

- What are the main challenges of regional integration in investment policy?
- How has regional integration in different parts of the world shaped global and regional investment trends and how will they affect them in the future?
- What are good investment-policy practices and lessons learned that can be replicated across regional groupings?

**Opening statement:**

Mr. James Zhan, Director of Investment and Enterprise, UNCTAD

**Speakers:**

- Mr. Goran Svilanovic, Secretary-General, Regional Cooperation Council (RCC), Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Mr. Emir Djikic, Director, Central European Free Trade Agreement (CEFTA) Secretariat, Brussels, Belgium
- Mr. José Palacín, Senior Economic Affairs Officer, Office of the Executive Secretary, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), Geneva, Switzerland
- Mr. Thierry Kalonji, Director, Investment Promotion & Private Sector Development (IPPSD), COMESA Secretariat, Lusaka, Zambia
- Mr. Stephen N. Karingi, Director, Capacity Development Division, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA), Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
- Mr. Chanchal Chand Sarkar, Director, Economic, Trade and Finance Division, SAARC Secretariat, Kathmandu, Nepal
- Mr. Fahad H. Khan, Economist, Regional Cooperation and Integration Division, Economics Research and Regional Cooperation Department, Asian Development Bank (ADB), Manila, Philippines
- Mr. Marc Proksch, Chief, Trade, Investment and Innovation Division, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP), Bangkok, Thailand
- Ms. Cecilia Plottier, Economic Affairs Officer, Production, Productivity and Management Division, United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (UNECLAC), Santiago de Chile, Chile
- Mr. Kenan Bagci, Acting Director, Economic and Social Research Department, Statistical, Economic and Social Research and Training Centre for Islamic Countries (SESRIC), Ankara, Turkey

**Moderator:**

Mr. Richard Bolwijn, Head, Investment Research Branch, UNCTAD

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**TALKING BUSINESS: MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA**

“Talking Business” are interactive sessions between governments and business. They provide a platform to showcase investment opportunities in countries, explore new investment horizons and interact with high-level country representatives.

**Opening statements:**

Mr. Joerg Weber, Head, Investment Policies Branch, DIAE, UNCTAD

Mr. Bahaa El Attar, Secretary General, Arab-Swiss Chamber of Commerce and Industry

**Speakers:**

- H.E. Mr. Marwan Jassim Al Sarkal, Executive Chairman, Sharjah Investment and Development Authority – Shurooq, United Arab Emirates
- Dr. Sami Al Araji, Chairman, National Investment Commission, Iraq
Mr. Nabil Itani, Chairman, Investment Development Authority of Lebanon, Lebanon
Dr. Ahmed Al Ghassani, Executive Director, Public Authority for SME Development – Riyadh, Oman
Mr. Ayedh Al Otaibi, Deputy Governor for Investment, Saudi Arabian General Investment Authority, Saudi Arabia

Moderator:
Mr. Bahaa El Attar, Secretary General, Arab-Swiss Chamber of Commerce and Industry

13:15 – 14:45
Room XXVI

MOBILIZING INVESTMENT FOR INCLUSIVE AND SUSTAINABLE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN AFRICA

The 2018 World Investment Report identifies the challenges that developing countries will be facing to attract international investment for inclusive and sustainable industrial development. These challenges – as the report underscores- are particularly pronounced in Africa, where the level of economic transformation remains low despite a period of strong economic growth and abundant opportunities. The share of manufacturing in GDP of African countries is still small, and it has further declined or stagnated to 10% over the past decade.

Against this background, and with a view to advancing towards the objectives of the Third Industrial Development Decade for Africa (IDDA III), proclaimed by the UNGA in 2016, this session, co-organized by the African Union (AU), the United Nations Development Organization (UNIDO) and UNCTAD, will bring together global thought leaders in the investment and finance domain, to discuss new approaches towards mobilizing investment for Africa’s manufacturing sector to strengthen productive capacity development. The roles of industrial policy, industrial parks and the recently established African Continental Free Trade Area will be at the center of the discussion. The outcome of the discussion will be key for policy makers and entities involved in policy analysis, technical assistance and resource mobilization. They will also be taken on board in the implementation of the IDDA III road map.

Issues for debate:
• Which new approaches are warranted to channel (international) investment to manufacturing and related sectors- and what is the role of modern industrial policy in this regard?
• How do we de-risk investment in Africa?
• What prospects does the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) hold for attracting (intra-African) investment into manufacturing?
• What is the role of development partners – and how can they best support the process?

Opening statements:
Mr. Li Yong, Director General, UNIDO
Dr. Mukhisa Kituyi, Secretary General, UNCTAD

Speakers:
H.E. Mr. Alan John Kwadwo Kyerematen, Ministeer of Trade and Industry, Ghana
H.E. Ms. Amelia Kyambadde, Minister of Trade, Industry and Co-operatives, Uganda
Ms. Clare Akamanzi, CEO Rwanda Development Board
H.E. Mr. Mustafa Osman Ismail Elamin, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Sudan to the United Nations in Geneva
Ms. Kayula Siame, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Commerce, Trade and Industry, Zambia
H.E. Mr. Hans Docter, Director for Sustainable Economic Development, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Netherlands
Ms. Helen Hai, CEO, Made in Africa Initiative

Moderator:
Dr. Joy Kategekwa, Head of Regional Office for Africa, UNCTAD
### MINISTERS’ MEETING: PROMOTING FOREIGN INVESTMENT TO LLDCs

Organized in collaboration with the United Nations Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (UN-OHRLLS), this high-level event of Ministers and Ambassadors from Landlocked Developing Countries (LLDCs) will share success stories as well as measures and priorities to boost foreign investment in LLDCs.

**Issues for the debate:**

- Successful initiatives that have attracted investment and diversified economic activities in LLDCs.
- Policies, strategies and investment promotion practices that can help LLDCs attract more quality investment.
- Priority actions to include in the Midterm Review of the Vienna Programme of Action.

**Opening remarks:**

- Ms. Isabelle Durant, Deputy Secretary-General of UNCTAD
- Ms. Gladys Mutangadura, Senior Programme Officer on behalf of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States
- H.E. Mr. Juan Esteban Aguirre Martínez, Ambassador, Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of Paraguay to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva, Global Chair of the Group of LLDCs

**Speakers:**

- Hon. Prof. Mthuli Ncube, Minister of Finance and Economic Development, Zimbabwe
- H.E. Mr. Emmanuel Fabiano, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Malawi
- H.E. Mr. Matrika Prasad Yadav, Minister for Industry, Commerce, and Supplies, Nepal
- Ms. Dorothy Tembo, Deputy Executive Director, International Trade Centre

### LAUNCH OF THE GLOBAL SDGs FINANCING TOOLBOX

The launch of the toolbox will be held under the auspices of H.E. Miroslav Lajčák, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Slovakia, former President of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

### WOMEN FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Women economic empowerment to transform the investment and entrepreneurship landscape

Women’s economic empowerment has been identified as a key means for development and attaining the SDGs. Investment by MNEs can be a powerful tool to empower women, particularly in labour intensive, largely export-oriented industries and services. In many developing countries, MNEs have enabled women to enter the formal labour market for the first time – within their own companies or linked companies – through business opportunities generated in local, regional or global supply chains. At the same time, MNE investment poses several risks, as it can increase gender inequality and undermine work-life balance. Enhancing benefits of MNE investment for women’s economic empowerment requires grassroots action, a change in corporate strategies, inclusive government policies and a societal mind shift. Organized with UN Women and the Commonwealth, this high-level meeting will weigh these issues and formulate new strategies for the public and private sector.

