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Agencies

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MIE 2 Geneva

with substantive collaboration with UN Trade and Development (UNCTAD)

23 - 26
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Draft Program Agenda

DAY 1

TUESDAY 23RD JUNE 2026

Time	Session Number	Topic & Details
09:00 – 09:30	Session 1	Welcome & Introductions
09:30 – 09:40	Session 2	Program Overview – Objectives & Structure <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Dushyant Thakor, Deputy Executive Director, WAIPA
09:40 – 11:00	Session 3 & 4	Artificial Intelligence & the Future of Investment Competitiveness <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fireside Chat (09:40 – 10:10) • Executive Breakout Groups: Designing the AI-Ready Investment Promotion Agency (10:10 – 11:00) <p>Session led by Khalid Alaamer, Lead, Digital Trade and AI, World Economic Forum</p>
11:00 – 11:30		Coffee Break
11:30 – 12:10	Session 5	Discussions with leading IPA representatives
12:10 – 12:30	Session 6	Group Exercise Briefing — WAIPA Team
12:30 – 13:30	—	Lunch Break
13:30 – 14:00	—	Transfer to Centre William Rappard
Trade & Investment Dialogue at WTO: EIF 3.0 and Investment Facilitation for Development		
14:00 – 14:45	Session 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WTO Dialogue: EIF 3.0 – Enabling Trade-Led Development

14:45 – 15:30	Session 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investment Facilitation for Development (IFD) Agreement – Strengthening IPA Support Systems
15:30 – 15:45		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facility Walkthrough & Group Photograph
15:45- 16:15	—	Transfer to MIE2
Networking & High Tea with the Geneva Business Community		
16:30 – 18:00	Session 9	<p>High Tea & Networking</p> <p>Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Select Geneva Business Community Select IPA participants

DAY 2

WEDNESDAY 24TH JUNE 2026

Time	Session Number	Topic & Details
08:30 – 10:00	—	Transfer to Lausanne
10:00 – 11:00	Session 10	<p>Advanced R&D Facility of a Multinational Company (Vaud Region)</p> <p>Innovation ecosystems, R&D location strategy & technology-led investment</p>
11:00 – 11:15	—	Transfer to Innovaud
11:15 – 12:15	Session 11	<p>Visit 2: Innovaud</p> <p>Innovation & startup ecosystem attraction strategies</p>
12:15 – 14:15	—	Transfers and lunch at Lausanne Old Town
14:15 – 15:45	Session 12	Visit 3: EPFL Innovation Park

		University–industry collaboration & sectoral innovation clusters
15:45 – 16:30	-	Visit 4: Olympic Museum Networking & cultural experience
16:30 – 18:00	—	Return to Geneva (The transport will return to MIE2)

DAY 3

THURSDAY 25TH JUNE 2026

Time	Session Number	Topic & Details
09:00 – 09:45	Session 13	Formulating IPA Strategy: Practical Tools & Priorities for 2026 • Mr. Dushyant Thakor, Deputy Executive Director, WAIPA
09:45 – 10:30	Session 14	Developing policies and ecosystems to attract Global Capability centres • Mr. Nitin Pangam, CEO MaeFlower Consulting
10:30 – 11:00	—	Coffee Break
11:00 – 12:00	Session 15	IISD Functional Approach to National Investment Laws (Focus: Incentives, facilitation, monitoring & oversight functions relevant to IPAs) • Dr. Florencia Sarmiento, Policy Advisor, Investment Law & Policy Team, IISD
12:00 – 13:00	—	Lunch Break
13:00 – 13:30	—	Transfer to ILO



Investment & Jobs Dialogue at the International Labour Organization (ILO)

14:00 – 14:45	Session 16	FDI for More and Better Jobs
14:45 – 15:00	Session 17	Community of Practice Platform for IPAs
15:00 – 15:30	Session 18	Interactive Discussion + Q&A
15:30 – 15:45		Facility Walkthrough & Group Photograph
15:45 – 16:15	—	Transfer to MIE2

DAY 4

FRIDAY 26TH JUNE 2026

Time	Session Number	Topic & Details
09:00 – 09:45	Session 19	Traversing the investment lifecycle: Case studies from IPAs across the world in facilitation, aftercare & advocacy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Dushyant Thakor, Deputy Executive Director, WAIPA
09:45- 10:15	Session 20	Keynote Address: <i>IPA Strategies in the Changing World Order</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. James Zhan, Chair, Executive Board of World Investment Conference, WAIPA
10:15 – 10:45	—	Coffee Break
10:45 – 11:45	Session 21	Group Work Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30 min group discussions • 30 min interactive group reflections (5×5 min)
11:45 – 12:15	Session 22	Group Dialogue: Insights and Action Priorities

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator: Mr. Andreas Hora, Deputy Executive Director, WAIPA
12:15 – 12:30	Session 23	Certificate Handover & Group Picture
12:30 – 13:30	—	Lunch Break
13:30 – 14:00	—	Transfer to Palais Des Nations
Policy & Technical Dialogue at UN Trade and Development		
14:15 – 14:40	Session 24	Artificial Intelligence for Investment Promotion: Turning Potential Into Practice <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Natalia Guerra, Officer-in-Charge, Investment Promotion Section, Division on Investment and Enterprise
14:40 – 15:05	Session 25	Understanding FDI Statistics & Trends <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Astrit Sulstarova, Chief, Trends & Data Section, UN Trade and Development (UNCTAD)
15:05 – 15:30	Session 26	Reforming International Investment Agreements for Sustainable Development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Vincent Beyer, Expert in Legal Affairs, International Investment Agreements Section, Division on Investment and Enterprise, UNCTAD
15:30 – 15:50	Session 27	Interaction with the UNCTAD team
15:50 – 16:15		Facility Walkthrough & Group Photograph – Palais des Nations
Transfer to MIE2 - <i>End of Program</i>		