



Panel discussion on FDI policies and trends in the OIC Member Countries

(in partnership with the IsDB and ICDT)

Promoting FDI for regional integration

Global foreign direct investment (FDI) collapsed in 2020, falling by 42% to an estimated \$859 billion, from \$1.5 trillion in 2019. FDI flows have also considerably declined in countries members of the IsDB. The steep decline in greenfield announcements and international project finance in Africa and Asia is a cause for major concern. UNCTAD defines productive capacities as the productive resources, entrepreneurial capabilities and production linkages that together determine the capacity of a country to produce goods and services and enable it to grow and develop. Without investment in the productive sectors of the economy, developing countries will struggle to rebuild from the effects of the pandemic. In parallel, countries implemented investment policies to tackle the devastating economic and social effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. Numerous countries around the globe have taken measures in support of investment or for protecting critical domestic industries in the crisis. Support measures include, in particular, the speeding up of investment approval procedures, the accelerated use of online tools and e-platforms, COVID-19-related services of investment promotion agencies (IPAs), incentive schemes for health-related R&D, medical supplies, the acquisition by states of equity in struggling domestic key companies as well as state loans and guarantees for domestic suppliers in value chains. To protect their health sector and industries in other sectors considered as particularly important in the crisis, several countries have tightened foreign investment screening mechanisms, introduced new regulations or are planning such steps. Other State interventions in the health industry include mandatory production and export bans for medical equipment, as well as reduction of import duties for medical devices. In this context, the IsDB and the ICDT have taken a number of steps to respond to the crisis and to mitigate its impact on their member countries' development objectives.

Panellists will discuss the impact of the pandemic on FDI flows in IsDB countries as well as the policy responses taken at the national and regional levels to respond to the pandemic. The meeting will also discuss ongoing cooperation between UNCTAD and the IsDB and ICDT on devising investment policies that contribute to sustainable and inclusive development.

Issues to be addressed

- What was the impact of the pandemic on FDI flows to IsDB countries?
- What are the main policy responses taken by the IsDB and ICDT?
- How can the cooperation between UNCTAD, IsDB and ICDT be strengthened on issues related to investment trends and policies?

Provisional programme



Topics	Speaker	Duration
Opening Remarks	Mr. Riad Ragueb Director – RCI Dept., IsDB	10m
Keynote Address	Mrs Latifa El Bouabdellaoui, Director General, ICDT	10m
Investing in SDGs Presentation	Amelia U. Santos-Paulino Chief, Investment Issues Section, DIAE	20m
The State of FDI in OIC Presentation	Representative SESRIC	20m
National experiences	Dr. Makane Moïse Mbengue, Moderator - Panellist Kazakhstan - Panellist Morocco - Panellist Nigeria - Panellist Pakistan - Panelist Indonesia - Panellist Senegal - Panellist UAE	90m
Q&A	Audience	15m
Closing Remarks	IsDB & ICDT Representatives	05m

Event details

- Event type: Presentations & Panel discussion
- Date: 21st of October 2021
- Time: 10:30-13:00 GMT

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- Audience: Ministries, IPAs, TPOs, Chambers of Commerce, International

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PROGRAMME AT A GLANCE



Monday, 18 October

10:00 - 12:30 VIRTUAL ROOM 15	WIF Opening Summit: Investing in sustainable recovery
12:00 - 13:30 VIRTUAL ROOM 01	UNCTAD-WAIPA Exchange Platform: Gearing up the digitalization of investment promotion: strategies, good practices and lessons learnt (in partnership with EY)
12:30 - 13:30 VIRTUAL ROOM 08	Launching a Global Alliance for Sustainable Investment (in partnership with WEF)
12:30 - 14:00 VIRTUAL ROOM 03	Promoting Entrepreneurship for Migrants and Refugees for Inclusive and Sustainable Development (in partnership with IOM and UNHCR)
13:45 - 15:00 VIRTUAL ROOM 07	High-level Roundtable: Beyond the bottom line - how can family business advance the sustainability agenda? (in partnership with FBN)
14:00 - 16:00 VIRTUAL ROOM 06	Academic Track: Opening Plenary: Setting the future research and policy agenda on international investment and development (in partnership with UNU-WIDER, AIB, Oxford University, NYU Abu Dhabi)
14:30 - 16:00 VIRTUAL ROOM 04	International Sustainable Investment Fund Conference
15:30 - 17:00 VIRTUAL ROOM 07	Family Business Conference: Accelerating impact through family offices (organized by FBN)
16:00 - 18:00 VIRTUAL ROOM 15	Global Investment Game Changers Summit: Investment and NIR4.0: Development implications

