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Live-Blogging the UNCTAD Conference

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There are some interesting comments in the [live blog](#) of the [UNCTAD International Investment Agreements Conference](#) from the likes of Todd Weiler, Susan Franck, and Jason Yackee. (You can also watch the proceedings [here](#)). Much substance in the coverage, but also some fun. Here's a taste:

Todd Weiler:

As I see Prof Franck is performing the live blog function, I will take the guerrilla blogger role.... Guerrillas strike and retreat. They don't stand and defend (at least not with this kind of word count limit!).

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Todd Weiler:

One of the minor ways in which it might be said that China is still a developing country can be seen in men's washrooms... It reeks of the surreptitious adventures of desperate smokers.

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Lisa Blomgren Bingham:

The important observation is how investment dispute systems need to provide for public participation and transparency given the important public policy issues at stake.

Jason Yackee:

But nobody actually wants to watch ICSID proceedings. They are boring.

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Jason Yackee:

African "VIP" next to me is falling asleep. Is that a sign of something meaningful?


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