



Investment for Sustainable Development; Incorporating Investor Obligations in Trade and Investment Agreements

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International investment governance is in the process of renewal. Moving away from traditional post-colonial investment treaty models of the late 1950s, newer approaches are emerging that take a more holistic approach, rebalance rights and obligations of different stakeholders and integrate a sustainable development lens.

This session, organized by the **International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD)**, the **International Commission of Jurists (ICJ)** and the **Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (FES)**, will discuss ways to articulate and incorporate investor obligations in international investment agreements and free trade agreements with investment chapters.

Building on previous reports and work of the organizers as well as proposed options contained in UNCTAD's Investment Policy Framework for Sustainable Development (IPFSD) and Reform Package for the International Investment Regime, participants will examine and share models and approaches that aim at advancing responsible investment and holding investors accountable.

Issues for debate:

- Where and how is responsible investor behaviour best regulated?
- How can international agreements complement national frameworks to advance responsible business conduct and hold investors accountable?
- How have recent models incorporated investor responsibilities?
- What new mechanisms are needed and how can existing mechanisms be improved?

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