

ANY QUESTIONS?

- Looking for civil society experts to speak at a meeting or event?
- Want to invite civil society to attend a seminar, training session or event?
- Wish to launch flagship reports and studies jointly with, or by, civil society organizations in different countries?
- Going on mission to a developing country and would like to contact civil society organizations there?
- News about a meeting, publication or project you would like to share with civil society?
- Gathering views from civil society as part of your research or consultation process?
- Want to keep your civil society partners up to date with UNCTAD activities?

CONTACT

INTRODUCING THE UNCTAD CIVIL SOCIETY OUTREACH TEAM

Get in touch with your Civil Society Outreach team.

WE CAN HELP

For example, we collect information on civil society around the world, working in different fields of competence. Also, we can keep your civil society partners abreast of UNCTAD activities by adding them to our database and including them in our outreach activities.

More details on UNCTAD and civil society are available at www.unctad.org/cso.

For enquiries, please contact us at cso@unctad.org (e-mail) or 022 917 5048 (telephone).

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“ We need civil society to help us follow new paths to sustainable development. ”

UNCTAD Secretary-General
Mukhisa Kituyi



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WHAT DOES THE CIVIL SOCIETY OUTREACH TEAM DO?

Civil society organizations bring fresh ideas, information and expertise to UNCTAD and keep us informed about what is happening on the ground in developing countries. They also play an important advocacy role. At UNCTAD XIII, they helped draw attention to current development challenges and urged that UNCTAD be strengthened in order to address them.

The Civil Society Outreach team maintains and develops working relations and partnerships with a range of civil society actors: parliament, academia, trade unions, business associations and non-governmental organizations.

- Engages civil society organizations in UNCTAD work and fosters ongoing dialogue between civil society and UNCTAD divisions through consultations and information sessions
- Helps UNCTAD divisions to find speakers and experts for meetings and events in Geneva and abroad, and partners for technical cooperation projects
- Coordinates and liaises with member States, United Nations focal points and the United Nations Non-governmental Liaison Service on matters and activities related to civil society
- Organizes the annual Public Symposium, which brings together representatives of civil society, the private sector and governments to exchange views and expertise, network and debate key issues on the development agenda
- Organizes and coordinates the Civil Society Forum at UNCTAD conferences
- Keeps civil society organizations informed about UNCTAD activities and publications through social media, and the bi-weekly e-alert, which reaches several thousand civil society representatives
- Posts relevant news and views from UNCTAD and civil society on its website: www.unctad.org/cso
- Advises civil society organizations on obtaining observer status with UNCTAD and manages the process of granting observer status
- Manages accreditation of non-governmental organizations for UNCTAD quadrennial conferences, the Symposium and other meetings
- Regularly updates and issues official lists of civil society and intergovernmental organizations that have observer status
- Mobilizes extrabudgetary funds to support activities carried out jointly by UNCTAD and civil society

