

The 2019 SDG Investment Fair

Closing the SDG investment gap
15-17 April 2019
UN Headquarters, New York

Achievement of **the Sustainable Development Goals**, a set of international commitments to end poverty and build a better world by 2030, will require significant investment. The SDG Investment Fair brings together governments, the private sector, and financial intermediaries to accelerate **the mobilization of resources for the SDGs**. The Fair provides a dynamic platform for the public and private sectors to discuss specific investment opportunities and critical policies and regulations that support closing the SDG investment gap. The 2019 Fair will run in conjunction with **the ECOSOC Forum on Financing for Development (FfD Forum)** (New York, 15-18 April 2019).

See the draft SDG Investment Fair programme at: <http://bit.ly/sdgifairprogramme>
Register here for the SDG Investment Fair: <http://2019sdgifair.eventbrite.com>

The SDG Investment Fair will hold a mix of sessions that will include exploring opportunities for investments, forging new partnerships and participating in high-level policy discussions.

TOPICS

- ◆ National investment strategies and policies on how to close the SDG investment gap;
- ◆ Sustainable investment opportunities in developing countries;
- ◆ Developing project pipelines to mobilize investment for sustainable development;
- ◆ Corporate and financial incentives and their impact on long-term investments;
- ◆ Public-private partnerships and ensuring sustainable outcomes;
- ◆ Sustainable financing for micro, small and medium enterprises.

PARTICIPANTS

- ◆ Ministers of finance, foreign affairs and development cooperation and other senior government officials;
- ◆ Private sector representatives including institutional investors, investment banks, asset managers, rating agencies, infrastructure companies and non-financial corporations;
- ◆ Financial, trade, and development institutions, including development banks;
- ◆ Experts from think tanks, foundations and academia;
- ◆ Senior officials and experts from the UN system.

The Fair will create an innovative and interactive space for participants to discover possibilities for investment, through direct interaction between governments and the private sector, and to learn from country experiences and the work of international actors.

WHY SHOULD I ATTEND?

Investment opportunities

Countries will present their investment frameworks, project pipelines, and other efforts to mobilize SDG investment.

Networking

Networking and informal exchanges are a key element of the SDG Investment Fair. Participants can also arrange one-on-one meetings to discuss opportunities for cooperation.

Peer learning

Stakeholders can participate in knowledge sharing and peer learning on mobilizing sustainable, long-term investment.

Policy dialogue

Policy dialogues will cover critical issues related to SDG investing. There will also be space for presentations of relevant initiatives from the UN system and private sector companies.

HOW IS THE FAIR LINKED TO THE FFD FORUM?

All FfD Forum participants are invited to attend the Fair. Special arrangements for “SDGI Fair-only” participants will be made.

PARTNERS (in Formation)

The Financing for Sustainable Development Office (FSDO)/Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) and the Division on Investment and Enterprise (DIAE)/United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) are organizing the 2019 SDGI Fair. Other key partners are Global Compact, PRI, UNEP-FI, UNDP, UNIDO, FAO, IFAD, ILO, UN Foundation, ITU, UNCDF, UN Office for Partnerships, IFC, ICC and the Global Partnerships Forum.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE?

Countries

Interested country representatives should email the address below to explore opportunities for participation.

Companies and Private Sector

Interested representatives from the private sector should email the address below to explore opportunities for participation and sponsorship. Private sector companies will have to show a credible record of engagement in sustainable development to be considered for participation.

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