

# Identifying Key Development Issues in Relation to a Potential Outcome of the Negotiations

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# Outline

- **Issues** raised concerning a potential multilateral framework on investment facilitation (MFIF)
- **Context** of the issues to help launch discussions
- **Research topics**—on development-related implications of a potential MFIF—for prioritization
  - Technical paper covering priority issues
  - To be developed TAF2+ Umbrella Grant Project team and external experts

# Groupings of issues



Sustainable development  
costs and benefits



Legal architecture  
and regime coherence



Scope of a  
potential MFIF



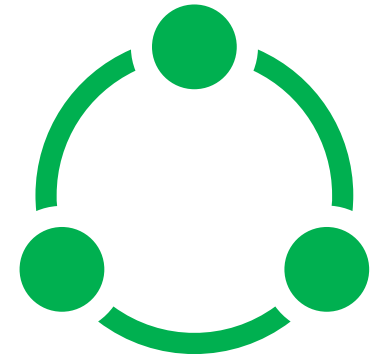
Specific provisions  
in the current WD

# Sustainable development costs and benefits



- Sustainable development costs and benefits of investment facilitation and of a potential MFIF
- Facilitation of foreign investment and local business development
- Facilitation of foreign investment by MSMEs

# Legal architecture and regime coherence



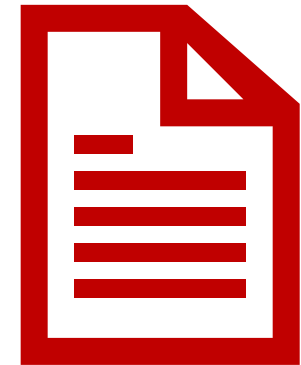
- Legal architecture of a potential MFIF and its potential effects on the rights and obligations under existing WTO agreements
- Coherence within the international investment regime and with reform efforts
- How obligations under a potential MFIF could be brought into treaty-based investor-state arbitration (umbrella clause, MFN, FET)

# Scope of a potential MFIF



- Definitions of investment and investment facilitation “for development”
- Scope and coverage of a potential MFIF
- Differences in implementation at national and sub-national levels

# Specific provisions in the current WD



- Non-discrimination principle
- Special and differential treatment (S&DT)
- Trade Facilitation Agreement Facility (TFAF) and a potential Investment Facilitation Agreement Facility
- Cross-cutting issues: CSR, anti-corruption, investor obligations, MSMEs, gender and social inclusion

# Are we missing something?

- Areas
- Concerns
- Research topics



# Discussions – What to prioritize?

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3. ...