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NOTIFICATION

United Nations Trade Forum: Sustainable Development Goals and Climate Geneva, 9–13 September 2019

The [United Nations Trade Forum: Sustainable Development Goals and Climate](#) will be held from 9 to 13 September 2019 in rooms IX, XXVI and the Assembly Hall of the Palais des Nations, Geneva. The Forum will start at 10 a.m. on Monday, 9 September 2019. Simultaneous interpretation in the six official languages of the United Nations, Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish, will be available during the first three days of the Forum.

Background and purpose of the meeting

In the run-up to the United Nations Climate Change Summit on 23 September 2019 in New York, the first United Nations Trade Forum will explore the linkages between trade, climate change, oceans economy and biodiversity. Under the lens of Sustainable Development Goals 13, 14 and 15, the discussions will focus on the value of the oceans, circular and biodiversity-based economic approaches in building diversification and resilience to climate change, especially in small island developing States. During the week of the Forum the 16th UNCTAD Prebisch Lecture will be held, featuring Her Excellency The Honourable Ms. Mia Mottley, Prime Minister of Barbados, as well as the third Oceans Forum, and the fifth BioTrade Congress.

The United Nations Trade Forum is a new and emerging platform designed by UNCTAD to explore innovative ideas and approaches on how trade and trade policies may enable and support the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

The Forum is organized in partnership with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations; United Nations Environment Programme; Economic Commission for Europe; the International Trade Centre; Commonwealth Secretariat; African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States; State Secretariat for Economic Affairs of Switzerland; Department for International Development of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland; French Facility for Global Environment; International Ocean Institute; and Union for Ethical BioTrade. Among the Forum's participants will be high-level speakers, including Heads of State.

Participation

The United Nations Trade Forum is open to all member States of UNCTAD. Other organizations, including specialized agencies, intergovernmental bodies and non-governmental organizations in the general and special categories, as well as representatives from academia and the private sector, may participate as observers.

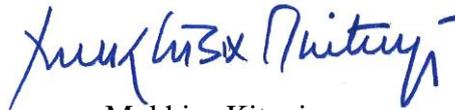
[Online registration](#) for the United Nations Trade Forum: registration for the Sustainable Development Goals and Climate session is required for all those wishing to attend the meeting and in order to be included in the list of participants. Early registration from now until Friday, 6 September 2019, is advised in order that timely approval may be received for the issuance of a badge to enter the Palais des Nations. All enquiries should be addressed to untradeforum@un.org.

Logistics

Before entering the Palais des Nations, participants are requested 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 Building E of the Palais. Participants are requested to carry a passport or similar national identity card. Taxis are not allowed to enter the grounds of the Palais des Nations; therefore, visitors should be dropped off at the entrance gates. Furthermore, luggage may not be brought into the buildings unless the Security Service grants special clearance.

Further information and contact details

All other inquiries should be addressed to: untradeforum@un.org.



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