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NOTIFICATION

Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting

**Thirty-third session
Geneva, 4 to 6 October 2016**

The thirty-third session of the Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting will be held from 4 to 6 October 2016. It will open at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, 4 October, in Room XVIII of the Palais des Nations in Geneva.

The session will provide an opportunity for member States to discuss key issues in the area of financial and non-financial accounting and reporting. High-quality accounting and reporting is a critical component of an enabling investment climate and an important tool for promoting socially and environmentally responsible private sector practice. The adoption of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development has created a new demand for corporate information, with a focus on the contribution of enterprises towards attaining the Sustainable Development Goals and the role of corporate reporting in the monitoring framework of the Goals.

According to the agreement reached by member States at the thirty-second session of the Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts, the topics proposed for the main agenda items at the thirty-third session are as follows:

- (a) Practical implementation of the monitoring of compliance and enforcement of accounting and audit requirements for high-quality reporting;
- (b) Enhancing the role of reporting in attaining the Sustainable Development Goals: Integration of the environmental, social and governance information into company reporting.

Additional topics will be considered under “other business”, including discussions on the recent application of the UNCTAD–ISAR Accounting Development Tool by member States. The UNCTAD secretariat has prepared issue papers on the main agenda items with a view to facilitating experts’ deliberations at the session. The provisional annotated agenda and other documentation will be circulated in due course.

Participation

Registration should be completed online. To do so, please use the following link: [ISAR, thirty-third session](#). Nominations and related communications concerning representation at the meeting should be sent to the following address:

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The session is open to all member States of UNCTAD. Member State representatives and alternate representatives and advisers wishing to attend the session are requested to provide their credentials to UNCTAD by **19 September 2016**.

Specialized agencies and intergovernmental bodies wishing to participate in the session, as well as non-governmental organizations in the general category and those in the special category that wish to participate as observers, are requested to inform the UNCTAD secretariat of the names of their representatives by the same date.

Logistics

Before entering the Palais des Nations, participants are requested to collect their badges at the United Nations Security Service, Pregny Gate entrance, 14 avenue de la Paix. The Security Service is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Because of the security measures in force, participants are strongly advised to arrive before 9 a.m. in order to complete entry procedures in good time and proceed to the meeting in Building E of the Palais. Participants are requested to carry a passport or similar national identity card. Taxis are not allowed to enter the grounds of the Palais des Nations; therefore, visitors will be dropped off at the entrance gates. Furthermore, luggage may not be brought into the buildings unless the Security Service grants special clearance.

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