



## TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD, SIXTY-SECOND SESSION

### ITEM 7: INVESTMENT FOR DEVELOPMENT – REFORMING THE INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT REGIME

Wednesday, 16 September 2015, 15:00 – 18:00  
Room XXVI, Palais des Nations, Geneva

#### Background

The current International Investment Agreements (IIAs) regime is multilayered, multifaceted and highly fragmented. The IIA regime is now undergoing a period of reflection, reviews and revisions. Reform should be systematic and comprehensive and requires coordinated action from all stakeholders. This is crucial at a time when the Sustainable Development Goals will be formally adopted by the United Nations, which require upscaling existing funding mechanisms.

UNCTAD, in its Investment Policy Framework for Sustainable Development, from 2012 has already provided useful guidance for this endeavour. Most recently, UNCTAD updated the Policy Framework and, in its 2015 World Investment Report (WIR15) developed an action-oriented roadmap for IIA reform.

#### Format

The session will present the analysis, findings and proposals made in the World Investment Report (WIR15), Reforming International Investment Governance that examines the topic in depth. This will be followed by a range of perspectives from eminent panelists and a subsequent interactive dialogue among participants and panelists on the matter at hand, bringing in national, regional and interregional perspectives.

In addition, the session will provide an opportunity for a briefing by the secretariat on the latest developments regarding trends in and policies on foreign direct investment.

Opening remarks: Mr. Mukhisa Kituyi, Secretary-General of UNCTAD.

Introduction: Presentation of the World Investment Report 2015: Mr. James Zhan, Director, Division on Investment and Enterprise, UNCTAD.

#### Speakers

- **Mr. Carlos Márcio Cozendey**, Undersecretary-General for Economic and Financial Affairs, Ministry of External Relations, Brazil
- **Mr. Dominic Porter**, Deputy Head of Delegation, European Union, Permanent Delegation to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva
- **Mr. Abdulkadir Jailani**, Director, Directorate of Economic, Social and Cultural Treaties, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Indonesia
- **Mr. Xavier Carim**, Permanent Representative of South Africa to the World Trade Organization
- **Ms. Nicole Graugnard**, Policy Manager, Commission on Trade and Investment Policy, World Trade Agenda Initiative, International Chamber of Commerce
- **Ms. Nathalie Bernasconi-Osterwalder**, Group Director, Economic Law and Policy, International Institute for Sustainable Development
- **Mr. Cristián Rodríguez-Chiffelle**, Associate Director, International Trade and Investment, World Economic Forum