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NOTIFICATION

Preparatory Committee for UNCTAD 14

Hearing with civil society and the private sector

Wednesday, 6 April 2016, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Room XXVI, Palais des Nations, Geneva

Pursuant to a decision taken by member States during the sixty-first executive session of the Trade and Development Board (24–26 June 2015), two preparatory hearings with civil society and the private sector will be held as part of the intergovernmental preparations for UNCTAD 14.

The first hearing will take place on Wednesday, 6 April 2016, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., in room XXVI of the Palais des Nations.

UNCTAD member States, organizations with observer status and those organizations accredited to UNCTAD 14 are invited to participate. The hearing will take the form of an interactive debate and will provide an opportunity for dialogue and an exchange of views among delegates of UNCTAD member States and representatives of civil society and the private sector on issues relevant to the theme and four sub-themes of UNCTAD 14:

From decision to action: Moving towards an inclusive and equitable global economic environment for trade and development.

- Challenges and opportunities in multilateralism for trade and development;
- Promoting sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth through trade, investment, finance and technology to achieve prosperity for all;
- Advancing economic structural transformation and cooperation to build economic resilience and address trade and development challenges and opportunities, at all levels, within the UNCTAD mandate;
- Contributing to the effective implementation of and follow-up to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and relevant outcomes from global conferences and summits, as related to trade and development.

A detailed programme of the hearing will be made available soon.

The outcome of the hearing will be summarized in a report of the Preparatory Committee to UNCTAD 14.

Participation and nominations

Registration should be completed online. To do so, please use the following link: [Hearing with civil society and the private sector](#). Nominations and related communications concerning representation at the meeting should be sent to the following address: UNCTAD secretariat, Civil Society Outreach Unit, Palais des Nations, CH-1211 Geneva 10; e-mail: cs0.unctad14@unctad.org.

Members of the Trade and Development Board are requested to submit to the UNCTAD secretariat the credentials of their representatives and the names of the alternate representatives and advisers who will participate in the hearing by **23 March 2016**.

Other participants (members of UNCTAD who are not members of the Board, specialized agencies, intergovernmental bodies and non-governmental organizations with observer status) are requested to inform the UNCTAD secretariat of the names of their representatives by the same date.

Logistics

Simultaneous interpretation will be provided in the six official languages of the United Nations.

Before entering the Palais des Nations, participants are requested to collect their badges at the United Nations Security Service, Prégny 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 the E-Building 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.

Further information and contact details

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