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NOTIFICATION

Investment, Enterprise and Development Commission Ninth session

Geneva, 20–24 November 2017

The ninth session of the Investment, Enterprise and Development Commission will be held from 20 to 24 November 2017. It will start at 10 a.m. on Monday, 20 November, in room XXVI of the Palais des Nations.

The Commission provides the opportunity for member States as well as investment and development stakeholders to discuss key and emerging issues in the area of investment and enterprise and their implications for sustainable development, and to consider policy solutions.

This year's session will address as its main theme, "From decisions to actions: Investment and enterprise development as catalysts for accomplishing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development".

A high-level panel has been convened on the first day of the Commission to discuss best practice policies and further measures that can be taken to increase support to Governments in mobilizing foreign direct investment for the Sustainable Development Goals. Under the same agenda item, policymakers, investment promotion agencies and private sector representatives will be given an opportunity to exchange concrete experiences and views during the second day of the Commission, devoted to the presentation, at the ministerial level, of the Investment Policy Reviews of South-East Europe and of the Gambia.

On the third day, the discussions under the main theme will also feature a high-level policy dialogue on the contribution of science, technology and innovation in defining effective international partnerships for technological learning and development, and on identifying innovative approaches to promote access to technologies for the Sustainable Development Goals. In this context, the Commission could engage in an exchange of experiences and lessons learned regarding the challenges and opportunities involved in the deployment of new and emerging technologies in support of the Sustainable Development Goals.

The ninth session of the Investment, Enterprise and Development Commission will also feature the UNCTAD Investment Promotion Awards ceremony, which will be given to the best-performing agencies in investment promotion for sustainable development.

The Commission will also consider the reports and discuss the outcomes and recommendations of its Multi-year Expert Meeting on Investment, Innovation and Entrepreneurship for Productive Capacity-building and Sustainable Development, devoted this year to international investment policies and sustainable development. It will also consider the report of the thirty-fourth session of the Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of

Accounting and Reporting. In addition, the Commission will examine progress made in the implementation of its mandates received by the secretariat, identifying areas in which synergies have been achieved among the three pillars of UNCTAD work.

Participation

Registration should be completed online. To do so, please use the following link: [Investment, Enterprise and Development Commission](#). Nominations and related communications concerning representation at the meeting should be sent to the UNCTAD secretariat, Intergovernmental Support Service, Palais des Nations, CH-1211 Geneva 10; fax: 41 22 917 0214; email: meetings@unctad.org.

The Commission is open to all member States of UNCTAD, including alternative representatives and advisers. Specialized agencies and intergovernmental bodies wishing to participate in the meeting, investment promotion agencies, science, technology and innovation agencies and non-governmental organizations in the general category and those in the special category who wish to participate as observers are requested to register online by the same date using the above link.

Logistics

Upon arrival, participants are requested, before entering the Palais des Nations, 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 the E Building of the Palais. Participants are requested to carry a passport or similar national identity card with them. Taxis are not allowed to enter the grounds of the Palais des Nations and visitors will therefore be dropped off at the requested 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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