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Programme
UfM/UNCTAD Workshop on
Key issues in International Investment Policymaking (ONLINE)

20 November 2024 Thursday

10:00 - 12:30 CET

Moderation by Marwa Farghali, Senior Economic Advisor, Economic Development and Employment Division, Union for the Mediterranean (UfM)

10:00 – 10:05 Welcome Remarks

Director, Investment and Enterprise Division, UNCTAD

Joan Borrell, Acting Deputy Secretary General, Economic Development and Employment Division, UfM

10:05 – 10:20 UNCTAD’s work on the reform of the international policy regime

Hamed El Kady, Officer-in-Charge, Office of the Director and Senior Coordinator, International Investment Agreements, UNCTAD

10:20 – 10:30 Global trends in International Investment Agreements (IIA) and investor-State dispute settlement (ISDS)

Yihua Teng, Associate Economic Affairs Officer, International Investment Agreements Section, UNCTAD

10:30 – 11:00 Key challenges with the existing IIA regime and UNCTAD IIA Reform Accelerator

Vincent Beyer, Legal Expert, International Investment Agreements Section, UNCTAD

11:00 – 11:20 Investment facilitation in IIAs

Dafina Atanasova, Economic Affairs Officer, International Investment Agreements Section, UNCTAD



5 Minutes break

11:20 – 11:35 Responsible business conduct and inclusive investment provisions

*Dafina Atanasova, Economic Affairs Officer, International Investment Agreements
Section, UNCTAD*

**11:35 – 11:50 UNCTAD's IIA toolbox for promoting investment in sustainable
energy**

Vincent Beyer, Legal Expert, International Investment Agreements Section, UNCTAD

11:50 – 11:55 Way Forward

*Hamed El Kady, Officer-in-Charge, Office of the Director and Senior Coordinator,
International Investment Agreements, UNCTAD*

11:55 – 12:25 Interactive discussion with participants

12:25 – 12:30 Closing Remarks

*Hamed El Etreby, Senior Advisor, Economic Development and Employment Division,
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