

Statement, AF SC Candidate.

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Dear Academic Forum Colleagues,

I would like to be a member of our SC to strengthen the academic cooperation between the members of the Global South and the rest of the world. The main activities I would like to contribute with are: (i) organisation of more opportunities to disseminate and publish collaborative work at different high-quality publications and (ii) (at a post-covid era) to continuing ensuring academic members can engage and meet more at different settings to constructively discuss their ideas and work-in progress.

I believe, we are at a crucial time where policy and lawmakers are more open to structural reforms to the system of international investment law, including procedural but, most importantly, substantive reforms to the system. One of the main objectives, should be, to start creating the direction of the AF, beyond the WGIII work to set a collective vision of how we will continue influencing investment treaty making, practice and scholarship. The current pool of AF members is very rich and diverse, thus, setting out the agenda after the WGIII it is essential for the permanence of this very valuable community, and I would like to contribute to this objective by increasing the number of collaborations between us.