**Issues for the debate:**

- Are MNEs agents of change for women economic empowerment?
- How to empower a new generation of women in business leaders to act as feeders of sustainable development?
- What are the key policy considerations to mainstream women economic empowerment in investment and entrepreneurship policies?

**Opening statements:**

- Ms. Isabelle Durant, Deputy Secretary–General, UNCTAD
FAMILY BUSINESSES AS A FORCE FOR LONG-TERM GOOD

Preceded by welcome refreshments 14:30 – 15:00

The Sustainable Development agenda is deeply aligned with the raisons d’être of values-based, impact-driven family businesses. In advancing the SDGs, the natural cross-generational structure of Family Businesses can play an important role in driving decisions based on a longer-term, less profit-driven perspective compared to traditional non-family businesses. The combination of their local rooted-ness together with their longer-term business focus makes family businesses potentially influential actors in the advancement of the SDGs, particularly for actions at the local-level. Family Businesses are therefore uniquely positioned to help drive not only economic activity, but also responsible consumption and production, and the building of sustainable communities. This session adds family businesses as key players to the investment-for-development community. It will help profile the SDG delivery capacity of the family business community, sensitize policy makers to its needs, and explore how family businesses can contribute to build an eco-system that eschews short-termism and promotes inclusive, sustainable outcomes.

Organized in collaboration with Family Business Network (FBN) International and the Polaris Initiative, the interactive dialogue examines why and how family businesses with their intrinsic inter-generational nature and responsibility for the next generation can take the lead in championing a business model that benefits people, communities, the environment and future generations.

Issues for the debate:

• What is the role of businesses in delivering on the SDGs, particularly in emerging markets?
• What are the challenges faced by family businesses in aligning Purpose and Profit?
• How can family businesses more effectively partner with policy makers, the investment community and civil society to build an eco-system that eschews short-termism and empowers purpose-driven long-term thinking and practice?

Opening statement:

Mr. James Zhan, Director of Investment and Enterprise, UNCTAD
Ms. Caroline Seow, Director, Sustainability, Family Business Network International

Speakers:

Mr. Santiago Peralta, General Manager, Co-Founder, Pacari Chocolate
Ms. Carla Barboto, President, Co-Founder, Pacari Chocolate
Ms. Valentine Fievet, Member, Supervisory Board, Fromageries Bel
Mr. Alfonso Libano, Non-executive Director and Corporate Social Responsibility, Coca-Cola European Partners
Mr. Winson Yeung, Vice President, Singbee
Ms. Lina Wang, CEO, Singbee
Mr. Philip Aminoff, Chairman, Helvar Merca
Mr. Louis De Meckenheim, Director, Global Marketing and Communications, Chopard

Moderators:
Mr. Jesus Casado Navarro-Rubio, Secretary-General, European Family Businesses
Mr. Alexis Du Roy de Blicquy, CEO, FBN International

15:00 – 18:00 MINISTERIAL ROUNDTABLE: 21st CENTURY GLOBAL INVESTMENT POLICYMAKING
Room XX

A global policy environment that effectively mobilizes investment in sustainable development is more important than ever. In response to this challenge, more than 160 countries have used UNCTAD policy tools for formulating “new generation” investment policies. The Ministerial Roundtable will share experiences with modern, sustainable development-oriented investment policies and identify best practice based on UNCTAD policy tools: The Investment Policy Framework for Sustainable Development (2012, updated 2015); Action Plan for Investment in the SDGs (2014); Global Action Menu for Investment Facilitation (2016), and Reform Package for the Global Investment Policy Regime (2017).

Issues for the debate:
• What are countries’ key priorities in national and international investment policymaking in the coming years?
• What are their recent experiences and lessons learned in “new generation” investment policymaking”?
• What approaches are countries adopting specifically to stimulate investment in SDG-relevant sectors?

Chair:
H.E. Ms. Amelia Kyambadde, Minister of Trade, Industry and Co-Operatives, Uganda

Opening statement:
Mr. Mukhisa Kituyi, Secretary-General, UNCTAD

Speakers:
H.E. Mr. Humayoon Rasaw, Minister of Industry and Commerce, Afghanistan
H.E. Mr. Sorasak Pan, Minister of Commerce, Cambodia
H.E. Mr. Li Chenggang, Assistant Minister of Commerce, China
H.E. Mr. Alan John Kwadwo Kyerematen, Minister of Trade and Industry, Ghana
H.E. Prof. Bambang Brodjonegoro, Minister of National Development Planning, Indonesia
H.E. Prof. Wilson K. Tarpeh, Minister of Commerce and Industry, Liberia
H.E. Dr. Emmanuel Fabiano, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Malawi
H.E. Ms. Rkia Derham, Secretary of State to the Minister of Industry, Investment, Trade and Digital Economy, Kingdom of Morocco
H.E. Ms. Nora K. Terrado, Undersecretary, Trade and Investments Promotion Group, Philippines
H.E. Mr. Peter Bayuku Konteh, Minister of Trade and Industry, Sierra Leone
H.E. Mr. Miroslav Lajčák, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Slovakia
H.E. Ms. Amelia Kyambadde, Minister of Trade, Industry and Co-Operatives, Uganda
Ms. Betty C. Maina, Principal Secretary, State Department of Investment and Industry, Ministry of Industry, Trade and Cooperatives, Kenya
Ms. Virginie R. Fayçaline Boucal, Secretary General, Ministry for the Promotion of Investment, Partnerships and the Development of State Teleservices, Senegal
Ms. Michelle Bachelet Jeria, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, former President of Chile
**SMART BETA: PASSIVE INVESTMENT STRATEGIES FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

Portfolio investment that track one or more market indices is expected to cover 22 per cent of global assets by 2020. Within this “passive investment” space there is increasing talk of so-called “smart beta” strategies, which seek to deliver a better risk-return trade-off than conventional indices, while opening innovative options for integrating environmental and social risk. This multi-stakeholder session, organized in collaboration with Carbon Tracker and the Global Reporting Initiative (GRI), will bring together key market actors involved in the development of equity indices and asset management including stock exchanges, institutional investors, big financial data and index companies. In an interactive dialogue, experts will explore how technological improvements, big data, and improved corporate reporting can allow passive investors to better support the SDGs.

**Issues for the debate:**

- What are the trends in passive investment and how can these be applied to investing in sustainable development?
- What role does corporate ESG data play in the further development of investment in the SDGs?
- What opportunities exist for sustainability indices? What lessons have been learned from the development of gender indices, fossil-free indices and other pioneering products?

