5th FDI Qualities Policy Network Meeting
31 March 2021, 13:30-15:30 (CET, virtual event)

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The FDI Qualities Indicators report, published in 2019, addresses the impact of FDI on inclusive and sustainable development and, together with the forthcoming Policy Toolkit, will provide guidance to OECD and partner countries on how to attract investment that boosts innovation, quality jobs and skills, gender equality, and the low-carbon transition. The Policy Toolkit is planned as a deliverable for the OECD Ministerial Council Meeting 2022 and is a strategic component of OECD’s efforts to support the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals.

The objective of the 5th FDI Qualities Policy Network Meeting is to discuss the consultation report of the forthcoming Policy Toolkit. The report provides background on the FDI Qualities Initiative and presents the main pillars of the Policy Toolkit and the methodology of its development (Chapter 1). Chapters 2-5 include draft Policy Toolkits for each of the following sustainability clusters: productivity and innovation, job quality and skills, gender equality, and low carbon transition. The meeting is organised in break-out sessions. After registration, please indicate to Angèle N’Zinga (angele.nzinga@oecd.org) in which two breakout sessions you would like to participate.

Agenda

Chair: Ralf van de Beek, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands

13.30-13.40 Opening remarks
Giancarlo Kessler, Ambassador of Switzerland
Mamadou Lamine Keita, Président Observatoire National des Investissements du Sénégal

13.40-13.45 Project update
A summary of the rationale, concept and methodology of the forthcoming FDI Qualities Policy Toolkit will be provided (Chapter 1). The objectives and procedure of the breakout sessions will be clarified.
Martin Wermelinger, Project Manager, FDI Qualities Initiative

13.45-15.15 Breakout sessions: Discussing draft policy toolkits in four SDG-based clusters
Parallel 45-min breakout sessions will be held to discuss the four FDI Qualities clusters. For each breakout, the Secretariat will provide a short overview of the enabling framework conditions and policies and present core elements of the forthcoming Policy Toolkit (10mins). Participants are invited to engage in each of the breakouts and focus their feedback on the following questions:

1. Does the Policy Toolkit consider the most relevant policy and institutional dimensions? What is missing from the policy toolkit?
2. Are the proposed questions of the Policy Toolkit relevant/practical to identify challenges and reform opportunities?

13.45-14.30 1a: Policies enabling FDI for gender equality
Chapter 4
Lead: Letizia Montinari, Policy Analyst

1b: Policies to improve FDI’s carbon impacts
Chapter 5
Lead: Iris Mantovani, Policy Analyst

14.30-15.15 2a: Policies boosting FDI impacts on job quality and skills
Chapter 3
Lead: Fares Al-Hussami, Policy Analyst

2b: Policies boosting FDI impacts on productivity and innovation
Chapter 2
Lead: Stratos Kamenis, Policy Analyst

15.15-15.30 Wrap up and closing
The session leads report back to the plenary and summarise key insights from the sessions.
Ana Novik, Head, OECD Investment Division, Manfred Schekulin, Chair, OECD Investment Committee, and Ralf van de Beek, Chair, FDI Qualities Policy Network, provide directions for next steps.