



13th Annual Forum of Developing Country Investment Negotiators

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Investment policymaking during COVID-19 and beyond

Draft Agenda, as of July 27, 2020

DAY 1 THURSDAY, 3 SEPTEMBER 2020	
13:00 UTC/GMT	Opening remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Cherdchal CHAIVAVID, DG, Department of International Economic Affairs, MFA, Thailand• Ms. Nathalie Bernasconi, Senior Director, Economic Law & Policy, IISD
13:20 UTC/GMT	Keynote and theme-setting <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Professor Muthucumaraswamy Sornarajah, Emeritus Professor, National University of Singapore
13:45 UTC/GMT	Interactive Debate and Open Discussion: Investment policymaking during the global crisis <p>Extraordinary times call for extraordinary measures. In order to contain the COVID19 pandemic, and manage its impacts on health and the economy, governments worldwide have been forced to act decisively and quickly. What types of measures have governments taken? How have they affected investment, and how do they relate to legal and policy frameworks on investment, <i>i.e.</i> the treaties, laws and contracts? Could the measures taken give rise to investment litigation and what can governments do to reduce those risks? What actions can governments take to minimize negative impacts on investment due to the crisis?</p>
15:00 UTC/GMT	End of Session



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DAY 2

FRIDAY, 4 SEPTEMBER 2020

Breakout Session #1: Sharing of Experiences

08h-09h UTC/GMT	Groups 1 & 2*
13h-14h UTC/GMT	Groups 3, 4 & 5*

* Participants will be assigned to one of the groups taking into consideration the preference they indicated during registration. Final assignment will be announced prior to the session.

DAY 3

MONDAY, 7 SEPTEMBER 2020

08:00 UTC/GMT	Interactive Debate and Open Discussion: Recovery for a sustainable and resilient future The pandemic is causing a devastating impact on the global economy. At the same time, it offers governments around the world an opportunity to build back better for a more resilient and more sustainable economy. The role of developing countries is crucial in this process. As countries continue to navigate the uncertainties brought about by the pandemic, there is an urgent need for developing and emerging economies to coordinate swiftly in setting the stage for a robust and lasting recovery. What will be the role of FDI during the recovery? How should FDI be governed to yield more inclusive, equitable, and sustainable economic growth? What are some factors to consider when developing these policies?
10:00 UTC/GMT	End of Session

DAY 4

TUESDAY, 8 SEPTEMBER 2020

Breakout Session #2: Workshop on Investment Facilitation

08h-09h UTC/GMT	Groups 1 & 2 *
13h-14h UTC/GMT	Groups 3, 4 & 5 *

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DAY 5 WEDNESDAY, 9 SEPTEMBER 2020

13:00 UTC/GMT	Interactive Debate and Open Discussion: Developing a multilateral framework for settling investment-related disputes In this session, panelists will share view and ideas on how ongoing international and regional processes, such as the UNCITRAL WGIII process, and developments on dispute prevention and resolution can help achieve coherent outcomes that fulfil the sustainable development objectives and priorities of developing countries, especially during this challenging time.
15:00 UTC/GMT	End of Session

DAY 6

THURSDAY, 10 SEPTEMBER 2020

Breakout Session #3: Strategizing for the next UNCITRAL WGIII session

08h-09h UTC/GMT	Groups 1 & 2 *
13h-14h UTC/GMT	Groups 3, 4 & 5 *

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DAY 7

FRIDAY, 11 SEPTEMBER 2020

13:00 UTC/GMT	Identifying Ways Forward Post Crisis for Investment Policy Makers and Negotiators
14:30 UTC/GMT	Closing Ceremony
15:00 UTC/GMT	End of Session