



G20-T20 Roundtable Discussion on “Global Value Chains for Inclusive Development: FDI, investment facilitation and linkage creation”

Announcement

(This event is open to G20 and T20 participants or by special invitation)

Foreign direct investment (FDI) offers a useful entry point for integration into global value chains (GVCs). It also offers a host of technology and financial resources that may bring tangible benefits to domestic firms and industries, thereby increasing their productivity and capability. However, FDI attraction is not without its challenges amid intensifying competition for foreign investments. Even for countries that successfully attracted FDI positive development outcomes are not pre-ordained. The roundtable will discuss two major topics – investment facilitation as well as linkages with foreign investors – to address ideas and options available to policymakers, which may contribute to evidence-based policymaking at G20 at the broad level.

Information

Time and date: 28 May 2019 (Tuesday) 13:00-16:30

Venue: United Nations University, (1F) Annex Space, Tokyo

Hosts: United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) and German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE)

Registration for the event is mandatory and available [HERE](#)

Agenda

The roundtable is planned as a half-day event with two sessions. The first session presents new considerations in FDI attraction that warrant attention for policymakers and practitioners alike. It highlights best practices in investment facilitation and promotion, presents some innovative and possibly replicable programmes from around the world, and outlines key implementation issues that may help investment promotion agencies (IPAs) enhance their capability to attract and retain FDI. Also, this session looks at the potential benefits of an international framework on investment facilitation currently under discussion at the WTO. The second session focuses on integration of domestic enterprises, most notably small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), into the global production networks of multinational firms, which is often difficult due to scale and capability constraints. The session examines the rationale for SME integration from the perspective of long-term upgrading and the types of policies that are needed to link domestic firms to foreign investment in a beneficial way over time.

The tentative agenda is as follows:

13:00-13:30	<p>Opening Remarks:</p> <p>Taikan Oki, Senior Vice Rector, United Nations University Yuko Yasunaga, Head, UNIDO-ITPO Japan</p> <p>Keynote speech:</p> <p>Fetlework Gebregziabher Abrha, Minister, Ministry of Trade and Industry, Ethiopia</p>
13:30-14:30	<p>Session 1: FDI Attraction and Facilitation</p> <p>Moderator: Ferda Gelegen, UNIDO</p> <p>Presentation: Axel Berger, GDI/DIE</p> <p>Discussants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Manjiao Chi, UIBE Beijing - Yuko Yasunaga, UNIDO-ITPO Japan <p>Comments by participants</p>
14:30-15:00	<p>Coffee Break</p>
15:00-16:15	<p>Session 2: Linking Domestic Firms to Foreign Investors</p> <p>Moderator: Ferda Gelegen, UNIDO</p> <p>Presentation: Adnan Seric, UNIDO</p> <p>Discussants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Izumi Ohno, JICA Research Institute - Dongsoo Kang, Korea Development Institute - Fukunari Kimura, ERIA and Keio University - Yasuyuki Todo, Waseda University <p>Comments by participants</p>
16:15-16:30	<p>Wrap-up Discussion and Closing Remarks</p>

* Agenda is subject to change.

This roundtable is a T20 Japan associated event.