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## NOTIFICATION

### Seventh UNCTAD World Investment Forum 18–22 October 2021

The UNCTAD secretariat presents its compliments to member States and has the honour to advise that registration is now open for the seventh meeting of the World Investment Forum, which will be held from 18 to 22 October 2021 with remote participation. Interested participants are kindly invited to register at <https://indico.un.org/event/1000241/>.

The seventh meeting of the World Investment Forum will focus on the theme “Investing in sustainable recovery”, addressing key challenges and opportunities for the global investment–development community. “Building forward better” will not be possible without reigniting investment, both domestic and international, as an engine of growth. The Forum will specifically tackle the key issues arising from the new industrial revolution, the sustainability imperative, the realignment of economic governance and efforts for greater economic resilience. The deliberations will be informed by *World Investment Report 2020: International Production Beyond the Pandemic* and *World Investment Report 2021: Investing in Sustainable Recovery*. The Forum will respond to the request by the United Nations General Assembly for concrete recommendations for the advancement of investment for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including with regard to how to overcome the impacts of the pandemic on promoting investments for sustainable development. The outcome of the Forum will feed into the deliberations of the General Assembly at its seventy-sixth session, for global policy actions.

The World Investment Forum is a multi-stakeholder gathering, designed to facilitate dialogue and action on investment–development challenges. It is recognized by Governments and business leaders as the pre-eminent global gathering for investment partnership and policymaking, providing a platform for interaction among key stakeholders, including State leaders and ministers, parliamentarians, chief executive officers of global companies, family businesses, heads of investment promotion agencies, investment treaty negotiators, impact investors and foundations, stock exchange executives, pension and sovereign wealth fund managers, international standard setters, entrepreneurs, academics and representatives of civil society.

The seventh meeting will feature approximately 100 high-profile events, including the following: world leaders investment summits; ministerial round tables; investment promotion conference; international investment agreements conference; sustainable stock exchanges global dialogue; institutional investors for sustainable development round table; family business and sustainable development conference; minister–business executive dialogues; multi-stakeholder sessions on key themes; United Nations award ceremonies; and the launch of a number of global initiatives for investment in sustainable development. Regular updates on the Forum and the preliminary programme for the seventh meeting are available at <http://worldinvestmentforum.unctad.org/>.

The Forum is organized in collaboration with over 80 international partners, including the following: Academy of International Business; Family Business Network International; International Chamber of Commerce; World Association of Investment Promotion Agencies; World Bank; World Economic

Forum; World Federation of Exchanges; and World Trade Organization. Key internationally renowned print, television and social media outlets will cover the various sessions of the Forum and disseminate its deliberations.

For further information regarding high-level participation by Heads of State and ministers at the seventh meeting of the World Investment Forum, please contact Mr. James Zhan, Director, Division on Investment and Enterprise, UNCTAD, tel: 41 22 917 4918; email: [wif@unctad.org](mailto:wif@unctad.org).

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