

THE NEW GLOBAL INVESTMENT LANDSCAPE INVESTMENT POLICIES FOR THE 21ST CENTURY

Briefing on UNCTAD's Investment Policy Framework for Sustainable Development and the World Investment Report 2015: Reforming International Investment Governance

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Achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development will require a significant ratcheting up of investment. UNCTAD's estimates for investment needs in developing countries alone range from \$3.3 trillion to \$4.5 trillion per year. Mobilizing investment and ensuring that it contributes to sustainable development is a priority for all countries.

UNCTAD's *Investment Policy Framework for Sustainable Development*, updated in 2015, offers policy-makers core principles for sustainable development-friendly investment policymaking. Based on these principles it also provides guidelines for national investment policies, guidance for the design and use of international investment treaties, and an Action Menu for the promotion of investment in sustainable development.

The pursuit of the 2030 sustainable development agenda will also require a reform of the international investment agreements (IIA) regime (which currently consists of over 3,300 treaties). UNCTAD's *2015 World Investment Report: Reforming International Investment Governance* offers a menu of options for the reform of the IIA regime, together with a roadmap to guide policymakers at the national, bilateral, regional and multilateral levels. It also proposes a set of principles and guidelines to ensure coherence between international tax and investment policies.

The briefing will introduce these policy instruments. Practitioners will share their views on their relevance and use for national and international policy-making.

AGENDA

1 Salient features of recent global investment trends and policies

Welcome: Ms. **Chantal Line Carpentier**, Chief, New York Office, UNCTAD

2 UNCTAD's Investment Policy Framework for Sustainable Development

Introduction: Mr. **James Zhan**, Director, Investment and Enterprise, and team leader of World Investment Report, UNCTAD, Geneva

3 A transformative action plan for investing in the SDGs

Panelists: H.E. **Virachai Plasai**, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Thailand to the United Nations

4 A roadmap for reforming the existing international investment treaties regime

Ms. **Adriana Vargas Saldarriaga**, Director, Foreign Investment, Services and Intellectual Property, Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Tourism, Colombia

Mr. **Wamkele Mene**, Director, Investment and International Law, Department of Trade and Industry, South Africa

Mr. **Joerg Weber**, Head, Investment Policies Branch, Division on Investment and Enterprise, UNCTAD, Geneva



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