

10th Meeting of the Asia-Pacific Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) Network

(Virtual via MS Teams)
23-24 February 2021

Tuesday 23 February, 2021	
14:00-14:15	<p>Welcome Statement and Introduction</p> <p>by Marc Proksch, Chief, Investment and Enterprise Development Section (IEDS), TIID, ESCAP</p>
14:15-15:30	<p>Session 1. FDI During the COVID-19 Pandemic: FDI Trends and outlook, lead generation and investment promotion during COVID,</p> <p>Moderator: Marc Proksch, Chief, IEDS, TIID</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>FDI trends and outlook during and post-pandemic</i>, Henry Loewendahl, WAVTeq • <i>Lead generation amidst the pandemic</i>, Andreas Dressler, Managing Director, FDI Center • <i>How are IPAs responding? What challenges and opportunities are there for AP IPAs?</i>, Bostjan Skalar, Executive Director - CEO, World Association of Investment Promotion Agencies
15:30-16:45	<p>Session 2. FDI Governance: Trends in national Policies and IIAs during and post-COVID</p> <p>Moderator: Julien Chaisse, Professor, School of Law, City University of Hong Kong</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Repurposing FDI in a New Normal</i>, Heather Taylor-Strauss, Economic Affairs Officer, UN ESCAP • <i>Protecting against ISDS claims Amidst COVID</i>, Sarah Brewin, International Law Advisor, Agriculture & Investment Economic Law & Policy Programme, International Institute for Sustainable Development • <i>COVID, health and IIAs</i>, Mr Prabhash Ranjan, South Asian University, India • <i>Private sector perspective: ISDS amidst COVID</i>, Sanjna Pramod, Associate, DLA Piper • <i>Can RCEP help FDI rebound post-recovery?</i>, Ms Arpita Mukherjee, Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations (ICRIER)

16:45-17:00	Break
17:00 – 18:15	<p>Session 3. Investment Facilitation Framework for Development: Current discussions at regional and multilateral levels</p> <p>Co-organized with the International Trade Center and the German Development Institute/ Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE)</p> <p>Moderator: Axel Berger, Senior Researcher, German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE)</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The negotiations on investment facilitation for development at the WTO</i>, Claudia Locatelli, Economic Officer, World Trade Organization (WTO) • <i>Improving the contribution of investment facilitation frameworks to sustainable development</i>, Matthew Stephenson, Policy and Community Lead, International Trade and Investment, World Economic Forum • <i>Investment facilitation provisions in the RCEP</i>, Stefanie Schacherer, Swiss National Science Foundation post-doctoral research fellow, World Trade Institute, University of Bern
<i>Wednesday 24 February, 2021</i>	
14:00-15:15	<p>Session 4. FDI Handbook and Sustainable FDI Indicators</p> <p>Moderator: Marc Proksch, Chief, IEDS, TIID</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Douglas van den Berghe, ESCAP consultant • Ali Dadkhah, ESCAP Consultant

15:15-16:45	<p>Session 5. Promoting, Regulating and Monitoring Digital FDI</p> <p>Moderator: Matthew Stephenson, Policy and Community Lead, International Trade and Investment, World Economic Forum</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>What is digital FDI, how are IPAs and governments attracting and promoting it?</i> Premila Nazareth, Nonresident Senior Fellow at India's National Council of Applied Economic Research, New Delhi and Founder, foreign direct investment • <i>Malaysian Digital Free Trade Zone</i>, Sufian Jusoh, Director and Professor of International Trade and Investment at the Institute of Malaysia and International Studies, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia. • <i>Cross border data flows and FDI</i>, Sheng Zhang, Xi'an Jiaotong University, China • <i>Cyber Security and Regulation of Digital Assets</i>, Julien Chaisse, Professor, School of Law, City University of Hong Kong and Cristin Bauar, Fellow, Georgetown Institute of International Economic Law • <i>National Security and Digital FDI</i>, Georgios Dimitropoulos, Associate Professor and Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, Hamad Bin Khalifa University College of Law, Qatar
16:45-17:00	<p>Wrap Up Session and Closing</p> <p>Marc Proksch, Chief, IEDS, TIID</p>