



WAIPA 21st World Investment Conference

With over 350 participants and an impressive line-up of high-ranking experts and keynote speakers the 21st World Investment Conference offered a wealth of knowledge, inspiration and encouragement. The [press release](#) serves as a summary of the conference. Please visit the conference picture [galleries](#).

Turkey's honorable Deputy Prime Minister, Mehmet Simsek spoke about the need to expand WAIPA's reach globally so more effective models of sustainable investments can be developed and put in place for better jobs and people's wellbeing. Other keynote speakers were Celestin Monga, Vice President and Chief Economist of the African Development Bank, Oussama Kaissi, CEO of the Islamic Corporation for the Insurance of Investment and Export Credit (ICIEC) and Chairman of the ITAP Supervisory Committee, Islamic Development Bank Group and James Zhan, Director of the UNCTAD Division on Investment and Enterprise.



WAIPA General Assembly

The WAIPA General Assembly (GA) took place on the eve of the World Investment Conference on October 13th, 2016. More than 100 IPA officials participated in the meeting with speeches and presentations. Presenters included Iker Ayçi, former WAIPA President and Chairman of the Board and the Executive Committee of Turkish Airlines; Arda Ermut, current WAIPA President, and Steering Committee members, Rufat Mammadov (AZPROMO, Azerbaijan) and Essis Esmel Emmanuel (CEPICI, Côte d'Ivoire).

The members approved the audited accounts of WAIPA and were provided further clarification about WAIPA's strategy for the future. WAIPA CEO, Bostjan Skalar delivered a presentation about WAIPA's achievements during the past year. The second part of the GA was dedicated to member presentations, which are available for your reference in the [library section on our website](#). By showcasing achievements and milestones, but also sharing thoughts about challenges, the seven member IPA's giving a presentation encouraged a lively debate and comradeship amongst all WAIPA members present.



Consultative Committee Workshops

WAIPA's Consultative Committee Members OECD, UNCTAD, UNIDO, World Bank delivered presentations about a range of topics. Most presentations focused on sustainable and inclusive investments from the unique vista of these international bodies. Backed by data and strengthened by decades of policy interventions each presenter at the workshop spoke about how sustainable investments can be converted from an idea to a reality. They also spoke about what ground is left to be covered to make all investments have a mandatory sustainability component to eventually assist host countries in their development goals. Ultimately, consultative committee efforts in this area all plough back into WAIPA's advocacy and implementation of FDI promotion at IPA level.

The WAIPA Consultative Committee will be further strengthened by the addition of new members: International Labor Organization (ILO) and The International Chamber of Commerce. (ICC)

All the presentations [can be found here](#).



New cooperation and sponsorship

During the conference MOUs were signed with ICIEC (Islamic Development Bank Group); International Labour Organization (ILO); AIM Dubai and a media partnership MOU with fDi Intelligence. This 21st #WIC16 was sponsored by Turkish Airlines, Socar and AIM.



Other recent activities

In September and October WAIPA co-organized or cooperated in a number of events. A summary of the proceedings can be found on [our website](#) or in the [annual report of activities](#). If you wish to receive a hardcopy of the report, please send a message to Ms Maartje Jansen at Maartje.jansen@waipa.org.



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