

Implications of International Investment Agreements

World Investment Forum 2014 Event
Wednesday, October 15, 2014
16:00 – 18:00

Room IV, Palais des Nations *Building C, 3rd Floor, by Door C6

The number of disputes brought by investors under international investment agreements (IIAs) has been steadily increasing. This event looks at the implications of these disputes for sustainable development, and will discuss actual case studies in particular areas. Elements of the debate:

- What has been learnt from IIA disputes, in particular effects on sustainable development?
- What have been the implications of IIA disputes for financial stability?
- What has been the impact of IIA disputes on the environment?
- What has been the impact of IIA disputes on decent work, health, and safety?

SPEAKERS

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H.E. Luis Gallegos, former Ambassador of Ecuador to the United Nations Office in Geneva, will moderate.

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