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Reforming International Investment Agreements: An Action Plan

Training Course

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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.

The Islamic Development Bank's (IDB) Investment Promotion Technical Assistance Program (ITAP) is an initiative by the Islamic Development Bank Group to unlock the developmental potential of member countries through a comprehensive and integrated program of foreign investment promotion and technical assistance that include: Promotion of specific sector for investment; Capacity Building of IPAs; Investment Promotion Events; Policy Advice.



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PROGRAMME

**23 JANUARY 2017**

10:00 – 11:00

OPENING SESSION

Chair: *Abusif Ghnyah*, Senior Expert, Rabat Regional Office, Islamic Development Bank (IDB)

Ministry of Foreign Affairs**Moroccan Investment Development Agency (AMDI)**

Younes Lahrichi, Director, Investment Promotion

United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)

Hamed El-Kady, International Investment Policy Officer

The Statistical, Economic and Social Research and Training Centre for Islamic Countries (SESRIC)

Musa Kulaklikaya, Director General

Islamic Centre for Development of Trade (ICDT)

El Hassane Hzaine, Director General

Islamic Development Bank (IDB)

Oussama Kaissi, Chief Executive Officer of the Islamic Corporation for the Insurance of Investment and Export Credit (ICIEC)

11:00– 11:15

Coffee Break

SESSION 1: LATEST TRENDS IN GLOBAL AND REGIONAL FOREIGN DIRECT INVESTMENT (FDI) AND RELATED POLICIES

Chair: *Iliia Rachkov*, Partner, King & Spalding LLP

11:15 – 11:45

Global trends in international investment policies: lessons learned and the need for reform

Hamed El-Kady, International Investment Policy Officer, UNCTAD

11:45 – 12:00

IDB Group approaches to investment promotion

Mohamed Bukhari, Head, IDB Investment Promotion Programme

12:00 – 12:20

Investment climate in OIC member countries: prospects and challenges

Cem Tintin, Senior Researcher, SESRIC

12:20 – 12:35

Discussion

12:35 – 14:00

Lunch break

14:00 – 14:30

ICDT's contribution to promotion of intra-OIC investment

Mokhtar Warida, Assistant Director General, ICDT

14:30 – 14:45

Coffee break

14:45 – 15:15

Trends in FDI in Morocco

AMDI

15:15 – 15:45

Latest developments in regional integration efforts in Africa

Makane Moise Mbengue, Professor of Public International Law, University of Geneva

15:45 – 16:00

Discussion



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SESSION 2: KEY ISSUES IN IIAS

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

09:00 – 09:30	Definition of investment and investor <i>Naomi Briercliffe</i> , Senior Associate, Allen & Overy LLP
09:30 – 09:45	Discussion
09:45 – 10:15	National treatment and most-favoured-nation treatment: post and pre-establishment <i>Azar Aliyev</i> , Coordinator, KEEL – Kiel Center for Eurasian Economic Law
10:15 – 10:30	Discussion
10:30 – 10:45	Coffee break
10:45 – 11:15	Expropriation (direct and indirect) <i>Dafina Atanasova</i> , International Investment Law Consultant, UNCTAD
11:15 – 11:30	Discussion
11:30 – 12:00	Fair and equitable treatment <i>Naomi Briercliffe</i> , Senior Associate, Allen & Overy LLP
12:00 – 12:15	Discussion
12:15 – 14:00	Lunch break
14:00 – 14:30	Investor-State disputes settlement <i>Iliia Rachkov</i> , Partner, King & Spalding LLP
14:30 – 14:45	Discussion
14:45 – 15:00	Coffee break
15:00 – 15:30	Investor responsibility <i>Makane Moise Mbengue</i> , Professor of Public International Law, University of Geneva
15:30 – 15:45	Discussion
15:45 – 16:15	Simulation exercise



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SESSION 3: PHASE II OF IIA REFORM

Chair: *Azar Aliyev*, Coordinator, KEEL - Kiel Center for Eurasian Economic Law

09:00 – 09:30	Moving to the second phase of IIA reform: key issues and challenges <i>Hamed El-Kady</i> , International Investment Policy Officer, UNCTAD
09:30 – 09:45	Discussion
09:45 – 10:15	Reforming the IIA-based investment dispute system <i>Iliia Rachkov</i> , Partner, King & Spalding LLP
10:15 – 10:30	Discussion
10:30 – 10:45	Coffee break
10:45 – 11:15	BIT termination, amendment and renegotiation: a South African perspective <i>Mustaqeem De Gama</i> , Counselor Economic Affairs, South African Mission to the WTO
11:15 – 11:30	Discussion
11:30 – 12:15	The interplay between regional IIAs and BITs in Africa <i>Makane Moise Mbengue</i> , Professor of Public International Law, University of Geneva
12:15 – 12:30	Discussion
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch break
14:00 – 14:45	EU reformed approach on investment protection and resolution of investment disputes <i>Carlo Pettinato</i> , Acting Head of Unit, Directorate-General for Trade, Investment Unit, European Commission
14:45 – 15:00	Coffee break
15:00 - 15:30	Investment promotion and facilitation in IIAs <i>Hamed El-Kady</i> , International Investment Policy Officer, UNCTAD
15:30 - 15:45	Discussion
15:45 – 16:15	Simulation exercise



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SESSION 4: SHARING OF NATIONAL EXPERIENCES IN IIA REFORM

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

09:00 – 11:45	<p>Panel discussion: taking stock of existing IIAs and moving forward with reform</p> <p><i>Abdeslam Ouqazzamar</i>, Ministry of Economy and Finance, Morocco</p> <p><i>Patience Okala</i>, Senior Legal Adviser, Investment Promotion Commission (NIPC), Nigeria</p> <p><i>Thoraya El Sayeh</i>, General Authority for Investment & Free Zones (GAFI), Egypt</p> <p><i>Abdul Kasule</i>, Assistant Commissioner – Trade, Ministry of Trade, Industry and Co-operatives, Uganda</p>
11:45 – 12:00	Discussion
12:00 – 13:15	Lunch break
13:15 – 14:00	Practical exercise for participants – investor-State disputes
Facilitators:	<p><i>Hamed El-Kady</i>, International Investment Policy Officer, UNCTAD</p> <p><i>Dafina Atanasova</i>, International Investment Law Consultant, UNCTAD</p>
14:00 – 14:15	Coffee break
14:15 – 15:15	Practical exercise for participants (continued)
15:15 – 15:45	Wrap-up session
15:45	<p>Closing ceremony and distribution of diplomas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - UNCTAD - ICDT - SESRIC - IDB