

7th Meeting of the Asia-Pacific Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) Network

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Bangkok, Thailand
2-3 November 2017

Tentative Programme

Thursday, 2 November 2017

08.30 – 09.00	<i>Registration</i>
09.00 – 09.20	<p>Welcoming Statement</p> <p><i>Mr. Marc Proksch, Chief of Investment and Enterprise Development Section; Trade, Investment and Innovation Division, ESCAP</i></p>
09.20 – 09.50	<p>Trends and developments in foreign direct investment (FDI) and national policies and international agreements on investment in Asia and the Pacific</p> <p><i>Ms. Soo Hyun Kim, Associate Economic Affairs Officer, Trade, Investment and Innovation Division, ESCAP</i></p>
09.50 – 10.50	<p><i>Investment provisions in regional integration agreements and frameworks</i></p> <p>Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership agreement (RCEP) <i>Dr. Julien Chaisse, Professor and Director, Centre for Financial Regulation and Economic Development, Faculty of Law, The Chinese University of Hong Kong</i></p> <p>ASEAN Economic Community and ASEAN Comprehensive Investment Agreement <i>Ms. Madelyn Joy Almazora, Senior Officer, Services & Investment Division, ASEAN Secretariat</i></p>
10.50 – 11.00	<i>Break</i>
11.00 – 12.30	<p><i>Implications of regional integration efforts for investment</i></p> <p>Belt and Road initiative (BRI) and its implications for investment in the region <i>Dr. Manjiao Chi, Professor of Law, Xiamen University</i></p> <p>Regional integration efforts – is there scope to simplify the Asian Noodle Bowl of International Investment Agreements (IIAs)? <i>Dr. Shintaro Hamanaka, Economic Integration Studies Group, Development Studies Center, Institute of Developing Economies of Japan External Trade Organization (IDE-JETRO)</i></p> <p>Country views</p>

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12.30 – 13.30	Lunch
13.30 – 14.45	<p><i>Sustainable development-oriented international investment agreements reform</i></p> <p>Sustainable development-oriented IIA reform - phase 2: modernizing the existing stock of old-generation treaties</p> <p>And Introduction to UNCTAD IIA Navigator and Investment Laws Navigator databases</p> <p><i>Mr. Thomas van Giffen, Investment Policy Expert, Policy Research Section, Division on Investment and Enterprise, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)</i></p> <p>Country views</p>
14.45 – 15.00	Break
15.00 – 16.00	<p><i>ISDS prevention and management</i></p> <p>UNCITRAL Transparency Standards on ISDS</p> <p><i>Mr. João Ribeiro-Bidaoui, Head, UNCITRAL Regional Centre for Asia and the Pacific, United Nations Commission on International Trade Law</i></p> <p>Typical Dispute Prevention Provisions in International Investment Agreements</p> <p><i>Dr. Manjiao Chi, Professor of Law, Xiamen University</i></p> <p>Effective Management of Investment Disputes</p> <p><i>Mr. Rahul Donde, Senior Associate, Lévy Kaufmann-Kohler, Attorneys at law, Geneva</i></p> <p>Country Focus: Viet Nam's initiatives to prevent investment disputes</p> <p><i>Ms. Nguyen Minh Huyen, International Law Department, Ministry of Justice, Viet Nam</i></p>
16.00 – 17.00	<p><i>ISDS prevention and management: round table discussion</i></p> <p><i>Moderated by Dr. Julien Chaisse, Professor and Director, Centre for Financial Regulation and Economic Development, Faculty of Law, The Chinese University of Hong Kong</i></p>

Friday, 3 November 2017

09.00 – 09.30	<p>Overview of the Handbook on policies, promotion and facilitation of FDI for sustainable development in Asia and the Pacific</p> <p><i>Mr. Marc Proksch, Chief, Investment and Enterprise Development Section, Trade, Investment and Innovation Division, ESCAP</i></p>
09.30 – 10.45	<p><i>Enhancing sustainable investment in LDCs and LLDCs</i></p> <p>Attracting sustainable FDI: improving the image of the location</p> <p><i>Mr. Marc Proksch, Chief of Investment and Enterprise Development Section; Trade, Investment and Innovation Division, ESCAP</i></p> <p>Exploiting potential benefits of sustainable investment</p> <p><i>Dr. Shintaro Hamanaka, Economic Integration Studies Group, Development Studies Center, Institute of Developing Economies of Japan External Trade Organization (IDE-JETRO)</i></p> <p>Supporting Investment Facilitation for Sustainable Development</p> <p><i>Ms. Aditi Sara Verghese, Policy Analyst, Investment and Global Value Chains, World Economic Forum</i></p>
10.45 – 11.00	Break
11.00 – 12.30	<p><i>Enhancing sustainable investment in LDCs and LLDCs (continued)</i></p> <p>Country Focus: evolving legal framework in Myanmar and implications for FDI</p> <p><i>Mr. Aung Naing Oo, Director General of Directorate of Investment and Company Administration(DICA), Ministry of Planning and Finance, and Secretary of Myanmar Investment Commission (MIC)</i></p> <p>Country views</p>

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13.30 – 15.00	<p><i>Towards a conducive investment regime for the digital economy</i></p> <p>Protection of intellectual property rights online – new developments in China and implications for FDI <i>Mr. Dennis Cai, President of Policy and Compliance, Dot Trademark TLD Holding Company Limited</i></p> <p>Huawei's experience in the digital economy <i>Mr. Simon Lacey, Vice-President, Global Government Affairs, Trade Facilitation and Market Access, Huawei Technologies Co.</i></p> <p>Investing in the future of Asia through Artificial Intelligence <i>Mr. Michael Aumock, Special Projects Liaison, Invacio.com</i></p> <p>Towards an investment policy framework for the digital age <i>Mr. Richard Bolwijn, Division on Investment and Enterprise, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) (by video-link)</i></p>
15.00 – 15.15	Break
15.15 – 16.15	<p><i>Towards a conducive investment regime for the digital economy (continued)</i></p> <p>Country views</p>
16.15 – 16.30	<p>Summary and closing</p> <p><i>Dr. Mia Mikic, Director, Trade, Investment and Innovation Division, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)</i></p>