Towards a model contract: issues to consider

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What are your goals?

- What do you want to achieve?
- What are your needs?
- What already exists?
What are the legal and policy options?

- Training materials
- Soft law tools
- Policies
- Hard law tools
What to be careful of?

- Undermining or contradicting national laws & policies
- Allowing investors to bypass domestic laws & courts
- Double standards that leads to confusion & incoherence and discourages investment
The way forward

- Know your laws and policies
- Know what you want to achieve
- Choose an instrument (law or policy) that strengthens and reinforces the national level
- Fill gaps and raise standards in line with international norms and practice
Working Groups

1. Do you think it is necessary to have a model contract for the region? What are the most successful legal and policy instruments in the region?

2. What are the most important issues to include in the model contract? (Use the contents page of the IISD model contract)

3. Are there procedural or administrative issues to be aware of?
Instructions for Working Groups

• Nominate a facilitator and rapporteur to report back to plenary (Member of Parliament)
• Nominate a secretary to take notes (Resource person)
• You have 1 hour!
Thank You!

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