



**NOTIFICATION**  
**7<sup>th</sup> UNCTAD World Investment Forum**  
**18–22 October 2021**

The UNCTAD secretariat presents its compliments to the member States and has the honour to inform them that the 7<sup>th</sup> World Investment Forum will be held virtually from 18 to 22 October 2021. The 7<sup>th</sup> Forum was originally planned to take place in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, but due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic will be held virtually.

The Forum is a biennial multi-stakeholder gathering at the level of Heads of States and Governments, CEOs, ministers and heads of international organizations, designed to facilitate dialogue and action on the world's current and emerging investment-development challenges. It is recognized by governments and business leaders as the pre-eminent global gathering for investment partnership and policymaking, providing a platform for interaction among the key stakeholders including policymakers and parliamentarians, CEOs of global companies, family businesses, heads of investment promotion agencies, investment treaty negotiators, impact investors and foundations, stock exchange executives, pension and sovereign wealth fund managers, international standard setters, entrepreneurs, academia and representatives of civil society. Previous editions of the World Investment Forum were held in Accra (2008), Xiamen (2010), Doha (2012), Geneva (2014), Nairobi (2016), and Geneva (2018). The 2018 Forum gathered over 6 600 investment-development stakeholders from some 160 countries.

The 7<sup>th</sup> World Investment Forum will focus on “Investing in sustainable recovery”, addressing today’s key challenge facing the global investment-development community. Building forward better will not be possible without reigniting investment, both domestic and international, as an engine of growth. The Forum will specifically tackle the challenges and opportunities arising from the new industrial revolution, the sustainability imperative, the realignment of economic governance, and the efforts for greater economic resilience. The deliberations will be informed by the [World Investment Report 2020: International Production beyond the Pandemic](#) and the [World Investment Report 2021: Investing in Sustainable Recovery](#).

The 7<sup>th</sup> Forum will respond to the call by the UN General Assembly for concrete recommendations on how to overcome the impacts of the pandemic on promoting investments for sustainable development ([Resolution A/Res/75/207 of 21 December 2020](#)). The Forum’s outcome will feed back into the 76<sup>th</sup> United Nations General Assembly’s deliberations for global policy actions.

The 7<sup>th</sup> Forum will feature about 100 high-profile events and networking opportunities, including the World Leaders Investment Summits, Ministerial Round Tables, the Investment Promotion Conference, the International Investment Agreements Conference, the Global Sustainable Stock Exchanges dialogue, the Institutional Investors for Sustainable Development Round Table, the Family Business and Sustainable Development Conference, minister–business executive dialogues, multi-stakeholder sessions on special themes, and prestigious UN award ceremonies, as well as the launching of global initiatives for investment in development. The Forum is organized in partnership with over 80 international and regional organizations and entities.

A preliminary programme and background information of the Forum is available online. Regular updates and registration will be posted on the UNCTAD website and <http://worldinvestmentforum.unctad.org/>.

For further information regarding high-level participation (Heads of State and ministers) in the 7<sup>th</sup> World Investment Forum, please contact Mr. James Zhan, Director, Division on Investment and Enterprise, tel. +41.22.917.4918; e-mail: [wif@unctad.org](mailto:wif@unctad.org).

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