

IMPACT INVESTING FORUM

On LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES (LDC)

- 20 September 2023 - in Stamford, Connecticut – IN PERSON EVENT

INCLUDING DINNER

Concept paper

Time/Location

Wednesday 20-Sept 3:00 PM to 8:00PM in the Landing, followed by dinner 4 Star Point, Stamford, Connecticut 06902

IN PERSON Private Event.

Objective

To meet the growing demand for global impact investment projects, The Connecticut Global Impact Investment Forum (CGIIF) and Connecticut Innovations is inviting, at the highest possible level, including Heads of State and Government, the LDC nations to join as featured guests. This event focuses on the opportunity rich environment that is represented by the Least Developed Countries members. The CGIIF draws participation from Connecticut's concentration of accomplished global investors and their philanthropic arms, key organizations in asset management (Connecticut ranks #2 in Assets Under Management ⁽¹⁾), Insurance (Home to many of the largest insurance and reinsurance companies), Innovation (ranked #1 state from digital economy ⁽²⁾), travel, and industrial firms that have significant mandates and ability to drive transformative impact investment globally. By bringing together these organizations and individuals in an intimate group setting we can facilitate the dialogue that drives meaningful collaboration and investment.

The participants of the program currently represent a diverse group of stakeholders in the impact investment ecosystem including technology companies, foundations, philanthropic organizations, private and venture capital funds, and policy advisors. The group represents expansive global investment mandates. The asset managers and consultants participating represent over \$500B in investment capital. The sector and themes will encompass investment in infrastructure, renewable energy, carbon credits and offsets, education, sustainable food and consumer goods, bio-tech, and IT.

The opportunities include access and blueprints to the import/export bank, International Development Finance Corporation (DFC) and other related financing resources available for the least developed countries.

The application of automatic trading systems to create ad hoc capital markets with the potential for underwriting developing countries sovereign debt. Securing distributed financial systems and cross-border transactions with advanced systems and encryption.

The University of Connecticut in cooperation with the Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States have been coordinating the efforts of a team of finance students to develop relevant fiscal policy and economic development input-output models. The team of students and faculty have volunteered to be a resource for the Least Developed Countries (LDC) bloc. Our team have developed and submitted several specialized open format Leontief input-output factor models focused on the relevant Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) and have been engaged in a quantitative analysis of the data as to the significance of the related application for fiscal policy. A presentation will be given by the UConn LDC Modeling team and Faculty sponsors that will highlight critical improvements made on existing models.

A discussion will focus on the opportunities and successes presented by new and existing international initiatives at the University of Connecticut and the Federal, State and City of Stamford Governments.

Current Agenda

3:00 PM – 3:45 PM: Registration and Introduction

3:45 PM to 4:00 PM Connecticut Innovations – Connecticut State Strategic Investment Fund and leading Finance Source

4:00 PM to 4:30 PM Portfolio company presentation

4:30 PM to 5:00 PM: Investor Roundtable

5:00 PM to 5:15 PM Pat LaVecchia – CEO of Oasis Pro Markets, First US -regulated multi-asset alternative trading system (ATS), subscribers trade on a digital block chain, and underwriting sovereign debt

5:15 PM to 5:30 PM Roman Pipko – Financier who is considered the architect for the structure utilized for the successful allocation of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC) \$125 million loan guarantee via Botswana Finance LLC

5:30 PM to 5:45 PM UConn Student LDC modeling Team and Faculty sponsor

5:45 PM to 6:15 PM Cocktails and Networking

6:15 PM to 8:00 PM Dinner and Closing Remarks

(1) *(Statista, 2020)*

(2) *(Information Technology & Innovation Foundation, 2020)*