

Workshop on Key issues in International Investment Agreements for Sierra Leone

14 March 2024 Thursday

10:00 - 13:00 CET/ 9:00 – 12:00 GMT

Moderator: *Diane Sayinzoga, Chief of the Regional Office for Africa, UNCTAD*

10:00 – 10:10 Opening remarks

- *Dr. Edward Hinga Sandy, Executive Director, National Investment Board
National Investment Board (NIB)*
- *Hamed El Kady, Officer-in-Charge, Office of the Director and Senior
Coordinator, International Investment Agreements, UNCTAD*

10:10 – 10:40 Global Trends in International Investment Agreements and Investor

- State Dispute Settlement

- *Diana Rosert, Economic Affairs Officer, International Investment Agreements
Section, UNCTAD*

10:40 – 11:00 Key Provisions of International Investment Agreements

- Definition of investment and investor
- National treatment
- MFN
- Fair and equitable treatment

11:00 – 11:20 Key Provisions of International Investment Agreements (2)

- Expropriation
- Transfer of funds
- Investor-State disputes
- *Dafina Atanasova, Economic Affairs Officer, International Investment
Agreements Section, UNCTAD and Vincent Beyer, Legal Expert, International
Investment Agreements Section, UNCTAD*

11:20 – 11:35 Main findings in the Bilateral Investment Treaties Concluded by

Sierra Leone

- *Yihua Teng, Associate Economic Affairs Officer, International Investment Agreements Section, UNCTAD*

11:35 – 11:55 AfCFTA Investment protocol

- *Dafina Atanasova, Economic Affairs Officer, International Investment Agreements Section, UNCTAD*

11:55 – 12:10 UNCTAD IIA Reform Accelerator

- *Vincent Beyer, Legal Expert, International Investment Agreements Section, UNCTAD*

12:10 – 12:25 Best Practices in Developing a Model BIT

- *Hamed El Kady, Officer-in-Charge, Office of the Director and Senior Coordinator, International Investment Agreements, UNCTAD*

12:25 – 12:35 way forward

- *Mahawa Dandi, Deputy Executive Director, National Investment Board National Investment Board (NIB)*

12:35 – 12:55 Interactive discussion (Q&A)

12:55 – 13:00 Closing Remarks

- *Dr. Edward Hinga Sandy, Executive Director, National Investment Board National Investment Board (NIB)*
- *Diane Sayinzoga, Chief of the Regional Office for Africa, UNCTAD*