**Opening statement:**

Mr. James Zhan, Director of Investment and Enterprise, UNCTAD

**Speakers:**

- Mr. James Lockhart Smith, Head of Financial Sector Risk, Verisk Maplecroft
- Mr. Hendrik Garz, Executive Director, ESG Research and Ratings, Sustainalytics
- Ms. Hannah Skeates, Senior Director, Strategy and ESG Indices, S&P Dow Jones Indices
- Ms. Shameela Soobramoney, Senior Manager, Group Strategy and Sustainability, JSE
- Mr. Aled Jones, Head of Sustainable Investment EMEA, FTSE Russell
- Ms. Sonia Favaretto, Press, Sustainability, Communication and Social Investment Director, B3 (Brazilian Stock Exchange)
- Mr. Jean-Maurice Ladure, Executive Director and Head, Equity Applied Research, MSCI

**Moderator:**

Ms. Adrienne Klasa, Development Finance Editor, Financial Times

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**EMPRETEC WOMEN IN BUSINESS AWARDS 2018**

Organized together with UN Women and the Commonwealth Women Business Forum, the Emprtec Women in Business Award are granted to women-owned businesses that have benefited from the business development services of the Emprtec programme – a pioneering UNCTAD programme for the promotion of entrepreneurship that operates in 40 developing countries. In line with this year’s World Investment Forum theme, the Award will focus on the crucial role of women entrepreneurship in advancing the SDGs. The awards presentation will give women entrepreneurs the stage to share how they contribute to sustainable development in different sectors.

**Opening remarks:**

Dr. Mukhisa Kituyi, Secretary-General, UNCTAD

**Speakers:**

- Mr. Fabio Sofia, President, Sustainable Finance Group
- Ms. Bisila Bokoko, Bisila Bokoko African Literacy Project (NGO)
- Ms. Lama Sha’sha’a Abu Dahab, Co-founder & Chairperson, IRA
- Ms. Rosana Marques, Founder and CEO, Ouseuse
Ms. Chandra Vadhana, 4Tune Factory
Ms. Barbra Ofwono, EO/ Director/ Principal, Victorious Education Services (VES)
Ms. Uneiza Ali Ussufo; Founding member/ Administrator, ConsMoz Limited
Ms. Francesca Lavazza, Board Member, Lavazza Group
Ms. Vanina Farber, Chair, Social Innovation, IMD Lausanne
Mr. Michele Coletti, Associate Professor, Grenoble Ecole de Management
Mr. Alok Kumar, Managing Partner SRKay
Ms. Giselle Rufer, CEO, Delance
Ms. Anya Berezhna, Head of Investment Pipeline, Symbiotics
Ms. Anja Monrad, SVP Dell
Ms. Magda El Sadek, Entrepreneur
International School of Geneva – Ecolint
Mr. Jonathan Ortmans; Founder and President, GEN
Ms. Delphine Favrier, Managing Director, Richemont Montblanc
Ms. Brigitte Stringfield, Trade Data

19:00 – 21:00  NETWORKING RECEPTION
Serpent Bar
FRIDAY, 26 OCTOBER

8:30 – 10:00

**BLEND CAPITAL: SDG ALIGNED INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES**

*Interactive breakfast encounter*

SDG aligned investing, a form of impact investing, incorporates social and environmental considerations front and centre in the decision-making criteria for investors. Globally, investors are increasingly financing instruments including blended-capital public-private initiatives, SDG aligned impact funds and innovative mechanisms such as social impact bonds. Such investments overcome traditional market failures, help to multiply the impact of limited government resources, provide attractive risk-adjusted returns and deliver measurable sustainability outcomes. The participants at the investment breakfast will deliberate on potential opportunities in this space and collectively explore potential partnerships being guided by several examples from the developing world. Organized by UNCTAD in collaboration with United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA) and Global Impact Investing Network (GIIN), this interactive dialogue will identify and share policies and practices that have facilitated investment for sustainable development in the host economy.

**Areas of discussion:**

- What kind of products and investment vehicles are investors seeking in SDG aligned projects?
- How can public financing and technical assistance be leveraged to mobilise private investment?
- How important is impact measurement to financial investors?

**Opening statement:**

Ms. Isabelle Durant, DSG, UNCTAD

**Speakers:**

- Mr. Chris Clubb, Managing Director, Convergence
- Mr. Maximillian Martin, Global Head of Philanthropy, Lombard Odier
- Mr. Duncan Onyango, East Africa, Acumen Fund, and Founding Board Member of the Impact@Africa network
- Mr. Tomas Sales, UNDP Regional Africa Private Sector Special Advisor, IGSD Cluster, RSCA at UNDP
- Mr. John Tidmarsh, Chief Investment Officer, R20 Regions of Climate Action

**Moderator:**

Mr. Elliot Harris, ASG for Economic Development, UN DESA

09:00 – 16:00

**MULTI-DISCIPLINARY ACADEMIC CONFERENCE**

Setting the future investment research agenda

The UNCTAD Academic Network on Investment convenes scholars of international business, economics, law and other relevant fields for a day-long multi-disciplinary academic conference. Co-organized in partnership with the *Academy of International Business (AIB)* and the *Society of International Economic Law (SIEL)*, discussions will explore emerging trends for future research in investment and multinational enterprise. The conference event will produce a “Future Investment Research Agenda” and identify a list of opportunities for collaboration between researchers and UNCTAD’s Investment and Enterprise Division. It will centre on key themes that are expected to shape the international business and development landscape in the coming years.
Issues for the debate:

• The digital economy and the new industrial revolution are fundamentally changing the way firms operate internationally. Can existing theories of international business, from OLI to GVCs, still fully explain current trends in international production?

• What is the latest thinking among scholars on the implications of the new era of globalization for global investment patterns and financial flows? What is their prognosis for policy directions?

• What are the key emerging challenges and opportunities for research and policy analysis on investment and development?

Opening statement:

Mr. James Zhan, Director of Investment and Enterprise, UNCTAD

Speakers:

Prof. Tony Addison, Chief Economist/Deputy Director, the United Nations University’s World Institute for Development Economics Research (UNU-WIDER)

Prof. Gabriel Benito, Professor of International Strategy, BI Norwegian Business School

Ms. Nathalie Bravo, LL.M., Wissenschaftliche Mitarbeiterin DIBT (Doctoral Program in International Business Taxation), Research Associate DIBT (Doctoral Program in International Business Taxation), Institute for Austrian and International Tax Law

Prof. Peter Buckley, Professor of International Business and Founder Director of the Business Confucius Institute, University of Leeds

Prof. William Byrnes, Executive Professor of Law and Associate Dean for Special Projects, Texas A&M University School of Law

Prof. Lorraine Eden, the Gina and Anthony Bahr ’91 Professorship in Business, Mays Business School, Texas A&M University

Prof. Xiaolan Fu, Founding Director of the Technology and Management Centre for Development (TMCD), Professor of Technology and International Development and Fellow of Green Templeton College, University of Oxford

Prof. Maria-Alejandra Gonzalez-Perez, Full Professor of Management, Universidad EAFIT, Medellin, Colombia

Prof. Tomas Hult, the Byington Endowed Chair, Professor of Marketing and International Business, Michigan State University

Prof. Ana Lehmann, Professor of International Business, School of Economics, University of Porto

