

The Sustainability Challenge for FDI: How to Have it Work for All

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The main idea of the intervention is to discuss the issue of food security primarily through the nexus- investment in agriculture, fiscal constraints, poverty reduction and job creation in the Arab region. Considering that the countries in the region are facing different risks in times of soaring food prices, we are trying to explain how could FDI bridge the existing investment gap in the agricultural sector. We argue that a responsible approach towards attracting foreign investments in agriculture has the potential to increase income and achieve more inclusion and empowerment of the local community. Therefore, FDI in agriculture should be made part of the more comprehensive rural development strategy and the overall macroeconomic framework.