Tuesday, 19 October

08:00 - 09:00 VIRTUAL ROOM 01	IPA Executive Meeting: New investment strategies in the post-pandemic era (in partnership with WAIPA)
08:30 - 11:00 VIRTUAL ROOM 14	Annual Investment Meeting 2021 (organized by AIM)
09:00 - 10:00 VIRTUAL ROOM 07	Family Business Conference: Quantum leadership (organized by FBN)
09:00 - 11:00 VIRTUAL ROOM 01	Global Investment Promotion Conference: (in partnership with WAIPA) ▶ Promoting investment in the health sector ▶ Attracting and retaining investment in tourism
09:30 - 11:00 VIRTUAL ROOM 04	Scaling Innovation in the New Health Economy: Lessons learned from the Asia-Pacific region (in partnership with FutureProofing Healthcare)
09:30 - 11:00 VIRTUAL ROOM 03	Sovereign Wealth and Pension Funds Dialogue: Leveraging institutional investment for the post-pandemic recovery
11:00 - 11:30 VIRTUAL ROOM 01	UN Investment Promotion Awards
11:00 - 12:00 VIRTUAL ROOM 09	The Role of Derivative Exchanges in Sustainable Development: Embedding sustainability into derivatives (in partnership with the World Federation of Exchanges)

11:30 - 13:00 VIRTUAL ROOM 10	Talking Business Eastern Europe and Central Asia (in cooperation with JCC)
12:00 - 13:00 VIRTUAL ROOM 07	Family Business Conference: Enabling next generation legacies (organized by FBN)
12:00 - 13:30 VIRTUAL ROOM 01	Promoting Investment in Mediterranean Countries: The power of networking (organized by ANIMA)
13:00 - 14:00 VIRTUAL ROOM 07	Family Business Conference: Next generation (NxG) award (organized by FBN)
13:00 - 15:00 VIRTUAL ROOM 15	Global Leader's Investment Summit: International production and productive capacity: National strategies and global collaboration
14:30 - 16:30 VIRTUAL ROOM 05	Symposium on FDI Statistics and Development Impact: Better data for better policy advice and policy making
15:00 - 16:00 VIRTUAL ROOM 09	Sustainable Stock Exchanges (SSE) Global Dialogue (in partnership with UNGC, UNEP and PRI)
15:30 - 17:30 VIRTUAL ROOM 15	Tripartite Dialogue of Parliamentarians, Policy Makers and Business Leaders (in partnership with the IPU)
16:00 - 17:30 VIRTUAL ROOM 11	Sustainability Reporting: Enterprise reporting as the basis for sustainable investment
16:30 - 18:30 VIRTUAL ROOM 12	High-level Panel on Multinational Enterprises and Women Empowerment
16:30 - 18:30 VIRTUAL ROOM 09	Impact Investing in Emerging Markets: Scaling up impact investing in emerging markets (in partnership with The Blended Capital Group)
16:30 - 19:00 VIRTUAL ROOM 01	High-level International Investment Agreement Conference: International investment treaty-making in the new era of global economy
17:00 - 18:30 VIRTUAL ROOM 10	Showcasing Reforms to Promote SDG Investment: Experiences from Côte d'Ivoire and Ecuador
17:00 - 18:30 VIRTUAL ROOM 06	Aligning multinational firms for the "decade of action": a real prospect or wishful thinking? (organized by AIB)
17:30 - 19:00 VIRTUAL ROOM 11	ISAR Honors: Promoting good practices and initiatives in reporting by companies on their contributions to the SDGs
18:30 - 20:00 VIRTUAL ROOM 06	Academic Track: Daily round-up