Prof. Sarianna Lundan, Chair in International Management and Governance Faculty of Business Studies and Economics, University of Bremen

Prof. Jeffrey Owens, Director of the WU Global Tax Policy Center, Institute for Austrian and International Tax Law, Vienna University of Economics and Business

Prof. Ugo Panizza, Professor of Economics and Pictet Chair in Finance and Development, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva, Switzerland

Dr. Rodrigo Polanco, Senior Researcher and Lecturer at the World Trade Institute, University of Bern

Ms. Niraja Srinivasan, Vice President – Global Tax/Transfer Pricing, Dell Technologies

Prof. Heinz Tuselmann, Professor of International Business, Manchester Metropolitan University, United Kingdom

Moderator:

Mr. Richard Bolwijn, Head, Investment Research Branch, UNCTAD

10:00 – 13:00

SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONES: OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES

Special economic zones (SEZ) have been mushrooming over the past decades. UNCTAD estimates that there are over 4800 SEZs worldwide. Special Economic Zones can be important incubators to support SDG initiatives and could play a role in the digitalization of the economy.
In this conference, organized in collaboration with FEMOZA, lessons learned for designing the right infrastructure, facilitation services, and incentives, creating economies of scale and promoting transfer of technology in the zones will be shared and synthesized to develop zone models that can be adopted and adapted to individual countries’ needs.

Issues for the debate:

- SEZs and the SDGs: best practice
- The role of SEZs in the digitalization of the economy
- Lessons for policymaking

Opening statement:
Mr. James Zhan, Director of Investment and Enterprise, UNCTAD

Speakers:
Mr. Ahmed Bin Sulayem, Executive Chairman, DMCC: Free Trade Zone in Dubai, UAE
Ms. Nora Terrado, Undersecretary, Trade and Investment Promotion Group (TIPG), Philippines (Vice Minister)
Ms. Yifei Wang, Deputy Director, Department of Foreign Investment Administration, Ministry of Commerce of China
Ms. Lelise Neme Sori, CEO, Industrial Parks Development Corporation (IPDC), Ethiopia
Mr. Paban Chowdhury, Executive Chairman, Bangladesh Economic Zones Authority
Mr. Freddy Opsomer, Chairman, Kaunas Free Zone, Lithuania
Mr. Sergei Vaitkevich, Deputy General Director, Industrial Park Development Company

Moderator:
Mr. Jacopo Dettoni, Deputy Editor, Financial Times (FDI Magazine)

10:00 – 13:00
Room XXVII

CREATING MORE AND BETTER JOBS THROUGH INVESTMENT

Investment contributes most effectively to achieving the SDGs when it maximizes the creation of more and better jobs. Investors can actively seek to expand their backward and forward linkages with local enterprises, support the improvement of working conditions and the inclusion of vulnerable groups, and contribute to sustainable enterprise development in a more encompassing way. One of the key objectives of IPAs is to grow employment through investment that is also sustainable investments. These considerations are also a key factor to advance the SDGs. In this session, organized with the International Labour Organization (ILO), Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) and the World Association of Investment Promotion Agencies (WAIPA) experienced IPAs will share their matchmaking strategies to boost linkages with local producers and overcome capacity and skills gaps.

Issues for the debate:

- What policies and strategies have helped to foster linkages with local producers?
- How has your IPA addressed capacity and skills gaps?
- What other challenges have you faced in facilitating matchmaking?

Opening Statement:
Mr. Anthony Miller, Coordinator, Sustainable Stock Exchanges, UNCTAD

Speakers:
Mr. Ismail Ersahin, Deputy Executive Director, WAIPA
Ms. Andrea Shemberg, Co-Chair, Global Business Initiative on Human Rights
Mr. Vic Van Vuuren, Director, Enterprises, ILO
Mr. Boubacar Wargo, Permanent Secretary, Niger Investment Board
Mr. Adalberto Netto, CEO, APD Parana
Mr. Russell Curtis, CEO, Durban Investment Promotion Agency
Ms. Brooke Guven, Legal Researcher, Columbia Center on Sustainable Investment
Mr. Cristian Rodriguez Chiffelle, Head of Policy, International Trade and Investment, World Economic Forum
Ms. Alana Lansiquot-Brice, Investment Promotion & Fulfilment Manager, Invest Saint Lucia
Mr. Ricardo Pedroza, European Director, ProColombia
Ms. Prerna Soni, Assistant Vice-President, Invest India
Mr. Paul Wessendorp, Chief, Investment Promotion Section, UNCTAD
Ms. Andrea Saldarriaga, Visiting Fellow, London School of Economics and Political Science

Moderator:
Mr. Vic Van Vuuren, Director, Enterprises, ILO

10:00 – 13:00
WOMEN ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND THE SDGs
Room XI

This interactive session, organized in collaboration with UN Women, shares views on policies and good practices to develop an effective ecosystem to support women entrepreneurship, which is an essential part of the Sustainable Development Goals. Experts will review the initiatives taken by the G7 and the G20 aimed to support women and girls to harness digitalization and reinforcing efforts to reduce the gender gap in participation by 25% by 2025. The discussion will aide policy formulation and implementation to embed women entrepreneurship as one of the key ways to promote sustainable and inclusive growth.

Issues for the debate:
• The “eSkills4Girls” initiative.
• The “Women’ Entrepreneurship Facility”.
• Good practices in “bridging the digital gender divide”.
• The activities of the G20 “Women’s Business Council”.

Opening statement:
Ms. Isabelle Durant, Deputy Secretary-General, UNCTAD

Speakers:
H.E. Mrs. Maesaiah Thabane, the First Lady of the Kingdom of Lesotho
Ms. Bisila Bokoko, BB Embassy Services International
Mr. Fabio Sofia, President, Sustainable Finance Geneva
Mrs. Lama Sha’sha’a, Cofounder and Chairperson IRA International Robotics Academy (Jordan)
Ms. Rosana Marques, Founder and CEO, Ouseuse (Brazil)
Ms. Chandra Vadhana, Founder of 4Tunes (India)
Ms Barbra Ofwono, Founder, CEO, Director and Principal, Victorious Education Services (Uganda)
Ms. Uneiza Ali Ussufo, ConsMoz, Ltd.
Mr. Nigel Culkin, Professor, Enterprise and Entrepreneurial Development, Fellow and Past-President of the Institute of Small Business and Entrepreneurship
Mr. Arif Zaman, Executive Director, Commonwealth Businesswomen’s Network
Ms. Anna Falth, Manager, Empower Women
Ms. Vanina Farber, Chair, Social Innovation, IMD
Mr. Jorge Lawson, Director, Banco De la Nación
Mr. Alok Kumar, Investor and Mentor SRKay
Mr. Colin Jones, Senior Lecturer in Entrepreneurship
Ms. Lindsey Nefesh-Clarke, Founder & Managing Director, Women Worldwide Web (W4)
Ms. Alesimo Mwanga, Co- Founder of Pan-African Women, Accelerator and Global Entrepreneurship Network Africa, Research Director
USING BLENDED CAPITAL TO FINANCE THE SDGs

Blended finance uses a mix of public and private finance to fund projects with high development impact. Public finance is used to crowd in private sector financing that would otherwise not be available to such projects. Thus, blended finance acts as a multiplier for public funds by drawing in private finance through strategies that lower the risk of private investment. This session, jointly organized with the Global Impact Investing Network (GIIN) and Principles for Responsible Investment (PRI), will provide an overview of the growth and development of blended finance in recent years, the policy dimension that facilitates the use of blended finance, and the opportunities for blended finance to contribute to the financing of the SDGs.

