

# International Investment Policy Reform for Sustainable Development

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# A G E N D A



**12 September 2019**

9:30 – 10:30

**Opening remarks**

*H.E. Dato' Ku Jaafar Ku Shaari, D-8 Secretary General*

*Hamed El Kady, Investment Policy Officer, UNCTAD*

*Saleh Jelassi, Manager, IsDB Regional Hub in Ankara*

*Rahman Nurdun, Deputy President, Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency*

10:30 – 11:00

**Coffee Break**

Session 1 – **Moderator:**

*Makane Moïse Mbengue, Professor of Public International Law, University of Geneva*

11:15 – 11:45

**Foreign direct investment trends in IsDB and D-8 countries**

*Syed Husain Quadri, Manager, Country Strategy and Market Integration, IsDB*

11:45 – 12:15

**The reform of the international investment policy regime**

*Hamed El Kady, Investment Policy Officer, UNCTAD*

12:15 – 12:30

**Interactive Discussion**

12:30 – 13:00

**Iran's perspective on international investment agreements (IIA) reform**

*Mohammad Mahdi Dalvand, Deputy Director General for Foreign Investment Department, Organization for Investment, Economic and Technical Assistance*

13:00–14:00

**Lunch Break**

Session 2 – **Moderator:**

*Mavluda Sattorova, Director, Liverpool Economic Governance Unit*

14:00 – 14:30

**Bangladesh's IIA reform efforts**

*Gazi A K M Fazlul Haque, Director, Bangladesh Investment Development Authority*

14:30 – 15:00

**Reviewing existing Nigerian BITs**

*Patience Okala, Deputy Director, Legal Advisor, Nigerian Investment Promotion Commission (NIPC)*

15:00 – 15:30

**Turkey's new generation bilateral investment treaties (BITs)**

*Aslan Akpınar, Head of Department, Ministry of Trade, Turkey*

15:30 – 15:45

**Interactive Discussion**

15:45 – 16:00

**Coffee break followed by group photo**

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Session 3 – **Moderator:** *Hamed El-Kady, Investment Policy Officer, UNCTAD*

9:30 – 10:00

**Investment promotion for sustainable development**

*Ismail Ersahin, Deputy Executive Director, WAIPA*

10:00 – 10:30

**Malaysia's BIT network**

*Syed Mohd Faizal Bin Syed Mohd Dardin, Director, Investment Policy, Ministry of Trade and Industry*

10:30 – 11:00

**Pakistan's new Model BIT**

*Rifat Parvez, Director General, Prime Minister's Office Board of Investment, Pakistan*

11:00 – 11:30

**Reforming Investment Regulations in Egypt**

*Moataz Hussein, IIA specialist, GAFI, Egypt*

11:30 – 12:00

**Coffee Break**

12:30 – 13:00

**Multilateral reform discussions of the investor-State dispute system**

*Mavluda Sattorova, Director, Liverpool Economic Governance Unit*

Session 4 – **Moderator:** *Rasha Hamdy, Director, Economy, Implementation and External Relations, D-8 Secretariat*

13:00 – 13:30

**The importance of model BITs for investment policymaking**

*Makane Moïse Mbengue, Professor of Public International Law, University of Geneva*

13:30 – 13:45

**Interactive Discussion**

13:45 – 14:45

**Lunch Break**

14:45 – 15:15

**The new EU Investment Policy**

*Bartosz Przywara, Head of Trade and other EU Policies Section*

15:15 – 15:45

**Indonesia's IIA reform efforts**

*Feddy Fachrurrozy Djafar, Directorate of Trade, Commodity and Intellectual Property, Ministry of Foreign Affairs*

15:45 – 16:15

**Non-binding guiding principles for investment policymaking**

*Hamed El-Kady, Investment Policy Officer, UNCTAD*

16:15 – 16:30

**Final inter-active discussion and workshop recommendations**

16:30 – 17:00

**Closing remarks**

*Saleh Jelassi, Manager, IsDB Regional Hub in Ankara*

*Hamed El Kady, Investment Policy Officer, UNCTAD*

*H.E. Dato' Ku Jaafar Ku Shaari, D-8 Secretary General*

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