International Investment Policy Reform for Sustainable Development

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12–13 September 2019, Istanbul, Turkey

AGENDA
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 Moise 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 Fachrurozy 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