Reforming International Investment Governance: Challenges and Implications



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PROGRAMME

Training course

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UNCTAD's work programme on international investment agreements (IIAs) seeks to help developing countries to participate as effectively as possible in international rule-setting for investment. It does so against the background of an intensifying policy discourse about the sustainable development dimension and the future orientation of the IIA regime. The objectives of the work programme are to deepen the understanding on issues in IIAs, to identify and examine issues, problems and interests and ensure that the sustainable development concerns are adequately addressed.

The Islamic Development Bank's (IDB) Investment Promotion Technical Assistance Program (ITAP) is an initiative by the Islamic Development Bank Group to unlock the developmental potential of member countries through a comprehensive and integrated program of foreign investment promotion and technical assistance that include: Promotion of specific sector for investment; Capacity Building of IPAs; Investment Promotion Events; Policy Advice to improve investment environment; Matching investment opportunities in member countries with potential investors. All IDB member countries are eligible candidates as ITAP is a demand driven program.









TUESDAY, 12 JANUARY 2016

09:00 - 10:00 OPENING SESSION

Chair: Mohamed Bukhari, Senior Investment Promotion Specialist, IDB

Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, Morocco Zakia El Midaoui, Director of Multilateral Cooperation

Moroccan Investment Development Agency (AMDI) Ali El Yaacoubi, Acting Investment Promotion Director

Islamic Centre for Development of Trade (ICDT)

El Hassane Hzaine, Director General

United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)

Hamed El-Kady, International Investment Policy Officer

Islamic Development Bank (IDB)

Sidi Mohamed Ould Taleb, Director, Rabat Regional Office

SESSION 1: LATEST TRENDS IN GLOBAL AND REGIONAL FOREIGN DIRECT INVESTMENT (FDI) AND RELATED POLICIES

Chair: Ilia Rachkov, Partner, King & Spalding

10:00 – 10:45	Global trends in international investment policies: lessons learned and the need for reform Hamed El-Kady, International Investment Policy Officer, UNCTAD
10:45 – 11:00	Coffee Break
11:00 – 11:30	ITAP and ICIEC's investment insurance services Mohamed Bukhari, Senior Investment Promotion Specialist, IDB
11:30 – 12:00	Latest developments in OIC regional integration efforts Mokhtar Warida, Assistant Director General, ICDT
12:00 – 12:15	Discussion
12:15 – 14:00	Lunch break
14:00 – 14:30	Trends in FDI in Morocco Ali El Yaacoubi, Acting Investment Promotion Director, AMDI
14:30 – 15:15	Latest developments in regional integration efforts in Africa and implications on FDI Makane Moise Mbengue, Professor of Public International Law, University of Geneva
15:15 – 15:30	Coffee break
15:30 – 16:00	Trends in FDI in IDB member countries Abusif Ghnyah, Senior Expert, Rabat Regional Office, IDB
16:00 – 16:15	Discussion









WEDNESDAY, 13 JANUARY 2016

SESSION 2: POLICY OPTIONS FOR IIA REFORM

Chair: Mustageem De Gama, Director, International trade and investment, Department of Trade and Industry, South Africa

09:00 - 09:30	Engaging in strategic IIA reform: activating UNCTAD's action menu
	Hamed El-Kady, International Investment Policy Officer, UNCTAD
09:30 – 09:45	Discussion
09:45 – 10:15	Modernizing the Organization of Islamic Conference (OIC) investment agreement Mouhamadou Madana Kane, Senior Legal Counsel, IDB
10:15 – 10:30	Discussion
10:30 – 10:45	Coffee break
10:45 - 11:15	Investment and job creation Emily Sims, Senior Specialist and Manager, Programme for Multinational Enterprises and Social Policy, ILO
11:15 – 11:30	Discussion
11:30 – 12:00	EU reformed approach on investment protection and resolution of investment disputes Gabriela Alexandru, Policy officer, Directorate-General for Trade, Investment Unit, European Commission
12:00 – 12:15	Discussion
12:15 – 14:00	Lunch break
14:00 – 14:30	Definition of investment and admission and establishment Naomi Briercliffe, Associate, Allen & Overy LLP
14:30 – 14:45	Discussion
14:45 – 15:00	Coffee break
15:00 – 15:30	National treatment and most-favoured-nation treatment: post and pre-establishment Ilia Rachkov, Partner, King & Spalding
15:30 – 15:45	Discussion
15:45 – 16:15	Latest trends in national investment policies and regulations Thomas Van Giffen, Investment Policy Analyst, UNCTAD
16:15 – 16:35	Simulation exercise









THURSDAY, 14 JANUARY 2016

SESSION 3: POLICY OPTIONS FOR IIA REFORM

Chair: Makane Moise Mbengue, Professor of Public International Law, University of Geneva

09:00 - 09:30	Fair and equitable treatment Naomi Briercliffe, Associate, Allen & Overy LLP
09:30 – 09:45	Discussion
09:45 – 10:15	Expropriation (direct and indirect) Markus Krajewski, Professor of Public and International Law, University of Erlangen-Nuremberg, Germany
10:15 – 10:30	Discussion
10:30 – 10:45	Coffee break
10:45 – 11:15	BIT termination, amendment and renegotiation: A South African perspective Mustaqeem De Gama, Counselor Economic, South African Mission to the WTO
11:15 – 11:30	Discussion
11:30 – 12:00	Investor obligations in IIAs Markus Krajewski, Professor of Public and International Law, University of Erlangen- Nuremberg, Germany
12:00 – 12:15	Discussion
12:15 – 14:00	Lunch break
14:00 – 14:30	IDB Member States in ICSID Arbitration Mouhamadou Madana Kane, Senior Legal Counsel, IDB
14:30 – 14:45	Discussion
14:45 – 15:00	Coffee break
15:00 – 15:30	Reforming the IIA-based investment dispute system Ilia Rachkov, Partner, King & Spalding
15:30 – 15:50	Simulation exercise









FRIDAY, 15 JANUARY 2016

SESSION 4: SHARING OF NATIONAL EXPERIENCES IN IIA REFORM

Chair: Markus Krajewski, Professor of Public and International Law, University of Erlangen-Nuremberg, Germany

09:00 - 11:30	Panel discussion: IIA reform: why and how?
	Abdeslam Ouqazzamar, Ministry of Economy and Finance, Morocco
	Mustageem De Gama, Counselor Economic, South African Mission to the WTO
	Patience Okala, Senior Legal Adviser, Nigerian Investment Promotion Commission (NIPC)
	Moataz Hussein, IIA Expert, General Authority for Investment & Free Zones (GAFI), Egypt
	Gabriela Alexandru, Policy officer, Directorate-General for Trade, Investment Unit, European Commission
11:30 – 11:45	Discussion
11:45 – 13:00	Lunch break
13:00 – 13:45	Practical exercise for participants – treaty provisions and disputes
Facilitators:	Hamed El-Kady, International Investment Policy Officer, UNCTAD
	Mustaqeem De Gama, Counselor Economic, South African Mission to the WTO
13:45 – 14:00	Coffee break
14:00 – 15:00	Practical exercise for participants – making use of UNCTAD's Action Menu for IIA reform
15:00 – 15:30	Wrap-up session
15:30	Closing ceremony and distribution of diplomas