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NOTIFICATION

Eighth UNCTAD World Investment Forum

16 to 20 October 2023

The UNCTAD secretariat presents its compliments to member States and has the honour to advise that the eighth meeting of the World Investment Forum will be held from 16 to 20 October 2023 at the National Exhibition Centre, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates.

The World Investment Forum is a multi-stakeholder gathering, designed to facilitate dialogue and action on current and emerging global investment and development challenges. It is recognized by Governments and business leaders as the pre-eminent global gathering for investment policymaking, providing a platform for interaction among key stakeholders, including State leaders and ministers, principals of international organizations, heads of investment promotion agencies, investment treaty negotiators, representatives of non-governmental organizations, international standard setters, chief executive officers, impact investors and foundations, stock exchange executives, pension and sovereign wealth fund managers, investment lawyers, academics and entrepreneurs.

The theme of the eighth meeting is “Investing in sustainable development”. Discussions at the Forum will aim to address key investment challenges caused by the current multiple global crises, including the need to invest in health for all, food security, the energy transition, supply chain resilience and productive capacity growth, particularly in the poorest countries. Taking place ahead of the twenty-eighth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, the Forum will include a dedicated track on promoting climate finance and investment.

Previous meetings, held in Ghana (2008), China (2010), Qatar (2012), Switzerland (2014, 2018), Kenya (2016) and online (2021) have gathered over 6,000 investment and development actors from some 160 countries. The eighth meeting will feature high-profile events and networking opportunities, including the following: grand opening and global leaders investment summit; ministerial round tables, international investment agreements conference; minister and business executive dialogues; global sustainable stock exchanges dialogue; investment promotion conference; private sector-led discussions; and awards ceremonies. In addition, a youth forum, an agrifood systems forum, an academic track and several high-level thematic events will be organized, in partnership with international organizations.

Regular updates on the World Investment Forum and registration will be posted on the [UNCTAD website](https://unctad.org) and at <https://worldinvestmentforum.unctad.org/>.

For further information regarding high-level participation at the eighth meeting of the World Investment Forum, please contact Mr. James Zhan, Director, Division on Investment and Enterprise, UNCTAD, tel: 41 22 917 5797; email: wif@unctad.org.

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