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International Investment Treaty Reforms What Potential is there for Sustainable Development?

Tuesday, 27 March 2018 14:15 – 16:30 followed by refreshments

Kursaal Bern, Kornhausstrasse 3 Room «Bellavista 5»

The Conference is free of charge and will be held in English.

Registration by 26 March 2018 at <u>traverse@eda.admin.ch</u> Further information: www.deza.admin.ch/traverse **Private investment** is an essential building block for the financing of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. **International Investment Treaties** (IIT) are an important component of global economic governance which influence investor-state relations. Today, a dynamic international debate on IIT is taking place, and reform options are being explored.

- How are the debates on IIT and the efforts to increase private sector contribution to sustainable development related?
- What kind of treaty arrangements could strengthen the commitment of States, investors and enterprises to sustainable development and responsible conduct?

The TRAVERSE proposes to tackle these questions with a distinguished group of international specialists:

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