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## NOTIFICATION

### **Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting Thirty-fifth session Geneva, 24–26 October 2018**

The thirty-fifth session of the Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting will be held from 24 to 26 October 2018. It will open at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, 24 October, in Room XVII at the Palais des Nations in Geneva, Switzerland.

The session will provide an opportunity for member States to discuss main developments in financial and non-financial reporting by enterprises. In particular, it will discuss and share good practices on how enterprise reporting can contribute to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development that has created a new demand on enterprise reporting as a means to assess and enhance the private sector's role in attaining the Sustainable Development Goals. It will also review issues of practical implementation of international standards of accounting and reporting in the public and private sectors.

In line with the agreed conclusions reached by member States at the thirty-fourth session of the Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts, the main agenda items for the thirty-fifth session are as follows:

- (a) Enhancing comparability of sustainability reporting: Selection of core indicators for entity reporting on contribution towards the attainment of the Sustainable Development Goals;
- (b) Issues of practical implementation of international standards of accounting and reporting in the public and private sectors.

Additional topics will be considered under “other business”, including presentations on implementation of the UNCTAD–ISAR Accounting Development Tool by member States.

The UNCTAD secretariat is in the process of preparing issue papers on the main agenda items with a view to facilitating experts' deliberations at the session. The provisional annotated agenda and other documentation will be circulated in due course.

This year, ISAR will take place as part of the World Investment Forum 2018, which will be held from 22 to 26 October at the Palais des Nations. The Forum is a high-level, biennial, multi-stakeholder gathering designed to facilitate dialogue and action on the world's key and emerging investment-related challenges. This year's Forum will focus on the global challenges to international investment in the new era of globalization and industrialization. It will provide an opportunity for open dialogue between all investment stakeholders, in particular where solution-oriented initiatives can be discussed, and global partnerships fostered to advance prosperity for all.

ISAR participants are invited to attend the World Investment Forum Grand Opening and the Global Investment Game Changers Summit, which will take place on 22 October from 3 p.m. in the General Assembly Hall, followed by a welcome reception and cultural performance. They are also invited to take part in other high-level events on 23 October. These include the Global Leaders Investment Summit (10 a.m. to 1 p.m.) and the Sustainable Stock Exchanges Global Dialogue (3 p.m. to 6 p.m.).

## **Participation**

This meeting is open to all member States of UNCTAD. Other organizations, including specialized agencies, intergovernmental bodies and non-governmental organizations in the general category, may participate as observers.

Online registration at <https://reg.unog.ch/event/19338/> is mandatory for all those wishing to attend the meeting and is required for inclusion in the list of participants. Early registration is advisable so that timely approval may be received for the issuance of a ground pass to the Palais des Nations. In addition, prospective participants must upload an official letter of nomination to represent an organization at this meeting to complete the registration process. For government representatives, a note verbale or an email from the permanent mission concerned in Geneva will suffice.

Further enquiries regarding registration 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](mailto:meetings@unctad.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. 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 will 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**

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