A brief overview of UNCTAD's Division on Investment and Enterprise (DIAE)



• Mission:

- To support and promote investment and enterprise for development

• Objectives:

- Investment in equitable growth and sustainable development
- Emphasis on pro-poor investment and enterprise development ("Investment in the poor, with the poor and for the poor")

Mandate(s)

- Accra Accord/Doha Mandate
- Istanbul Plan of Action
- Major UN conferences and summits (Monterrey Consensus; World Summit on Sustainable Development; Millennium Summit)

DIAE Structure



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Core products and services of the **D**ivision

• Two flagship products

- World Investment Report
- World Investment Forum

• Seven core services

- FDI Statistics
- FDI trends and policy monitors
- Investment Policy Reviews
- International Investment Agreements (IIAs)
- Investment Facilitation Compact
- Entrepreneurship
- Inter-governmental group of experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting (ISAR)

Structure of activities: three pillars of work



• Research and analysis

- Analytical work on the development impact of FDI,
- Policy decision-making input,
- Analyze trends and developments with FDI.

• Technical cooperation / Capacity building

- Capacity-building workshops and seminars,
- Dissemination of the Report's findings and results (Regional seminars),
- Interregional training workshops and ad-hoc advisory services.

Consensus building

- Trade and Development Board
- Investment, Enterprise and Development Commisson
- Expert Meetings
- Briefings at the General Assembly, World Bank, and other fora.





International Standards of Accounting and Reporting (ISAR)

- The only intergovernmental body in the area of accounting and reporting (29th Session begins on 31st October: "Regulatory and institutional foundations for highquality corporate reporting")
- Research and analysis on corporate governance disclosure, international financial reporting standards, accounting by SMEs, and general accounting standards
- Capacity building in the area of accounting and reporting, based on ISAR case studies and the accounting toolkit (already piloted in several countries)

Some notable achievements of the Division last year

- 80 books, manuals, reports and issues notes were produced in 2011
- The Division organized and participated in 52 conferences, events and national presentations – including the flagship World Investment Forum in 2012, which attracted 1400 participants, including 9 Heads of State, over 30 Ministers and over 40 global CEOs.
- More than 70 countries benefited from our advisory services
- 19 websites, 6 databases and e-network of experts were maintained
- 30 press releases and information notes were issued

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