Issues for the debate:

- How can blended finance help to mobilize and scale up private and commercial resources for sustainable development and climate action in developing countries?
- Which types of blended finance instruments are currently in use?
- What are lessons learned from different approaches to blending, monitoring and evaluation?

Speakers:

Ms. Maria Teresa Zappia, CIO, Blue Orchard Finance  
Ms. Giselle Leung, Managing Director, GIIN  
Mr. Paul Clements-Hunt, CEO, Blended Capital  
Mr. James Gifford, Head of Impact Investing, UBS  
Mr. Richard Amor, Head, Implementation & Business Development, EIB  
Ms. Tenke Andrea Zoltani, Founder, Better Finance  
Mr. Roland Dominicié, CEO, Symbiotics

Moderator:

Mr. Elliot Harris, Assistant Secretary-General, UN DESA

ROLE OF CENTRAL BANKS IN GREENING THE FINANCIAL SYSTEM

Central banks are becoming increasingly involved in green finance. Indicators of this growing interest include the creation of the Central Bank and Supervisors Network for Greening the Financial System (established at the Paris “One Planet Summit” in 2017 by eight central banks and supervisors) and the Task Force on Climate Related Financial Disclosure, (established by the Financial Stability Board). Environmental factors are increasingly seen as material issues by investors who are incorporating such factors into portfolio allocation and risk analysis.

This panel, organised in co-operation with the Official Monetary and Financial Institutions Forum (OMFIF), will gather central banks, regulators and experts from around the world to discuss the role that central banks can play in greening the financial system and prospects for harmonised international approaches.

The session will facilitate dialogue among central banks and regulators to improve clarity on the role central banks can play in green finance, as well as review progress to date and identify future challenges.

Issues for the debate:

- The role central banks can play in mobilising green finance and supervising climate related risks.
- Assessing central banks’ capability to influence and improve green finance: monetary policy and enhancing supervision.
- Understanding central bank mandates in the era of climate change: how to overcome challenges of managing financial stability and promoting green investment.

Opening statement:

Ms. Danae Kyriakopoulou, Chief Economist and Head of Research, OMFIF
Speakers:
Mr. Alexander Barkawi, Founder and Director, Council on Economic Policies
Mr. Frank Elderson, Member of Governing Board and Executive Director, De Nederlandsche Bank
Mr. Rafael Del Villar Alrich, Chief Advisor to the Governor, Banco de México
Mr. Masamichi Kono, Deputy Secretary-General, OECD
Mr. Frédéric Samama, Co-Head Institutional Clients Coverage, Amundi
Ms. Luna Romo González, Senior Economist, Banco de Espana

Moderator:
Ms. Danae Kyriakopoulou, Chief Economist and Head of Research, OMFIF

14:00 – 17:00
Room XX

FORUM CLOSING
VILLAGE AWARDS AND AMBASSADORS’ ROUNDTABLE ON INVESTING IN THE SDGs

Investment is a key driver for sustainable development: attaining the SDGs will not be possible without investment. At the same time, investment is a matter that cuts across various issues, including in particular those that are being dealt with by the various international organizations headquartered in Geneva (such as trade, labour, intellectual property, human rights, health, climate, migration, etc.). The Permanent Representatives attend to these various issues in their day-to-day responsibilities and are aptly situated to see and operationalize these cross-cutting elements from a global perspective. The Permanent Representatives can take advantage of their strategic positioning to effectively promote private sector contributions to the SDGs and spearhead the role of Geneva as a global SDG implementation hub. The World Investment Forum provides an opportunity and platform for PRs to interact with investment stakeholders worldwide, and to formulate an Action Agenda that translates the WIF2018 deliberations and outcomes into an SD action agenda for the Geneva development community. The event will commence with the Investment Village Award, presented by the Secretary-General of UNCTAD and special guests. The roundtable will bring together 20 to 25 PRs (representative for all regions and with a gender dimension) in an interactive discussion that wraps up the WIF2018. It is expected to result in the establishment of a Geneva Group of Friends of investing in the SDGs which will meet periodically to dialogue with private sectors and follow-up on the SD action agenda of the Geneva development community.

The event will close with the Secretary-General’s WIF2018 Closing Remarks.

Issues for the debate:
• How to further enhance the role of Geneva PRs in the pursuit of the SDGs?
• How to improve and further facilitate interactions between PRs and the private sector to promote Geneva as a global SDG implementation hub?
• How to improve and further facilitate interactions between the various Geneva-based international organizations in the pursuit of making investment work for development and the attainment of the SDGs?

Co-chairs:
H.E. Ms. Monique T.G. Van Daalen, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of The Kingdom of the Netherlands to the UN and other International Organizations in Geneva
H.E. Mr. Negash Kebret Botora, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Ethiopia to the UN and other International Organizations in Geneva

Opening Statement:
Dr. Mukhisa Kituyi, Secretary-General, UNCTAD

Speakers:
H.E. Mr. Yury Ambrazievich, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Belarus to the UN and other International Organizations in Geneva
H.E. Mr. Xiangchen Zhang, Ambassador and Deputy Permanent Representative of China to the WTO
Statement for closing the World Investment Forum 2018:
Dr. Mukhisa Kituyi, Secretary-General, UNCTAD
PARALLEL EVENTS

THIRTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY SESSION OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL WORKING GROUP OF EXPERTS ON INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS OF ACCOUNTING AND REPORTING (ISAR)

The Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting (ISAR) promotes high quality and internationally comparable financial and environmental, social and governance (ESG) reporting by enterprises. This enhances the role of accounting and reporting in assessing the private sector contribution to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and can facilitate financial inclusion. The 35th session of ISAR will review recent trends in this area and deliberate on the selection of core SDG indicators for company reporting to facilitate the harmonization of sustainability reporting and the integration of sustainability information into companies’ reporting cycles. In the area of financial reporting the meeting will address the issue of the practical implementation of international standards of accounting and reporting into the public and private sectors. The session will also discuss further progress on the implementation of the Accounting Development Tool of UNCTAD and its impact on strengthening the regulatory and institutional foundations for high quality reporting by enterprises.

