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Agenda	Description	Time
Registration		08:30 – 09:00
Welcome Remarks	Dr. Damilola Olawuyi, SAN <i>Professor and UNESCO Chair on Environmental Law and Sustainable Development College of Law, HBKU</i>	09:00 – 09:05
Opening Statements	Sheikh Ali Alwaleed Al-Thani Chief Executive Officer, Investment Promotion Agency Qatar (Invest Qatar) Nan Li Collins Director, Division on Investment and Enterprise, UN Trade and Development (UNCTAD) Ahmed Essa Al-Sulaiti President of International Law Association GCC (Gulf Cooperation Council) Branch Lecturer, College of Law, HBKU Dean Susan L. Karamanian College of Law, HBKU	09:05 – 09:15
Keynote Speech	The Role of Law in International Investment Promotion and Facilitation in the Context of the Sustainable Development Goals 2030 Hon. Dawda A. Jallow <i>Attorney General and Minister of Justice of the Republic of The Gambia</i>	09:15 – 09:30
Photo Session and Break		09:30 – 09:40



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Session I	<p>International Investment Agreements and Sustainable Development – Global and Comparative Perspectives</p> <p><i>This session will provide an overview of the recent developments and opportunities on linking and leveraging international investment agreements (IIAs) to advance the SDGs. The practical opportunities and challenges in the design and implementation of IIAs will be explored.</i></p> <p>Chair Dr. Damilola Olawuyi, SAN Professor and UNESCO Chair on Environmental Law and Sustainable Development, College of Law, HBKU</p> <p>Hamed El Kady Chief, International Investment Agreements Division on Investment and Enterprise, UNCTAD</p> <p>Dr. Sayyed Hassan Mousavi General Counsel/Legal Officer, Gas Exporting Countries Forum (GECF)</p> <p>HOU Jiaru Director of the Environmental and Resources Law Institute, China University of Political Science and Law, and President of Beijing Legal Negotiation Society</p> <p>Dr. Alexander Ezenagu Associate Professor and Director of Policy Studies at the African School of Governance</p> <p>Saul Frazer President, Africa Agenda Network</p> <p>Maimuna Jallow Chief Executive Officer, Africa Agenda Network & Gambia National Chair of the African Union Women Leaders Network</p> <p>Fatou Sombie Kabore Advisor, Women Peace and Security and Focal Point of African Women Leadership Network (AWLN)</p>	09:40 – 11:00



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Session II	<p>Investment Facilitation for Development</p> <p><i>The WTO’s Investment Facilitation for Development (IFD) Agreement offers benchmarks to improve transparency, procedural efficiency, and government coordination so that countries can create a more predictable and enabling environment for investors. This session will assess Qatar’s readiness with regard to governance, institutional systems, regulatory framework, and administrative infrastructure to align with IFD’s standards.</i></p> <p>Overview of the WTO Investment Facilitation for Development Agreement</p> <p>AlAnoud M Al-Mosleh Head of Economic Research and Policy Advocacy, Investment Promotion Agency Qatar (Invest Qatar)</p> <p>Role of Intellectual Property (IP) Rights in FDI and International Agreements</p> <p>Ahmed Essa Al-Sulaiti President of International Law Association GCC (Gulf Cooperation Council) Branch Lecturer, College of Law, HBKU</p> <p>Role of Investor State Dispute Settlement mechanisms</p> <p>Guillaume Hess Special Counsel, K&L Gates</p>	11:00 – 12:00
Lunch Break		12:00 – 13:00



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Session III	<p>Investment Facilitation and the Future of Balanced IIAs <i>Efficient investment facilitation and aftercare are critical for ensuring that once investors decide to enter a market, their operations are smooth, and they remain confident to reinvest. In Qatar, this means the tools and institutions involved, especially Invest Qatar, play a key role in both attracting new investment and sustaining it through ongoing support.</i></p> <p>Invest Qatar’s Overview and Initiatives for Investment Facilitation Dr. Hamad Al Naimi Strategy Manager, Investment Promotion Agency Qatar (Invest Qatar)</p> <p>Investment Facilitation and Policy Advocacy Gokhan Celik Senior Manager, Research and Policy Advocacy, Invest Qatar</p> <p><i>Participants: Invest Qatar, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Qatar Financial Center, Qatar Free Zones Authority, Qatar Science & Technology Park, Business Associations including Qatar Chamber and Business Leaders</i></p>	13:00 – 14:00
Closing Roundtable	<p>Chair: Dr. Damilola S. Olawuyi, SAN Professor and UNESCO Chair on Environmental Law and Sustainable Development, College of Law, HBKU</p> <p>Hamed El Kady Officer-in-Charge, Officer of the Director, Division on Investment and Enterprise, UN Trade and Development (UNCTAD)</p> <p>Alanoud M Al-Mosleh Head of Economic Research and Policy Advocacy, Investment Promotion Agency Qatar (Invest Qatar)</p> <p>Ahmed Essa Al-Sulaiti President of International Law Association GCC (Gulf Cooperation Council) Branch Lecturer, College of Law, HBKU</p> <p>Dean Susan L. Karamanian <i>College of Law, HBKU</i></p>	14:00 – 15:00

