UNCTAD and IIED Webinar: International Investment Agreements and Climate Action

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UNCTAD and IIED are organising a webinar on international investment agreements and climate action on 4 February 2022. This event will bring together experts and stakeholders from government, international organisations, civil society and academia to discuss the reform of the international investment agreements (IIAs) regime for climate change goals.

The objective is to share views, experiences and practices on how to ensure that the IIA regime does not hinder governments from implementing measures to mitigate climate change and accelerate a transition towards green investments.

It will also explore solutions for making existing and future IIAs more conducive to investments that have a positive contribution on the Sustainable

Development Goals.

Date: Friday, 4 February 2022

Time: 12:00 – 15:00 GMT; 13:00 – 16:00 CET

Where: Online, via Zoom

Registration: Free tickets here (via Eventbrite)

Provisional Agenda

Welcoming remarks: UNCTAD/IIED

- James Zhan, Director, Investment and Enterprise Division, UNCTAD
- Andrew Norton, Director, IIED

Session 1: Accelerating IIA Reform for Climate Action

Moderator: Clare Shakya, Director, Climate Change research group, IIED

- Hamed El-Kady, Coordinator, International Investment Agreements Sections/Josef Ostransky, Consultant, UNCTAD
- Martin Dietrich Brauch, Columbia Center on Sustainable Investment (CCSI), Lorenzo Cotula/Thierry Berger (IIED) and Suzy Nikièma, International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD)
- Surya Deva, Chair, UN Working Group on Business and Human Rights, and Professor, Macquarie Law School, Australia

Session 2: Sharing of Experiences on IIA Reform

Moderator: Hamed El-Kady, UNCTAD

- Kekeletso Lorraine Mashigo, Director, legal, international trade, investment, dispute settlement, Department of Trade, Industry and Competition, South Africa
- Roslyn Ng'eno, Senior Investment Expert, African Union Commission (TBC)
- Patience Okala, Director, Legal Services, Nigerian Investment Promotion Commission, Nigeria

- Chantal Ononaiwu, Trade Policy and Legal Specialist, Office of Trade Negotiations, CARICOM Secretariat
- Dorieke Overduin, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Climate Policy, Netherlands
- Mohamed Abdel Gawad, Minister Plenipotentiary (Commercial), head of sector, multilateral cooperation with UN and IFIs, Ministry of International Cooperation, Egypt
- David Gaukrodger, Senior Legal Advisor, OECD

Session 3: Solutions for the Way Forward

Moderator: Lisa Sachs, Director, Columbia Center on Sustainable Investment (CCSI)

- Olabisi D. Akinkugbe, Assistant Professor, Schulich School of Law, Dalhousie University, co-founding editor, Afronomicslaw
- Azar Aliyev, Associate Professor for International Economic Law and Comparative Law, Martin Luther University of Halle Wittenberg
- Amnon Lehavi, Professor, Harry Radzyner Law School (Reichman University), former co-president, Law School Global League
- Alicia Nicholls, Research Fellow, Shridath Ramphal Centre for International Trade Law, Policy and Services, The University of the West Indies
- Nicolás M. Perrone, Research Associate, Professor of International Law, Andrés Bello National University
- Tara Van Ho, Senior Lecturer, School of Law and Human Rights Centre, co-director, Essex Business and Human Rights Project, co-president, Global Business and Human Rights Scholars Association, Essex Law School

Closing Remarks

- Hamed El Kady, UNCTAD, and Lorenzo Cotula, IIED

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