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NOTIFICATION

Ad Hoc Expert Meeting on Climate Change-Related Reporting

**Room XXV, Palais des Nations
Geneva, 16 March 2012**

An Ad Hoc Expert Meeting on Climate Change-Related Reporting will be held on 16 March 2012, commencing at 10 a.m. in room XXV of the Palais des Nations in Geneva, Switzerland.

Background and purpose of the meeting

UNCTAD, in collaboration with the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), the Climate Disclosure Standards Board (CDSB) and the Global Reporting Initiative (GRI), is working to take stock of current corporate climate change reporting frameworks and assess the benefits of greater consistency of approach to the demand for, and supply of, corporate climate change-related information. It is an opportune moment to share information and compare reporting programmes, as climate change disclosure is still developing, and countries are not yet completely locked into specific regulatory paths.

The joint meeting will focus on (a) providing information, evidence and resources to support greater understanding of the policies, initiatives and practices that currently lead to the demand for and supply of climate change-related information; (b) identifying the main problems linked to the current lack of consistency of climate change disclosure systems; (c) assessing the benefits of greater consistency; and (d) paving the way for further discussions on consistency in the demand for and supply of climate change-related information.

This interactive meeting will allow participants to discuss on the evolution of climate change reporting policies. Inputs gathered at this meeting will inform ongoing research by UNCTAD, OECD, CDSB and GRI, to be disseminated in the run-up to the Rio+20 Earth Summit in June 2012.

Participation

This invitation is extended to member States, specialized agencies and intergovernmental bodies wishing to participate in the meeting, as well as non-governmental organizations in the General Category and those in the Special Category wishing to participate as observers. Representatives of the private sector, academia and relevant organizations dealing with issues related to the topic of the meeting are also be invited.



Logistics

The meeting will take place at the United Nations Office at Geneva, Palais des Nations. Upon arrival and before entering the Palais des Nations, participants are requested to collect their badge at the United Nations Security Service at Pregny Gate. The Security Service is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (non-stop). Because of the security measures in force, participants are strongly advised to arrive before 9 a.m. in order to complete the procedures and reach the meeting in good time. Participants are requested to bring 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 gate. Furthermore, **luggage may not be brought into the buildings unless the Security Service gives special clearance.**

Further information and contact details

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