Wednesday, 20 October

09:00 - 10:00 VIRTUAL ROOM 07	Family Business Conference: Global governance initiative (organized by FBN)
09:00 - 10:30 VIRTUAL ROOM 02	Facilitating the SEZ-City Link (in partnership with UN-Habitat)
09:00 - 10:30 VIRTUAL ROOM 10	Talking Business: Middle East and North America (in cooperation with CASCI)
09:00 - 10:30 VIRTUAL ROOM 05	Outward FDI: Policies to support firm investment and maximize home country sustainable development (organized by UNESCAP & WEF)

Wednesday, 20 October Continued

10:00 – 11:00 VIRTUAL ROOM 07	Family Business Conference: Leveraging new philanthropic models to achieve the SDGs (organized by FBN)
10:00 – 13:00 VIRTUAL ROOM 01	WAIPA General Assembly Meeting (organized by WAIPA) (by invitation only)
11:00 – 12:00 VIRTUAL ROOM 09	Sustainability Bonds: Innovative tools for financing the SDGs (in partnership with Climate Bonds Initiative)
11:00 – 12:00 VIRTUAL ROOM 07	Family Business Conference: IMD global family business award (organized by FBN)
11:30 – 12:00 VIRTUAL ROOM 04	UNCTAD Sustainable Fund Awards 2021
12:00 – 13:30 VIRTUAL ROOM 02	Special Economic Zones in Africa: Driving economic transformation in the AfCFTA environment (in partnership with GIZ)
12:00 – 14:30 VIRTUAL ROOM 09	Securities Market Regulators and Sustainable Investment (in partnership with IOSCO)
13:00 – 14:30 VIRTUAL ROOM 08	International Project Finance: Boosting investment in infrastructure and the SDGs (in partnership with the G20 Global Infrastructure Hub and Project Finance International)
13:30 – 15:00 VIRTUAL ROOM 13	High-level Interregional Dialogue on Facilitating Investment in the SDG Projects (in partnership with CAIPA, EAC and SADC Secretariats)
14:00 – 16:30 VIRTUAL ROOM 02	Science Parks and Areas of Innovation Models: Investing in innovation-based development (in partnership with International Association of Science Parks and Areas of Innovation)
14:00 – 16:30 VIRTUAL ROOM 12	Digital Globalization: The new frontier for MNEs (organized by AIB)
14:30 – 16:30 VIRTUAL ROOM 09	Gender Equality in Listed Corporations (in partnership with IFC)
15:00 – 17:00 VIRTUAL ROOM 15	Ministerial Roundtable on Entrepreneurship and Sustainable Recovery Post-COVID-19  ▶ Empretec Women in Business: Stories of resilience and success
15:30 – 17:30 VIRTUAL ROOM 08	The Interplay Between International Taxation and Investment: Evaluating the implications of G20's promoted changes (in partnership with WU Global Tax Policy Center)
16:00 – 17:00 VIRTUAL ROOM 05	Growing Digital FDI: Towards launching a regional initiative in MENA (in partnership with WEF)
16:30 – 18:00 VIRTUAL ROOM 12	Sustainable Internationalization of Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises: Leveraging the development impact part I (in partnership with WUSME)
17:15 – 18:45 VIRTUAL ROOM 10	Talking Business: Latin America (in cooperation with LATCAM)
18:00 – 19:30 VIRTUAL ROOM 12	Sustainable Internationalization of Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises: Leveraging the development impact part II (in partnership with EIBA and AIB)
18:30 – 20:00 VIRTUAL ROOM 06	Academic Track: Daily round-up

