

BACKGROUND

Investment is vital to reach the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The Roundtable on Investment and Sustainable Development (RISD), to be held on 23 October 2019 in Paris, explores policy solutions to maximise the role of investment as a catalyst for sustainable development.

Building on available instruments to guide governments in their efforts in promoting investment for sustainable development, such as the Policy Framework for Investment, the Roundtable will carry on the momentum gained at its inaugural meeting of October 2018. RISD is a flexible and inclusive forum to foster policy discussions among OECD members, developing and emerging economies and a variety of non-governmental actors generating high-quality critical thinking. Guided by the OECD investment and development policy communities, it seeks synergies with related initiatives in other fora, including the United Nations and its specialised agencies and programmes.

OBJECTIVES

This RISD will launch the first edition of the FDI Qualities Indicators Toolkit – which provides decision-makers with an actionable instrument to gauge the contribution of investment to sustainable development -- and discuss the conditions needed to maximise the contribution of private investment to achieving the 2030 Agenda and climate change objectives.

Policymakers, business, labour, civil society and experts will discuss their experiences in enhancing the impact of investment on sustainable development. The emphasis will be on concrete and context-specific policies and tools along four key development dimensions: increasing productivity and innovation and easing access to global markets, improving labour market outcomes (e.g. wages, safety, skills), enhancing gender inclusion, and greening industrial production. Participants will suggest options for future policy designs and investment promotion strategies. The policy inputs delivered in the discussions will feed into the continuation of the OECD FDI Qualities project with the ambition of a flagship contribution to the OECD 2021 Ministerial Council Meeting.

PARTICIPANTS

The RISD gathers senior government representatives from the investment and the development communities, international organisations, business, labour and civil society, as well as a select group of scholars from academia and think-tanks. This format will allow participants to engage in a focused, evidence-based and forward-looking discussion among specialists.

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