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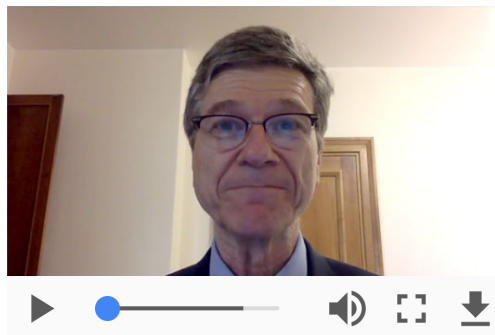
## WAIPA NewsFlash, October 2017



### WAIPA World Investment Conference 2017

Secure your place at the **22nd annual WAIPA World Investment Conference (#WIC17) in Dubai, UAE, on November 27-28, 2017** at InterContinental Dubai Festival City. This annual meeting, under this year's theme "FDI as a driving force for sustainable development", will bring together Investment Promotion Agencies (IPAs) from all around the world; government officials, development sector leaders, private sector representatives and academics relevant to FDI policy and strategy. Closely working together with international organizations in our Consultative Committee (UNCTAD, UNIDO, OECD, ILO, IEDC, ICC and the World Bank) and opinion formers such as Prof. Jeffrey Sachs enables WAIPA to create linkages and to be an active voice for investment promotion. It will be therefore our sincere pleasure to welcome visionaries and decision makers from various fields to contribute together to shape our planet with sustainable investments for a sustainable development.

For updates, program, registration and more information please visit [www.worldinvestmentconference.org](http://www.worldinvestmentconference.org).



[Watch Jeffrey Sachs' personal invitation to WIC17 in Dubai in HD.](#)

## Presenting the candidacies for the WAIPA Steering Committee, 2017-2019 term

General Assembly will take place on the first day of WAIPA World Investment Conference in Dubai on November 27th, 2017. We are pleased to announce the candidates of the following positions:

- **Presidency:** Investment Support and Promotion Agency of Turkey (ISPAT), Tatarstan Investment Development Agency
- **Vice-Presidency:** Dubai Investment Development Agency (Dubai FDI), Azerbaijan Export and Investment Promotion Foundation (AZPROMO), Investment South Africa (InvestSA), Tatarstan Investment Development Agency
- Regional Directorships for;
  - **Middle East and North Africa:** Dubai Investment Development Agency (Dubai FDI)
  - **Sub-Saharan Africa:** Board of Investment Mauritius, Centre de Promotion des Investissements en Côte d'Ivoire (CEPICI)
  - **Central Asia:** KAZAKH Invest
  - **South Asia:** Invest India
  - **East Asia and Southeast Asia:** Invest KOREA
  - **European Union:** Polish Investment & Trade Agency, InvestBulgaria Agency
  - **Eastern Europe:** Foreign Investment Promotion Agency of Bosnia and Herzegovina (FIPA), Tatarstan Investment Development Agency
  - **North America:** ProMexico
  - **Central America and the Caribbean:** Costa Rican Investment & Development Board (CINDE)
  - **South America:** APD Parana Development Agency, ProBarranquilla

We wish all candidates the best of luck at the elections.

## WAIPA at Latin American Investment Conference in Brazil

WAIPA as the global reference point for FDI with an objective to increase FDI, especially in the emerging world was actively involved in the programming of the conference that was held on 13-14 September in Foz do Iguacu and organized by the Brazilian Trade and Investment Promotion Agency (Apex-Brasil) in partnership with the Paraná State Development Agency (APD). WAIPA CEO Bostjan Skalar was invited to address the audience with a speech at the opening ceremony. [Read more.](#)



## WAIPA panel at the IEDC Annual Conference in Toronto

Toronto, Canada – From September 17-20, 2017 WAIPA Consultative Committee member IEDC hosted its first annual conference outside of the United States. WAIPA CEO Bostjan Skalar was delighted to lead the WAIPA panel that focused on Collective Competitive Advantage for FDI. [For more click here.](#)



## WAIPA CEO as panelist at WTO's Public Forum in Geneva

On September 26th, 2017 WAIPA CEO Bostjan Skalar was a panelist in the discussion on "Facilitating Investment for Sustainable Development" organized jointly by the Government of Netherlands, International Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development (ICTSD) and the World Economic Forum at the WTO Public Forum. The talks followed the rationale that private investment is crucial for achieving the SDGs. [Read more.](#)

## WAIPA at UNCTAD's High-Level IIA Conference 2017

Geneva, Switzerland- UNCTAD's High-level IIA Conference 2017 was held on October 9-11, 2017. It shared experiences and identified best practices for phase 2 of IIA reform. The conference was built on a series of earlier UNCTAD IIA-related conferences. In the morning, WAIPA CEO Bostjan Skalar participated in the plenary session "Taking stock and moving forward" where he outlined two recent developments invest promotion and facilitation. [Read more.](#)

## Knowledge Forum on FDI in Konya, Turkey

From 10-11 October 2017 WAIPA organized together with the colleagues from MEVKA/Invest in Konya a Knowledge Forum on FDI under the theme Effective Investment Attraction and Facilitation in Konya. In these two days the audience was able to listen to interactive presentations of Andreas Dressler, FDI Advisor, Dr. Henry Loewendahl, CEO of WAVTEQ and Chris Knight, Global Commercial Director, fDi FDI Intelligence. [For more click here.](#)



## WAIPA CEO at Second Workshop of the OECD IPA Network in Paris

Paris, France- WAIPA CEO Bostjan Skalar participated at the second meeting of the OECD IPA Network that took place on 16 October, 2017 at the OECD Headquarters to discuss current and emerging trends and practices in investment promotion and facilitation. [Read more.](#)

## Calendar

**October 30:** [The E15 Initiative by ICTSD & WEF](#): Sixth roundtable - Investment for Sustainable Development Trajectory, Facilitating Investment for Sustainable Development – II. WAIPA CEO, Bostjan Skalar will be a panelist at Session I: Investment Facilitation Agreement.

**October 30- November 2:** [The World Entrepreneurs Investment Forum \(WEIF 2017\) in Bahrain](#). Organized by our Consultative Committee United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), respectively the UNIDO ITPO Bahrain and the Arab International Center for Entrepreneurship & Investment.

**November 7-8:** [UNCTAD Regional Seminar on the Promotion of Bankable SDG Projects in Mexico](#). WAIPA CEO, Bostjan Skalar will present the WAIPA's program related to the promotion of investment in the SDGs.

**November 10-11:** [The Inaugural Tobias Center Conference, Indiana University, USA](#). WAIPA CEO, Bostjan Skalar will contribute as a speaker to the session on "Incentivizing Sustainable Development," moderated by SGIS Assistant Professor Sarah Bauerle Danzman.

**November 27-28:** [WAIPA 2017 World Investment Conference, Dubai \(#WIC17\)](#).

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