Thursday, 21 October

08:30 – 09:30 VIRTUAL ROOM 09	Green Islamic Finance (Green Sukuk)
09:30 – 10:30 VIRTUAL ROOM 02	Decent Work and Special Economic Zones: Africa Focus (in partnership with ILO)
09:30 – 11:00 VIRTUAL ROOM 08	Pandemic Preparedness Beyond COVID-19: Investing in vaccines production and supply for Low and Middle-Income Countries (in partnership with WHO)
10:00 – 11:00 VIRTUAL ROOM 09	Corporate Governance and Sustainable Development (in partnership with ICGN)
10:00 – 14:00 VIRTUAL ROOM 01	WAIPA World Investment Conference (organized by WAIPA) ▶ A quarter century of investment promotion ▶ Data-driven investment promotion ▶ Business-oriented IPAs ▶ Strengthening IPA advocacy services 2021 awards
10:30 – 12:30 VIRTUAL ROOM 05	Panel Discussion on FDI Policies and Trends in Member Countries of the Islamic Development Bank (in partnership with IsDB and ICDT)
11:00 – 12:00 VIRTUAL ROOM 09	Leveraging Finance, Capital, and Policies for Climate Action in Emerging Markets: The role of banks (in partnership with OMFIF)
12:00 – 13:00 VIRTUAL ROOM 09	Task Force on Climate Related Financial Disclosures Implementation and Climate Action (in partnership with IFC and Bloomberg Foundation)
13:00 – 14:00 VIRTUAL ROOM 02	Launching of the Global Alliance of Special Economic Zones (GASEZ)
13:30 – 16:00 VIRTUAL ROOM 15	Ministerial Roundtable on Investment for Sustainable Development 
14:30 – 15:30 VIRTUAL ROOM 09	Sustainable Investment and Natural Capital (in partnership with Planet Tracker)
14:30 – 15:30 VIRTUAL ROOM 08	G20 and Investment: A call for investing in People, Planet and Prosperity (in partnership with ISPI-T20)
14:30 – 16:00 VIRTUAL ROOM 13	Can Digital Government Deliver Development Impact
15:30 – 16:30 VIRTUAL ROOM 05	Future Proofing Sustainable Global Value Chains in the Post Pandemic Era (organized by AIB)
16:00 – 17:30 VIRTUAL ROOM 12	Financial Inclusion and Policy Support for MSMEs: Building accounting capacity to increase the financial literacy and facilitate MSMEs access to financing
16:30 – 18:00 VIRTUAL ROOM 03	Entrepreneurship in the New Health Economy: The rise of medtech in Latin America (in partnership with Lavca (tbc))
16:30 – 18:00 VIRTUAL ROOM 10	Talking Business: Africa (in cooperation with SABC)
16:30 – 18:30 VIRTUAL ROOM 06	Academic Track Closing Panel: The future of research on international investment and production
17:00 – 18:00 VIRTUAL ROOM 07	The Evolving Role of Transparency in Privately Owned Family Firms: (in partnership with FBN) ▶ Launch of the FBSD Sustainability Indicators Platform

18:30 - 20:00 Academic Track: Daily round-up
VIRTUAL ROOM 06

Friday, 22 October

08:30 - 10:00 Showcasing Reforms to Promote SDG Investment:
VIRTUAL ROOM 10 Experiences from Seychelles and Uzbekistan

09:00 - 10:00 Capital as a Force for Good: Session 1
VIRTUAL ROOM 09

09:30 - 11:00 The Investment, Trade and Development Nexus in
VIRTUAL ROOM 08 the Post-COVID-19 Era (in partnership with the WTO)

10:00 - 11:30 Entrepreneurship in the New Health Economy:
VIRTUAL ROOM 03 Unlocking digital health innovation in Africa

10:30 - 11:30 Capital as a Force for Good: Session 2
VIRTUAL ROOM 09

11:00 - 12:30 Capacity-building for FDI practitioners
VIRTUAL ROOM 05 (organized by WAIPA)

11:00 - 13:00 LDC Ministerial and Business 
VIRTUAL ROOM 15 Executive Roundtable: The role of FDI in economic
recovery (in partnership with UN-OHRLLS)

12:30 - 13:30 Capital as a Force for Good: Session 3
VIRTUAL ROOM 09

14:00 - 16:00 Special Economic Zones as Engines for the
VIRTUAL ROOM 02 Sustainable Development Goals: The concept
of SDG model zones (in partnership with UNIDO)
▶ fDi Markets Global Free Zone of the Year

14:00 - 16:00 Investing in Industry 4.0: Investment policy
VIRTUAL ROOM 08 implications of the new industrial revolution

14:30 - 16:00 Sustainable Investment Cases
VIRTUAL ROOM 01 for Emerging Markets

14:30 - 15:30 Roundtable on Regional Integration and
VIRTUAL ROOM 04 Investment Promotion: Promoting FDI
for regional integration (in partnership
with Regional Commissions of the UN)

14:00 - 16:00 Forum Closing: Ambassadors'
VIRTUAL ROOM 15 Roundtable on Investing in Sustainable
Development: The way forward 