



Shaping the Investment Landscape: World Investment Forum 2023

United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD's) 8th World Investment Forum, was hosted in Abu Dhabi from October 16-20, 2023. This biennial Forum assembled over 6,000 investment stakeholders from 160 countries, including high-level participants such as Heads of State, global company executives, and experts in the international investment landscape. Here, CUTS in partnership with the International Labour Organisation (ILO) and UNCTAD also hosted an event titled "[FDI, ESG and Inclusivity](#)".

This edition of CUTS Occasional News Wrap (ONW) reflects the key discussions, insights, and emerging trends in the field of global investment through the compilation of articles/News and curated bulletins by CUTS.

Furthermore, it offers a comprehensive overview of the forum's various sessions, including those focused on economic development, sustainable investments, and innovative finance.

News/Op-ed	Key Takeaway
World Investment Forum 2023 concludes: Highlights and insights October 20, 2023	The 8th World Investment Forum wrapped up on October 20 in Abu Dhabi, the United Arab Emirates, where 8,000 participants, including world leaders, policymakers, CEOs and investors came together to push for solutions to global investment-for-development challenges.
Promoting climate action through trade and Investment Policy UNCTAD World Investment Forum October 19, 2023	International trade and investment policies play a crucial role in creating the enabling environment for the flows in investment, technology, goods and services required for the energy transition and for other climate change mitigation and adaptation actions.
Agrifood sector must be a priority for global foreign direct investment UNCTAD October 18, 2023	UNCTAD's 8th World Investment Forum underscored the sector's pivotal role in bridging the US\$4 trillion annual investment gap developing countries face to achieve the Global Goals, especially for food security and biodiversity protection . Ministers of investment and enterprise participating in UNCTAD's 8th World Investment Forum identified the agrifood sector as a top priority for global investment.
Industry 4.0 and the Future of Global Investment UNCTAD World Investment Forum October 17, 2023	Industry 4.0 is transforming the industrial landscape, changing the way goods and services are designed, produced, and delivered to markets. The transformation is on-going, with some countries and companies advancing faster than others in the adoption of advanced technologies, including robotics, artificial intelligence, etc.

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Session on FDI, ESG, and Inclusivity in partnership with UNCTAD and ILO <i>Pradeep S Mehta</i> October 17, 2023	Let's begin by highlighting the critical importance of ESG principles— Environmental, Social, and Governance in shaping the future of our global economy. These principles guide investors and organisations towards ethical and sustainable practices that can transform our world for the better.
Global leaders gather for World Investment Forum 2023 in Abu Dhabi Gulf Business October 17, 2023	World Investment Forum 2023 has brought together heads of state, ministers, business leaders, financial experts, and investors to address urgent investment challenges caused by ongoing global crises. Dr Thani Al Zeyoudi, United Arab Emirates (UAE) Minister of State for Foreign Trade said, “The world is changing at an unprecedented pace, and new investment challenges and opportunities are emerging daily.
WIF 2023: CUTS Daily Bulletins October 16-20, 2023	The WIF was scheduled from October 16 -20, 2023. The Daily Bulletins shared invaluable insights into distinct in-person sessions scheduled each day. CUTS International, along with UNCTAD and ILO, also hosted a session on October 13 th , titled “FDI, ESG, and Inclusivity,” which is covered in our section of daily bulletins along with forty-three other crucial sessions.
World Investment Forum 2023: Investment Ministerial Roundtable UNCTAD October 18, 2023	The Investment Ministerial Roundtable to the World Investment Forum focuses on addressing all the key investment challenges caused by today’s multiple global crises, including the need to invest in food security, health systems, supply chain resilience and productive capacity growth in the poorest countries.
Stimulating international investment for development <i>Pradeep S Mehta and Mihir Shekhar Bhonsle</i> The Economic Times October 05, 2023	World Investment Forum (WIF) is by far the biggest platform in the UN system on international investment in sustainable development and aims to devise strategies and solutions for global investment and development challenges. Investment is the key to development. Investment fosters economic growth and employment generation, facilitates technology transfer, and enhances export capabilities.
WIF 2023: CUTS Weekly Bulletins September 01-October 23, 2023	The weekly bulletins , curated and disseminated across various CUTS forums, comprehensively emphasised the significance of Global South CSOs' participation in the World Investment Forum (WIF) and their potential to make a substantial impact on the proposed discussions. These bulletins covered a range of specific spotlight sessions within the seven key issues, along with updated investment news roundups linked to relevant WIF sessions in 2023.

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