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Foreign investment in Africa: Gaining Development Momentum

10-11 October 2013

University of Geneva, Faculty of Law, 40 Bd. du Pont d'Arve, Room 3050

*Attendance is free, but places are limited.
Please register by sending an email to Makane.Mbengue@unige.ch*

Thursday 10 October 2013

14h00 Welcome

Dean Christine Chappuis, University of Geneva

Introduction

Professor Laurence Boisson de Chazournes, University of Geneva

Panel 1 – Setting the Scene: Foreign Investment in Africa

Chair Professor Ugo Panizza, IHEID Geneva

14h15 *Historical Perspectives on Foreign Investment in Africa*

Professor Gareth Austin, IHEID Geneva

14h45 *Economic Perspectives on Foreign Investment in Africa*

Professor Jean-Louis Arcand, IHEID Geneva

15h15 Debate

15h30 Coffee Break

Panel 2 – The Development and Challenges of International Investment Law in Africa

Chair Professor Attila Tanzi, University of Bologna

16h00 *International Investment Agreements in Africa: An Update*

Elisabeth Tuerk, Mathabo Le Roux, UNCTAD Geneva

16h30 *African Regional Organizations and Foreign Investment*

Dr. Tarcisio Gazzini, VU University Amsterdam

17h00 *Contemporary Challenges for Investment Law in Africa*

Carin Smaller, International Institute Sustainable Development (IISD)

17h30 **Debate**

20h00 Dinner

Friday 11 October 2013

Panel 3 – Rules of Investment Protection and Investment Disputes: Towards an African specificity?

Chair Dr. Joachim Karl, UNCTAD Geneva

9h00 *FET, Security and African Investment Disputes*

Dr. Eric De Brabandere, Leiden University

9h30 *Expropriation in African Investment Disputes*

Dr. Illy Ousséni, Ouagadougou University

10h00 *Land Grabbing Security and African Investment Disputes*

Professor Francesco Seatzu, University of Cagliari

10h30 **Debate**

10h45 Coffee break

Panel 4 – Settlement of Investment Disputes in Africa: Prospects

Chair Professor Ursula Kriebaum, University of Vienna

11h00 *African States in Investment Arbitration: Trust or Distrust?*

Professor Makane Moïse Mbengue, University of Geneva

11h30 *Investment Protection and African Regional Courts*

Dr. Yenkong Ngangjoh Hodu, University of Manchester

12h00 **Debate**

12h15 *Conclusions*

Professor Andreas Ziegler, University of Lausanne