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NOTIFICATION

Investment, Enterprise and Development Commission Tenth session

Geneva, –7 December 2018

The tenth session of the Investment, Enterprise and Development Commission will be held from 3 to 7 December 2018 and will commence at 10 a.m. in room XXVI of the Palais des Nations, Geneva.

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

In accordance with the decision of the Trade and Development Board of 26 June 2018, the Commission will address, as its main themes, investment and entrepreneurship for development and science, technology and innovation for enterprise development.

A panel convened for the first day of the Commission will discuss ways and means in which national and international investment policies can promote foreign direct investment flows, with a view to creating the conditions for economic growth and prosperity in developing countries. 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 of investment policy reviews.

The Commission will also engage in policy dialogue focused on the relationship between science, technology and innovation policies and policies to support enterprise development. Experiences and lessons learned in designing and implementing policies to promote the emergence and growth of innovative entrepreneurship will be considered, with a special focus on measures to address the constraints faced by entrepreneurs developing products or services relevant for the Sustainable Development Goals, to promote networking and clustering of innovative firms and to leverage opportunities for digital entrepreneurship.

The Investment, Enterprise and Development Commission will also consider the reports and discuss the outcomes and recommendations of the 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. The Commission 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 the mandates received by the secretariat, highlighting areas in which synergies have been achieved among the three pillars of UNCTAD work.

Participation

The Investment, Enterprise and Development 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.

Online registration is mandatory for all those wishing to attend the session. 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@un.org.

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.

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