

## Biographical Note



Mr. Paul Wessendorp is Chief of the Investment Promotion Section at the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD). He is responsible for a global technical assistance programme aimed at strengthening national capacities to promote and facilitate foreign investment for sustainable development.

Mr. Wessendorp has over twenty years of experience in more than 40 countries providing advice and training on investment policies and promotion. He helped found the World Association of Investment Promotion Agencies (WAIPA) and developed UNCTAD programmes on good governance, green investment, and the promotion of investment by diplomats. He is a frequent speaker at international meetings on investment and development and led teams that organized UNCTAD's World Investment Forums in China, Ghana, Kenya, Switzerland and Qatar.

Mr. Wessendorp is author and co-author of numerous publications on investment related issues. Before joining UNCTAD, he worked in the area of entrepreneurship and economic development with the United Nations Centre on Transnational Corporations (UNCTC) in New York, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Nairobi, and the Netherlands Directorate General for International Cooperation (DGIS) in The Hague. He is an Economic Geographer and Development Planner and has an MSc from the University of Utrecht, The Netherlands.



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