

Second Task Force Workshop on Investment Policy

9-10 June 2015 – Geneva, Switzerland

Agenda

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At this second meeting of the E15 Task Force on Investment Policy and the Trade System, experts will continue their discussion on the current state of affairs related to investment policy and the international trade system. They will also go into depth on a selection of new topics, in addition to those ones discussed during the Task Force's first meeting. Finally, the group will discuss potential long-term policy options going forward for the investment regime and the trade and investment system. An informal outdoor dinner among group members will be organised for the evening of 9 June.

Tuesday 9 June

- 09:00 – 09:15 **Welcome remarks; state of play of the E15 Initiative**
- Sean Doherty (World Economic Forum)
- Ricardo Meléndez-Ortiz (ICTSD)
- 09:15 – 09:30 **State of play of the Task Force; objectives for the meeting and procedural arrangements**
- Pedro Roffe (ICTSD – Convener)
- Cristian Rodriguez-Chiffelle (World Economic Forum – Group Manager)
- Brief introduction by participants, tour de table
- Karl P. Sauvant (Columbia University – Theme Leader and Chair, unless otherwise noted)
- 09:30 – 10:25 **Investor-State conflict management at the national level** (by the World Bank)
- Presenter: Anabel Gonzalez (World Bank)
- Lead discussants: Muthucumaraswamy Sornarajah (NUS) and John Evans (TUAC)
Followed by Group Discussion
- 10:25 – 11:15 **Brief presentation of other think pieces in preparation:**
- **The Mauritius Convention on Transparency. A model for further reforms of ISDS?** (by UNCITRAL)
- **Responsible State-investor contracts to accompany and influence international investment treaty making and implementation** (by OHCHR / Susan Matthews)
- Chair: Cristian Rodriguez-Chiffelle
Followed by Group Discussion
- 11:15 – 11:30 Coffee and biscuits
- 11:30 – 12:30 **Extending responsibilities in international investment law** (by Gabriel Bottini)
- Presenter: Gabriel Bottini (University of Buenos Aires)
- Lead discussants: Federico Ortino (King's College London) and Stephan Schill (University of Amsterdam)
Followed by Group Discussion
- 12:30 – 13:30 **Options for a multilateral/plurilateral investment framework** (by Gary Hufbauer and Wenhua Shan)
- Presenter: Wenhua Shan (Jiaotong University)
- Lead discussants: Shaun Donnelly (USCIB) and Howard Mann (IISD)
Followed by Group Discussion

- 13:30 – 14:30 Light lunch
- 14:30 – 15:30 **An international support programme for investment facilitation, including sustainable FDI** (by Karl Sauvant and Khalil Hamdani)
 - Presenter: Khalil Hamdani (Lahore School of Economics)
 - Lead discussants: Sean Doherty (World Economic Forum) and Ana Escobedo (ArcelorMittal)
Followed by Group Discussion
- 15:30 – 16:30 **Advisory Centre for investment disputes** (by Anna Joubin-Bret)
 - Presenter: Anna Joubin-Bret (AJB Avocats)
 - Lead discussants: Meg Kinnear (ICSID) and Renaud Sorieul (UNCITRAL)
Followed by Group Discussion
- 16:30 – 16:45 Coffee and biscuits
- 16:45 – 17:45 **Investment incentives; and State-owned enterprises** (by Pierre Sauvé and Marta Soprana)
 - Presenter: Marta Soprana (WTI)
 - Lead discussants: Mark Feldman (Peking University) and Surya Subedi (University of Leeds)
Followed by Group Discussion
- 17:45 – 18:45 **Discussions on potential policy options arising from original set of E15 Investment TF think pieces**
 - Presenters: Joost Pauwelyn (Graduate Institute); Herbert Oberhänsli (Nestlé); William Burke-White (Penn Law School); Federico Ortino (King's College London); Stephan Schill (University of Amsterdam)
 - Chair: Harsha V. Singh (ICTSD)
Followed by Group Discussion
- 19:00 – 21:00 **Reception and dinner**

Wednesday 10 June

- 09:00 – 09:20 **Debrief from Chair of OECD's MCM 2015: "Unlocking investment for sustainable growth and jobs"**
 - Presenter: Remco de Boer (Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of the Netherlands)
- 09:20 – 10:10 **Factors shaping the international investment outlook: evidence from cross-border merger and acquisitions trends** (by the Organisation of Economic Cooperation and Development)
 - Presenter: Michael Gestrin (OECD)
 - Lead discussants: Pierre Habbard (TUAC) and Herbert Oberhänsli (Nestlé)
Followed by Group Discussion
- 10:10 – 11:00 **The role of Pacific Rim FTAs in the harmonization of international investment law: towards a free trade area of the Asia-Pacific** (by Mark Feldman, Rodrigo Monardes and Cristian Rodriguez-Chiffelle)
 - Presenters: Mark Feldman (Peking University) and Rodrigo Monardes (DIRECON)
 - Chair: Cristian Rodriguez-Chiffelle (World Economic Forum)
 - Lead Discussants: Ana Novik (OECD) and William Burke-White (Penn Law)
Followed by Group Discussion
- 11:00 – 11:15 Coffee and biscuits
- 11:15 – 12:15 **Presentation and discussion of the theme leader's draft policy options paper for the E15 Task Force on Investment Policy**
 - Presenter: Karl Sauvant (Columbia University)
 - Chair: Pedro Roffe (ICTSD)
Followed by Group Discussion
- 12:15 – 13:30 **Discussions on form and content of potential policy options**
 - Lead discussants: Shaun Donnelly (USCIB); Ana Novik (OECD); Rodrigo Monardes (DIRECON); Howard Mann (IISD); Pierre Habbard (TUAC); Gabriel Bottini (University of Buenos Aires); Meg Kinnear (ICSID); Muthucumaraswamy Sornarajah (NUS); Joost Pauwelyn (Graduate Institute)

Followed by Group Discussion

13:30 – 14:30 Light lunch

14:30 – 16:15 **Break-out groups on policy options**

16:15 – 16:30 Coffee and biscuits

16:30 – 18:00 **Policy options closing discussion, next steps**

- Lead discussants: Pedro Roffe (ICTSD) and Cristian Rodriguez-Chiffelle (World Economic Forum)