



This Week

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From the Office of the Secretary-General

SG calls for strong social contract to underpin globalization

In an address titled "[Economic Bridges: Aims, Incentives and Impacts](#)" at the Berlin International Economic Congress on 7 March 2012, UNCTAD Secretary-General Supachai Panitchpakdi said an ever more complex international division of labour embedded in the phenomenon of globalization needs a strong social contract, with strong moral and political foundations, if the outcomes are to be inclusive and sustainable. [More >>](#)

Meetings and events

Preparatory Committee for UNCTAD XIII:

- Working Group 2 (Sub-theme 1), 13 March 2012
- Working Group 3 (Sub-theme 2), 14 March 2012
- Working Group 4 (Sub-theme 3), 15 March 2012
- Working Group 5 (Sub-theme 4), 16 March 2012

UNCTAD/TrainForTrade: Port Training Programme, 11–24 March in [Male, Maldives](#) and 12–16 March 2012 in [Takoradi, Ghana](#) and [Walvis Bay, Namibia](#),

Consultative workshop to review the draft competition law and the revised consumer protection law for the Lao Government, 15–16 March 2012, Vientiane, Lao People's Democratic Republic. [More >>](#)

Workshop on Climate Change Reporting, 16 March 2012, Geneva. [More >>](#)

Updates

UN Secretary-General sends message for UNCTAD XIII

Mr. Ban Ki-moon, in a message to be published for the UNCTAD XIII booklet, has called for "all partners – Governments, business, civil society and others – to bring their best ideas and a strong sense of purpose to UNCTAD XIII." [More >>](#)

Ten finalists vie for Empretec Women in Business Award 2012. [More >>](#)

Civil Society voices its priorities for UNCTAD XIII

Panellists and delegates at the Hearing with Civil Society and the Private Sector stressed that Civil Society's voice cannot be excluded when discussing the current sustainability challenges, financial regulation and its associated issues, and the policies on trade and investment agreements. [More >>](#)

Coming up

Trade and Development Board, 25th special session (Organizational matters for UNCTAD XIII), 19–23 March 2012, Geneva. [More >>](#)

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