



2014 PUBLIC SYMPOSIUM

18–19 June 2014
Palais des Nations – Geneva

A Better World Economic Order for Equality and Sustainable Development Post-2015



On the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of UNCTAD, the 2014 Public Symposium will explore how widening inequality poses a challenge to sustainable development.

MAIN TOPICS

- 1. Macroeconomic dimensions of inequality***
- 2. From best policy practices to global transformation***

Interactive plenary sessions featuring high-level speakers will address each sub-theme.

This year the Symposium will open with the *Third Geneva Dialogue*, part of a series of events where experts from the Geneva trade hub and other stakeholders debate global economic issues, including the post-2015 development agenda.

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Registration is mandatory and available online till 1st June 2014

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1. MACROECONOMIC DIMENSIONS OF INEQUALITY

This segment will look at why inequality between and within nations is growing, how growing inequalities contributed to the accumulation of global imbalances and the eruption of the 2008 financial crisis, and why measures taken to tackle the crisis have worsened inequalities. It will also discuss which reforms would lead to more sustainable and equitable forms of development.

2. FROM BEST POLICY PRACTICES TO GLOBAL TRANSFORMATION

This segment will explore the policy measures that different countries and regions have adopted to tackle the problems associated with growing inequality. Can partnerships between different stakeholders help to replicate and scale up these best practices? Are there undue constraints on the policy space of countries to implement such measures?

ABOUT THE SYMPOSIUM

The UNCTAD Public Symposium is organized in cooperation with the United Nations Non-Governmental Liaison Service and other partners.

It is UNCTAD's annual outreach event where government officials, civil society representatives, academics, the private sector and other stakeholders come together to engage in open and interactive dialogue on critical issues in development.

FORMAT

In addition to the plenaries, breakout sessions led by civil society partners, UNCTAD and other stakeholders will also provide an opportunity to look at issues in depth and to brainstorm on what role UNCTAD should play in the implementation of the post-2015 development agenda.

GET INVOLVED

Views and written contributions on the theme are encouraged and can be shared via the Symposium website at unctad.org/Symposium2014. You will also find up-to-date information on the programme, registration and guidelines on how to share your input.

INTERPRETATION

Simultaneous interpretation into the official United Nations languages (Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Spanish and Russian) will be available at the plenary sessions, but not at the breakout sessions.

OUTCOME

This year's Symposium is part of a week of events for the fiftieth anniversary of UNCTAD, which will explore UNCTAD's contribution to development in the years to come. As in the past, the outcome of the Symposium will be transmitted to the UNCTAD Trade and Development Board and through the Board, to the United Nations General Assembly.



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