Wednesday, 24 October

10:00 – 13:00
Room XVII

**Election of officers, adoption of the agenda and organization of work**

Agenda items 1 and 2

**Opening:**
David Gichana, Deputy Auditor-General, Office of the Auditor General, Kenya, Chair, thirty-fourth session of ISAR

**Opening remarks:**
Isabelle Durant, Deputy Secretary-General, UNCTAD

**Election of Chair and Vice-Chair-cum Rapporteur:**

Andrew Staines, UK Ambassador and Deputy Permanent Representative (Economic Affairs) to the United Nations, Geneva (Chair Nominee)
Arman Bekturova, Director, Ministry of Finance, Kazakhstan (Vice-Chair nominee)

**Keynote address:**
Richard Howitt, Chief Executive Officer, International Integrated Reporting Council

10:50 – 12:30
Room XVII

**High-level panel: Key trends in accounting and reporting and their impact on sustainable and inclusive development**

This high-level panel will highlight recent developments and trends in the area of financial and non-financial enterprise reporting in the private and public sector and their implications for policy-makers, investors, companies and other stakeholders in the enterprise reporting chain. In particular, the following issues will be addressed:
- What are the current key trends and emerging new issues in the area of accounting and reporting in the private and public sector?
- How can policy-makers and other stakeholders further contribute towards harnessing the positive contribution of reporting to sustainable development and financial inclusion?
- What are some of the key recent development towards integrating reporting on the sustainability/ESG issues in companies reporting cycle?
- How can forums such ISAR further contribute towards promoting high-quality financial and non-financial reporting by enterprises?

**Speakers:**
- Michel Prada, Former Chair, International Financial Reporting Standards Foundation
- Jean-Paul Servais, Vice Chairman, International Organization of Securities Commissions
- Steve Waygood, Chief Responsible Investment Officer, Aviva, and member of the EU High-Level Expert Group on Sustainable Finance
- Vania Maria da Costa Borgerth, BNDES, Brazil
- David Szafran, Attorney, Eubelius

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**15:00 – 16:45**
**Room XVII**

**Enhancing comparability of sustainability reporting: Selection of core indicators for entity reporting on the contribution towards the attainment of the SDGs**

This high-level panel will focus on key initiatives, developments and challenges with respect to sustainability reporting, integration of the ESG reporting into companies reporting cycle, and enhancing the role of enterprise reporting in providing data for assessing the private sector contribution to the SDG implementation. In particular, the following issues will be addressed:

- Whether and how the SDG agenda and its monitoring needs have affected requirements in the area of sustainability reporting at a company level?
- What are the main drivers for companies to provide data on their performance and impacts on the SDG implementation? What are key obstacles?
- What could motivate companies to integrate the ESG information into the reporting cycle and publish high quality sustainability information as required by the SDG 12.6 and 12.6.1? In this regard is indicator 12.6.1 a good measurement for the SDG 12.6?
- What are good practices and main challenges on data collection at a national level for assessment of the private sector contribution to the SDG implementation? Should the sustainability/SDG data be provided at a legal entity level considering that the impacts are local? Or it should only be provided at a consolidated level considering that investors are mainly concerned with a group performance at a consolidated level?
- How to facilitate coordination and cooperation among key stakeholders in the area of sustainability/SDG reporting, including such as financial reporting regulators, environmental, labour and statistical bodies, investors, professional bodies, and society at large? How to align all these users needs in this area and could a set of core baseline indicators be a solution as an entry point?
- What are the most pressing capacity-building needs in the area of sustainability reporting at a company level and at a country level to facilitate availability of reliable and comparable data on the private sector contribution to the SDG implementation?

**Introduction of agenda items 3:**
- Tatiana Krylova, Head, Enterprise Branch, UNCTAD

**Speakers:**
- Lucas Sebastian Gomez, Director for Monitoring and Evaluation of Public Policies and Technical Secretary of the SDG Commission, Colombia
Carmem Bueno, Director, Department of Political and Social Relations, Office of the President of Brazil
Martin Spolc, Head of Unit, DG Financial Stability, Financial Services and Capital, European Commission (TBC)
Shameela Ebrahim, Senior Strategist, Sustainability, JSE, and Chair of the Sustainability Working Group at the World Federation of Exchanges
Michael Zimonyi, Policy & External Affairs Manager, Climate Disclosures Standards Board
Catherine Saire, Sustainability Director, Deloitte
Sonia Aparecida Consiglio Favaretto, Director, B3, Brazil
Débora Ponce, Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Guatemala
Jimmy Greer, Head of Sustainability, ACCA
Alex Cobham, Chief Executive, Tax Justice Network

17:15 – 18:00 ISAR Honours Awards

ISAR Honours aims to support efforts on enhancing the quality of companies’ reporting on their contribution to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and its usefulness for monitoring the implementation of the SDGs. ISAR Honours will be presented to policy, institutional or capacity-building initiatives that facilitate improvements in companies’ reporting on sustainability and SDG issues.

Thursday, 25 October

10:00 – 12:30 Enhancing comparability of sustainability reporting: Selection of core indicators for entity reporting on the contribution towards the attainment of the Sustainable Development Goals

Agenda item 3 (continued)

The panel will conduct further deliberations on the draft guidance on core indicators on the SDG reporting by entities (GCI). In particular, the following issues will be addressed:

- Would the proposed indicators enable enterprises to provide comparable data on their performance towards the achievement of the SDGs, in alignment with the SDG monitoring framework?

- What could be main challenges on collecting underlying accounting data required for the proposed SDG indicators? Could cost and management accounting information be used for these purposes? What kind of assurance is required to facilitate reliability of such data?

- Are the suggested SDG indicators for companies useful for enabling countries to collect data on the private sector contribution to implementation of the SDGs and to report on the SDG target 12.6 and indicator 12.6.1; as well as on other SDG indicators in the area of environmental protection, waste generation; rational use of natural resources such as energy, water and land; social issues such as gender equality, good governance and anti-corruption practices?

- Would measures to promote alignment of a limited number of core SDG indicators for companies with the national accounts and statistic methodologies be helpful to facilitate usefulness and comparability of such reporting for different stakeholders, including the national SDG monitoring authorities?

- What kind of solutions can new data companies provide to support harmonisation and comparability of the SDG reporting by companies and to improve monitoring and aggregation of the SDG data at a company level, including the proposed core indicators?

- Would the GCI be a useful tool to develop case studies to advance high quality reporting by entities on their contribution to the SDG agenda?
15:00 – 17:30
Room XVII

Issues of practical implementation of international standards of accounting and reporting in the public and private sectors

Agenda item 4

The panel will review the current state of implementation of the International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS). In particular, the following issues will be addressed:

- What is the current state of implementation of IFRS around the world?
- Are IFRS being implemented in a comparable and consistent manner?
- Are monitoring, compliance and enforcement authorities conducting their work in a consistent and comparable manner around the world?
- What are some of the key benefits that have been derived as a result of the global implementation of IFRS?
- Some large jurisdictions around the world have not yet implemented IFRS as issued by the IASB. What are the prospects for these jurisdictions to implement IFRS in the coming years?
- What are some of the main challenges that countries and enterprises are encountering in implementing IFRS?
- What needs to be done at the global level to promote further implementation of IFRS in additional jurisdictions, particularly by developing countries and countries with economies in transition?

