

**DIRECTORATE FOR FINANCIAL AND ENTERPRISE AFFAIRS
INVESTMENT COMMITTEE****Investment treaties and climate change****Informal inter-governmental meeting - Draft Agenda**

12 April 2023, 16:30-18:00 (Paris time) hybrid meeting

This draft agenda is for an informal inter-governmental meeting, the day after the [11 April 2023 Investment Treaty Conference](#), to allow governments to provide input on the survey of Climate policies for investment treaties [DAF/INV/TR1/WD(2022)3] and to discuss the Conference proceedings and issues.

Participants will be limited to government officials from 99 economies invited to work on the Future of investment treaties.

The meeting will be held in a hybrid format. To encourage brainstorming and an informal exchange of views, the meeting will not be recorded.

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Investment treaties and climate change: Conference and Survey review

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16:30-16:35

Item 1. Adoption of the agenda

DAF/INV/TR1/RD(2023)1

The draft agenda will be proposed for adoption [^{DAF/INV/TR1/RD(2023)1}].

Action required: Review and adopt the agenda

16:35-17:10

Item 2. Update and input on the Survey of climate policies for investment treaties

[DAF/INV/TR1/WD\(2022\)3](#)

As part of the 2022 work program, the first-ever survey of Climate policies for investment treaties was circulated to governments in October 2022 [DAF/INV/TR1/WD(2022)3]. Surveys and public reporting have become common practice in climate policy and climate accountability. A wide range of public, industry-led or civil society entities mandate, carry out or report on detailed climate surveys of or reports by business, financial actors, cities, states and others. They are particularly important for actors with broad influence on financial markets and operating companies and are frequently repeated on an ongoing basis, reflecting the urgency of tracking commitments and actions.

The survey on Climate policies for investment treaties includes some basic questions on government views about the importance of Paris alignment of investment treaties and investment treaty policies. Reflecting the multiple climate aspects of investment treaties, the survey also includes questions inspired by three sources. First, it includes climate policy questions similar to those increasingly asked of major suppliers of financial services like asset owners, banks or insurance companies. Second, the survey includes questions about the impacts of investment treaties on climate policy space. These generally do not arise for private sector suppliers of financial services to operating companies: a private-sector loan or provision of insurance to another private-sector operating company does not affect government policy space. Third, the survey also recognises that major economies have committed to integrate climate action across their foreign, security and trade policies. The application of these and other climate commitments to investment treaties remains unclear, with limited visible climate action on investment treaties, giving rise to an additional source for survey questions.

Governments are continuing to provide responses to the survey. The Secretariat will provide an overview of the status of the survey and some emerging elements in the responses. In an inter-governmental context, participants will also have an opportunity to exchange views on the survey. Participants are also invited to provide suggestions for improvements including in light of broader practice on climate surveys.

Action required: Review the survey and government action in response to the survey. Consider their role and usefulness in the discussion and process of Paris alignment of investment treaty policies. Provide input on the survey process including on proposed improvements.

17:10-17:45

Item 3. Discussion of the 8th Annual Conference on Investment Treaties

The eighth annual OECD Conference on Investment Treaties entitled “[Investment treaties, the Paris Agreement and Net Zero: Towards alignment?](#)” will take place on 11 April 2023, the day before this meeting. Government participants are invited to assess the Conference, provide additional input on the issues as appropriate and consider follow up.

Action required: Provide additional input on the Conference issues in an inter-governmental format, provide input on the Conference proceedings and consider follow up.

17:45-18:00

Item 4. Other business and next steps