

P R O G R A M M E

# Enhancing regional approaches to investment protection and facilitation for sustainable development

18–20 December 2018, Casablanca, Morocco

UNCTAD's Work Programme on International Investment Agreements (IIAs) actively assists policymakers, government officials and other IIA stakeholders to formulate international investment rules that effectively foster sustainable development and inclusive growth. The objectives of the Work Programme are to enhance the sustainable development dimension of IIAs; provide comprehensive analysis on key issues arising from the complexity of the international investment regime and develop a wide range of tools to support the formulation of more balanced international investment policies.

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# PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

## 18 December 2018

### OPENING SESSION

10:00 – 11:00	<b>Welcoming remarks</b> <b>Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Morocco</b> <b>Investment and Export Development Agency, Morocco (AMDIE)</b> <b>United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)</b> <i>Hamed El-Kady</i> , Investment Policy Officer, UNCTAD <b>Islamic Development Bank (IsDB)</b> <i>Elwalid Hamour</i> , Director, Rabat Regional Hub, IsDB
11:00 – 11:15	Coffee Break

### SESSION 1: FROM BILATERALISM TO REGIONALISM IN INVESTMENT POLICYMAKING

**Chair:** *Patience Okala*, Deputy Director & Legal Adviser, Nigerian Investment Promotion Commission (NIPC)

11:15 – 12:00	<b>The regional dimension of IIA reform: ensuring policy coherence for effective consolidation</b> <i>Hamed El-Kady</i> , Investment Policy Officer, UNCTAD
12:00 – 12:15	Discussion
12:15 – 12:45	<b>How to improve investment climate and competitiveness</b> <i>Mohamed Kamal</i> , Investment Promotion Specialist, IsDB
12:45 – 13:00	Discussion
13:00 – 13:30	<b>Tackling old generation BITs: how can regionalism help?</b> <i>Mavluda Sattorova</i> , Senior Lecturer, University of Liverpool
13:30 – 13:45	Discussion

13:45 – 14:45	Lunch break
14:45 – 15:30	<b>The rise of investment facilitation discussions at the regional and multilateral levels: implications for Africa</b> <i>Mustaqeem De Gama</i> , Counselor Economic Affairs, South African Mission to the WTO
15:30 – 15:45	Discussion
15:45 – 16:30	<b>Overview of regional investment initiatives in Africa</b> <i>Makane Moïse Mbengue</i> , Professor of Public International Law, University of Geneva
16:30 – 16:45	Discussion

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### SESSION 2: NEW GENERATION REGIONAL APPROACHES TO INVESTMENT POLICYMAKING

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

09:00 – 09:30	<b>UNCTAD's Guiding Principles on Investment Policymaking</b> <i>Hamed El-Kady</i> , Investment Policy Officer, UNCTAD
09:30 – 09:45	Discussion
09:45 – 10:15	<b>Regional investment protection agreements in South-East Europe</b> <i>Azar Aliyev</i> , Professor of International Economic Law and Comparative Law, Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg
10:15 – 10:30	Discussion
10:30 – 10:45	Coffee break
10:45 – 11:15	<b>SADC Protocol on Investment</b> <i>Suzy Nikiéma</i> , International Law Advisor, Economic Law and Policy programme, International Institute on Sustainable Development (IISD)
11:15 – 11:30	Discussion
11:30 – 12:00	<b>The Arab Investment Court and the Arab Investment Agreement</b> <i>Soaad Hossam</i> , Counselor, Egyptian Ministry of Justice

12:00 – 12:15	Discussion
<b>12:15 – 13:00</b>	<b>The new EU investment policy</b> <i>Olimpia Barros</i> , Investment negotiator, Directorate-General for Trade, European Commission
13:00 – 13:15	Discussion
<b>13:15 – 13:45</b>	<b>The OIC Investment Protection Agreement</b> <i>Mouhamadou Madana Kane</i> , Lead Legal counsel, IsDB
13:45 – 14:00	Discussion
14:00 – 14:45	Lunch break
<b>14:45 – 15:30</b>	<b>Investment negotiations in the context of the African Continental FTA</b> <i>Patience Okala</i> , Deputy Director & Legal Adviser, Nigerian Investment Promotion Commission (NIPC)
15:30 – 15:45	Discussion
<b>15:45 – 16:30</b>	<b>The reform of the investor-State dispute settlement (ISDS)</b> <i>Iliia Rachkov</i> , Partner at Nektorov, Saveliev & Partners (Russia, Moscow)
16:30 – 16:45	Discussion

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### SESSION 3: SHARING OF BEST PRACTICES, GROUP INTERACTION AND DISCUSSION

**Chair:** *Hamed El-Kady*, Investment Policy Officer, UNCTAD

**09:00 – 12:00**

**Panel discussion: national experience in tackling the existing stock of outdated BITs**

*Ayedh Al-Otaib*, Deputy Governor, Saudi Arabian General Investment Authority (SAGIA), Saudi Arabia

*Moataz Hussein*, Senior International Investment Agreements Specialist, General Authority for Investment and Free Zones (GAFI), Egypt

*Patience Okala*, Deputy Director and Legal Adviser, Nigerian Investment Promotion Commission (NIPC)

*Mustaqeem De Gama*, Counselor Economic Affairs, South African Mission to the WTO

*Abdou El Azizi*, Chief of services, American relations, Ministry of Economy and finance, Morocco

*Ahmad Mousa Aljaghbeer*, Legal Advisor, the Secretary General office, The Supreme Legislation Committee in the Emirate of Dubai, United Arab Emirates

*Abdoulaye Ly*, Director Investment Promotion Department, Investment Promotion Ministry, Senegal

**12:00 – 13:30**

**Group Discussion**

**13:30 – 14:30**

Lunch break

**14:30 – 15:00**

**Wrap-up session**

**15:00 – 15:30**

**Closing Remarks and Workshop Recommendations**

*Hamed El-Kady*, Investment Policy Officer, UNCTAD

*Elwalid Hamour*, Director, Rabat Regional Hub, IsDB

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