Speakers:

Amaro Luiz de Oliveira Gomes, Board Member, International Accounting Standards Board
Andrew Watchman, Chief Executive Officer and Technical Expert Group Chairman, European Financial Reporting Advisory Group
Alejandro Vera Espinosa, Director, Group of Latin American Accounting Standard-Setters

Speakers:

Ariela Caglio, UNCTAD Resource Person
Anne Gadegaard, Associate Director, Corporate Sustainability, Novo Nordisk
Henrik Bang, Head of Division, Population and Education, Statistics Denmark
Richard V. Rothenberg, Executive Director, Global AI Corporation
Jose Luis Blasco, Global Head of Sustainability, KPMG
Neil Stevenson, Managing Director - Global Implementation, International Integrated Reporting Council
Bernhard Frey, Senior Manager - SDG Impact and Reporting, UN Global Compact
Emily Sims, Senior Specialist, Multinational Enterprises Programme, International Labour Office
Danielle Chesebrough, Senior Analyst, Investor Relations with UNGC, Policy & Research
Nadina Stodiek, Fund Manager PPP Mandates, Impact Manager, BlueOrchard
Gulenn També, Partner, EY
Victoria Hurth, Convenor TC309, ISO
Tatyana Ifemenko/ Liudmyla Lovinska, Academy of Financial management, Ukraine
Lowri Angharad Rees, Programme Management Officer, Sustainable Development Goals and Environmental Statistics Unit, UN Environment - Science Division
Denise Kronemberger, Advisor, Brazilian Institute of Geography and Statistics
Jessica Ying Chan, Environmental Economic Accounts Section, Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs
James Donovan, Chief Executive Officer, ADEC Innovations
Maria Mora, Chair of the Best Practices Board, XBRL
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UNCTAD YOUTH FORUM 2018
A force towards inclusive and sustainable growth globalization

The UNCTAD Youth Forum 2018 aims to encourage a dialogue between youth and global leaders from governments and the private sector involved in the achievement of the sustainable development goals. Under the theme of youth entrepreneurship as a force towards inclusive and sustainable growth, over 200 young men and women from around the world will gather to talk about the future employment landscape and the role of the entrepreneurs of 2030. Convened in parallel with the World Investment Forum 2018, the Youth Forum also provides an opportunity for the participants to interact with the high-level investment-development stakeholders from around the world.

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OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE INVESTMENT VILLAGE

Monday 22 October

14:00
E-Building,
1st floor stage

COUNTRY AND ORGANIZATION EXHIBITION

Tuesday, 23 – Friday, 26 October

09:00 – 18:00
E-Building,
1st and 3rd floor

The World Investment Forum will offer member States the possibility to showcase their countries’ investment opportunities in the Investment Village. The Village, located in the proximity of the main meeting rooms of the Forum, will feature public investment exhibitions, ensuring visibility and interaction.

The official opening, involving high-level UN and partner country officials, will take place on 22 October at 14:00.

Please see the map of the Village on page 66.

INVESTMENT VILLAGE AWARD CEREMONY 2018

Friday 26 October

14:00
E-Building,
Room XX

PRIVATE SECTOR SOLUTIONS FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Monday, 23 – Friday, 26 October

E-Building,
3rd floor

The private sector will be a vital partner to public efforts to direct more investment effectively towards sustainable development. This session, organized in the format of investment stakeholders networking breakfasts or luncheons, will be the opportunity for private sector entities – global TNCs, SMEs and Foundations – to present their existing programmes and initiatives in support of sustainable development to the international community.

Tuesday, 23 October

13:30 – 14:30
ISO standards: helping to make the 2030 Agenda a reality
International Organization for Standardization (ISO)

Refreshments provided

Speakers:
   Mr. José Alcorta, Head of Standard Development, ISO
   Mrs. Pamela Tariff, Membership Team Leader, ISO
   Mrs. Noelia Garcia Nebra, Programme Manager, ISO
   Mrs. Elisabeth GASIOROWSKI, Creative Content Team Leader, ISO

Moderator:
   Mr. Oktawian Kuc, UNCTAD
**Wednesday, 24 October**

**09:00 – 10:30**

**Introduction to Blockchain for Sustainable Development**  
Institute for Leadership and Sustainability (IFLAS), University of Cumbria  
*Refreshments provided*

**Speakers:**  
Ms. Galia Benartzi, Co-Founder, Bancor  
Mr. Chris Fabian, Co-Founder, UNICEF Innovation Fund  
Ms. Vanessa Grellet, Executive Director, Consensys Social Impact  
Mr. Sander de Jong, Managing Director, Fairfood International

**Moderator:**  
Mr. Thomas Van Giffen, UNCTAD

**10:30 – 11:00**

**The 3Ms Model as Championed in the Agriculture Industry**  
Amru Rice, Cambodia  
*Speaker:*  
Mr. Saran Song, CEO, Amru Rice

**13:00 – 15:00**

**Investing in sustainable communities**  
**LIV – A multi-stakeholder partnership to deliver on the Goals**  
LIV, South Africa  
*Refreshments provided*

**Speakers:**  
Mr. Tich Smith, Founder, LIV  
Mr. Russell Curtis, HoD, Invest Durban  
Mr. Chester Koyana, General Manager, LIV

**Moderator:**  
Ms. Christiane Stepanek-Allen, UNCTAD

**Thursday, 25 October**

**09:00 – 10:00**

**Climate-Smart Agriculture is Business-Smart, cases from Latin America**  
ALIMI Impact Ventures, Brazil  
*Refreshments provided*

**Speakers:**  
Ms. Angélica Rotondaro, Funding Member, Alimi Impact Ventures  
Ms. Leonie Dissemond, Alimi Impact Ventures

**Moderator:**  
Mr. Oktawian Kuc, UNCTAD

**13:00 – 14:00**

**A sustainability success story on Mount Kilimanjaro**  
Nature Discovery, Tanzania  
*Speaker:*  
Mr. Thomas M. Holden, General Manager, Nature Discovery

**Moderator:**  
Mr. Oktawian Kuc, UNCTAD
14:00 – 15:00  **Our Legacy of Good Imperative**  Dell Technologies  
**Speaker:**  
Ms. Niraja Srinivasan, Vice President, Dell Technologies  
**Moderator:**  
Mr. Oktawian Kuc, UNCTAD

**Friday, 26 October**

12:00 – 13:00  **Investment in Sustainable Energy Solutions for Refugees and Migrants**  
UNITAR on behalf of The Global Plan of Action for Sustainable Energy Solutions in Situations of Displacement – Initiative  
**Speaker:**  
Mr. Mark Gibson, UNITAR  
**Moderator:**  
Mr. Oktawian Kuc, UNCTAD

13:00 – 14:00  **Implementing SDGs in private investment funds**  
Symbiotics  
**Speaker:**  
Mr. Roland Dominicé, CEO, Symbiotics  
**Moderator:**  
Mr. Oktawian Kuc, UNCTAD
Workshop for Parliamentarians

Financing the SDGs: How can parliaments bridge the gap?

How to finance the 2030 Agenda at the country level has emerged as a key issue since world leaders adopted the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in September 2015. Governments’ abilities to mobilize sequence and make effective use of a wide variety of both financing sources and financing instruments and strategies will be central to their ability to achieve the SDGs. The World Investment Report 2014 estimates the annual investment gap in key SDG sectors in developing countries at an average 2.5 trillion per year.

