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## NOTIFICATION

### **World Investment Forum 2018 “Investing in sustainable development”**

**22–26 October 2018**

The tenth anniversary of the World Investment Forum will be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, Switzerland from 22 to 26 October 2018. The grand opening ceremony begins at 3 p.m. on Monday, 22 October, in the presence of high-level representatives from the host country, Switzerland, UNCTAD member States, the global business community, other investment stakeholders and international organizations.

The UNCTAD World Investment Forum is the leading global platform for investment and development. The Forum devises strategies and solutions for global investment and development challenges, facilitating collective multi-stakeholder action to stimulate investment in development. Further, the Forum offers a unique opportunity to influence investment-related policymaking, to shape the global investment environment and to network with global leaders in business and politics.

This year’s Forum will be centred on three high-level summits, including the Game Changers Summit, and six ministerial sessions focusing on topics relating to the Forum’s broad theme, “Investing in sustainable development”. These sessions will provide a unique opportunity to discuss key issues on attracting and using investment to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals.

For the first time, over 50 prestigious partner organizations have joined UNCTAD in the organization and preparation of events for the Forum. These partnerships have generated exciting new content for this year’s participants, including a joint Inter-Parliamentary Union–UNCTAD programme for parliamentarians; an in-depth look at the relationship between sport and development, co-hosted with the International Olympic Committee; and a thought-provoking session with the United Nations Office at Geneva (UNOG) on the role of investment in the peace process – all sessions will gather speakers from the highest level.

Fourteen Heads of State and Government, as well as three Prime Ministers, have already confirmed their attendance. Joining them will be 50 government ministers from developed and developing countries; more than 50 heads of United Nations specialized agencies and international organizations; a large number of business executives from some of the world’s leading companies; thought leaders; stock exchange, sovereign wealth and pension fund managers; parliamentarians; heads of investment promotion agencies; negotiators of international investment agreements; and regulators and standard setters from all member States of UNCTAD.

This Forum will offer an unprecedented opportunity to form partnerships and will feature networking breakfasts, working luncheons and stakeholder receptions with a diverse range of prestigious partners, as well as an all-week interactive investment village.

## **Participation**

The Forum is a free and open event; however, places are limited, and registration is mandatory. Registration should be completed online, available [here](#). Registration closes on Friday, 19 October.

## **Practical information**

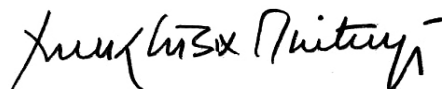
All participants must register in advance of the Forum with the UNOG online accreditation and registration system (“Indico”).

Upon arrival at the Palais des Nations, accredited participants should go to the Security and Safety Service at Pregny Gate to collect their ground passes. Participants must present the QR code provided in the original approval of registration email sent beforehand and their national passport. For security reasons, the ground pass must be worn at all times when visiting the Forum and visible to UNOG security staff.

For more practical information on a range of topics, including accommodation, visa requirements and travel to the Palais des Nations, please visit the practical information guide available online, available [here](#).

## **Further information and contact details**

For further details on the World Investment Forum 2018, including the programme and speakers, please visit the Forum [website](#). For high-level participation in the Forum, please email Mr. James Zhan, Director, Division on Investment and Enterprise, UNCTAD at [james.zhan@unctad.org](mailto:james.zhan@unctad.org).



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