



Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Consumer Protection Law and Policy

4th Session, 8 and 9 July 2019, Geneva, Switzerland

Opening plenary and Keynote speech

Monday 8 July 2019 (10:00 - 11:30)
Palais des Nations, Room XVII (First Floor)

The Fourth session Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Consumer Protection Law and Policy will host its Opening plenary, item 1 of the provisional agenda,¹ on Monday 8 July 2019 at 10 a.m. The first order of business will be the election of officers for the session, Chair and Vice-Chair-cum-Rapporteur. Next, the IGE will be asked to adopt its agenda and organization of work, item 2, followed by the opening address of Ms. Isabelle Durant, Deputy Secretary-General of UNCTAD. The floor will then be open for general statements by delegations. Delegations wishing to take the floor should indicate so by raising their country nametags and limit their interventions to three minutes. General statements may be sent to the UNCTAD secretariat to be uploaded in the webpage of the meeting.

Prof. Dr. Claudia Lima Marques will address the IGE in her keynote speech on: *"Perspectives on consumer protection in the twenty-first century."* Prof Marques is a Full Professor of Private International Law at the Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul in Porto Alegre, Brazil. Prof. Marques will address the challenges faced when protecting consumers in an increasingly interconnected world, where issues such as electronic commerce, consumer health and safety and tourism are impacted by sustainability.

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WORK PROGRAMME

10:00 to 11:00

Opening plenary

- Election of Officers
- Adoption of the agenda and organization of work
- Ms. Isabelle Durant, Deputy Secretary-General of UNCTAD
- General statements

11:00 to 11:30

Keynote speech: Perspectives on consumer protection in the twenty-first century

- Prof. Dr. Claudia Lima Marques, Professor of Private International Law at the Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul in Porto Alegre, Brazil

Delegates wishing to speak during the session are invited to inform the UNCTAD secretariat accordingly by contacting Mr. Arnau Izaguerri Vila (arnau.izaguerri@unctad.org).