This implies the need to proactively mobilize finance from ready sources and implementing innovative mechanisms to pool public and private efforts; and blend domestic and international financing. On this front, national parliaments have a crucial role to play. They are responsible for creating a smooth, pro-SDG environment at the legislative level by identifying reform priorities and drafting new legislation, on matters such as public-private partnerships or investment incentives. They take part in formulating, approving, auditing and overseeing budget management. National lawmakers may initiate relevant steps to improve tax administration and public finance management or to combat illicit financial flows and tax avoidance as they overlook the performance of the government. The role of parliamentarians in building partnerships for development and its financing cannot be underestimated. They are also central to promoting and initiating public debate on the SDGs – not only within the parliamentary chamber both also outside, with business and civil society stakeholders.

Issues for the debate:

- What are the key financing means to achieve the SDGs?
- In what ways can parliaments ensure adequate resources for the SDGs at country level? What innovative approaches can be considered?
- How can the interaction between parliaments, policy makers and the private sector be improved to better deliver on sustainable development?

Opening statements:

Mr. Michael Møller, Director-General, United Nations Office at Geneva
Ms. Gabriela Cuevas Barron, President, Inter-Parliamentary Union

Speakers:

Mr. László Borbély, State Counsellor to the Prime Minister, Government of Romania; former MP
Ms. Christine Löw, Director, Liaison Office Geneva, UN Women
Mr. Fernando Aportela, former Deputy Secretary of Finance, Mexico
Dr. Ger Bergkamp, President & CEO, Arcowa
Mr. James Zhan, Director of Investment and Enterprise, UNCTAD
Dr. Flavia Bustreo, Partnership for Maternal Newborn and Child Health
Ms. Monika Sheldon-London, CEO of Alpha Financial Technical Service

Moderators:

Mr. Alessandro Motter, senior advisor for economic and social affairs, IPU
Mr. Martin Chungong, Secretary General, IPU
Ms. Nadia Isler, Director of the SDG Lab, UN Office at Geneva

For a detailed programme of the Workshop please refer to http://worldinvestmentforum.unctad.org/ipu-workshop/
Investment Promotion Agencies (IPA) Workshop
Showcasing Investment Promotion and Facilitation in SDG Projects

The workshop will provide IPAs basic knowledge and skills to engage effectively in narrowing the SDG-related investment gap and contribute to the achievement of Agenda 2030. Organized in cooperation with the World Association of Investment Promotion Agencies (WAIPA), the workshop will systematize best practice, feedback and insights from IPAs and be incorporated in UNCTAD’s investment promotion technical cooperation programme as an outcome of this session.

Issues for the debate:

- FDI global trends and investment in SDG-related projects (WIR 2018), UNCTAD.
- The role of IPAs in promoting and facilitating the SDGs, WAIPA.
- UNCTAD’s Guide for IPAs to promote/facilitate SDGs-related projects, UNCTAD.

Opening Statement:
James Zhan, Director, Division on Investment and Enterprise, UNCTAD

Speakers:
Fahad Al Gergawi, CEO, Dubai FDI & WAIPA Vice President
Diane Edwards, President, JAMPRO, & President, CAIPA
Anna Falth, Head, Women’s Empowerment Principles Secretariat, UN Women
Vanessa Gibson, Head of Investment Climate, CINDE, Costa Rica
Henry Loewendahl, Group CEO, WAVTEQ
Anuj Joshua Mathew, Head, Trade and Investment Promotion Economics, Department for International Trade, United Kingdom
Dushyant Thakor, Vice President, Invest India
Annelize van der Merwe, Director, Green Economy Industries, Investment South Africa, Department of Trade & Industry, South Africa
Paul Wessendorp, Chief, Investment Promotion Section (IPS), DIAE, UNCTAD

Moderators:
Natalia Guerra, Senior Capacity-building Coordinator, IPS, DIAE, UNCTAD
Bostjan Skalar, CEO, WAIPA

International Standards of Accounting and Reporting (ISAR) Workshop
Digital Currencies and Blockchain: Implications for Accounting

The workshop will address emerging issues in the area of blockchain, digitalization and digital currencies, and in particular the implications of these phenomena for financial reporting. It will allow a range of reporting stakeholders to take stock of this technological revolution, which brings both opportunities and risks for the quality of reporting, the accounting profession and financial stability. The first roundtable will introduce emerging issues, focusing on the broader implications of blockchain technology and the digitalization revolution for accounting stakeholders. The second roundtable will delve into the subject of digital currencies, and how they relate to the existing financial reporting infrastructure.

Keynote
- Digitalization and accounting: the current context.

Round table 1
- What is the impact of digitalization on accounting practice?
- What are some of the risks and opportunities of blockchain technology in accounting?
- What are the main implications for the accountancy profession? What are some emerging good practices in harnessing the digital revolution for high-quality accounting?
Round table 2

• What is the current context for digital currencies from an accounting perspective?
• What are the main technical developments that occurred over recent years in the area of accounting standards for cryptocurrencies? What are some emerging frameworks?
• What are the main challenges to devising standards and practice in financial reporting in response to digital currencies?

Opening Statement:
Mr. James Zhan, Director of Investment and Enterprise, UNCTAD

Keynote address:
Mr. Philippe Arraou, Board member, International Federation of Accountants

Panel 1
Mr. David Lyford-Smith, Technical Manager, ICAEW IT Faculty
Ms. Peggy Gondo, PWC
Mr. Marco Grossi, Director, Deloitte
Mr. Mohini Singh, Director of Financial Reporting Policy, CFA Institute

Panel 2
Mr. Craig Smith, Technical Manager, International Accounting Standards Board
Mr. Kris Peach, Chair, Australian Accounting Standards Board
Mr. Yasunobu Kawanishi, Board member, Accounting Standards Board of Japan

Moderator:
Mr. David Szafran, Attorney, Eubelius. Chairman of ISAR 30th session

Tuesday, 23 October

10:30 – 14:30 CAIPA Meeting
Room XXV

Launched in 2007, the Caribbean Association of Investment Promotion Agencies (CAIPA) brings together Caribbean Investment Promotion Intermediaries from 23 Caribbean economies to collaborate in promoting the region as a location for investment. Each year, the members of CAIPA meet to discuss and agree on the work programme for the upcoming year.

Issues for deliberation:
• Plans for a Regional Investment Policy Review and an iGuide for the Caribbean.
• Strategies for the continued promotion of the Caribbean to attract quality investment initiatives to enhance the capacity of CAIPA members to execute their country specific mandates.

Wednesday, 24 October

09:00 – 10:30 Presentation of Report: Energy Investment Risk Assessment (EIRA) 2018
Room XXVII

The Energy Investment Risk Assessment (EIRA) is a publication of the Energy Charter Secretariat that evaluates specific risks affecting energy investment that can be mitigated through adjustments to policy, legal and regulatory frameworks. EIRA is an instrument primarily targeted at governmental decision-makers. It aims to identify policy gaps, provide learning opportunities, and stimulate reforms which make the investment climate of countries more robust and reduce the risk of investor-State disputes. EIRA 2018, the first public edition of the Report, was launched on 3 October 2018. Secretary General of the Energy Charter Secretariat Dr. Urban Rusnák will present the results, after which the floor will be open for discussion.
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Location: Floor 8, Door A13|15

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