

IISD Advisory Services on International Investment Law

Who we are and what we do

The International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD) is an independent think tank championing sustainable solutions to 21st century problems. We provide technical and legal advice on international investment law to developing countries through IISD's Investment for Sustainable Development Program.

IISD's team of highly qualified international lawyers advises on investment treaties and contracts, with respect to investment negotiations, implementation and disputes. This work includes bilateral and regional investment treaties, as well as free trade and sectorial agreements with investment chapters or other investment provisions.

IISD also conducts workshops and training courses for negotiators of investment treaties and contracts as well as policy-makers and government officials involved in international investment issues. IISD has provided advice to countries and regional groupings across Africa, Asia, Latin America, the Caribbean and the Pacific.

Our goals

As the international investment regime evolves into an increasingly complex web of investment treaties and contracts, IISD enables developing countries to obtain a full understanding of the implications of these legal instruments and to level the playing field in investment negotiations and disputes.

Our services

IISD offers a range of services, including:

- Advising on negotiating, drafting and implementing investment treaties and contracts.
- Advising on investment disputes at the pre-claim stage, including legal opinions on potential claims, negotiation and mediation.
- Preparing legal opinions on international investment law.
- Training negotiators and government officials at the country-specific and regional levels.

IISD does not act for the states involved in an investment dispute, although its legal team is able to assist in managing potential claims, by providing legal opinions and advice.

Advice free of charge for developing countries

IISD provides advice free of charge for developing countries. However, countries may be requested to contribute toward reasonable expenses. In case of insufficient funds, priority is given to least developed countries.

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