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NOTIFICATION

Briefing session

Climate change, sustainable development goals and trade: At the crossroads of sustainable development

Geneva, 10 February 2015

A briefing session entitled “Climate change, sustainable development goals and trade: At the crossroads of sustainable development” will be held in Room XXVI of the Palais des Nations, Geneva, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesday, 10 February 2015.

Background documents and agenda

The briefing session will focus on three main negotiations on climate change, sustainable development goals and trade marking the post-2015 development agenda:

- Climate negotiations, which will culminate in the climate change summit in Paris in December 2015
- Intergovernmental negotiations on sustainable development goals and the post-2015 development agenda
- Doha Round negotiations in the World Trade Organization, in particular the ongoing debate on environmental goods and services

While distinctly different, these negotiating tracks share a number of important policy markers with sustainable development. In all three, it can be argued that trade serves as an enabler in the long run, making sure the implementation of any eventual agreement is inclusive within and across countries. This briefing session, organized in parallel with events of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action, aims to inform delegations about these issues, their linkages and possible impact on the environment, trade and development. The programme and information concerning the briefing will be available on the UNCTAD website at <http://unctad.org/en/Pages/MeetingDetails.aspx?meetingid=734>.

Participation

Registration should be completed online. To do so, please use the following link: [Briefing session on climate change, sustainable development goals and trade: At the crossroads of sustainable development](#).

The briefing may be of particular interest to trade policy officials and practitioners, trade negotiators, representatives of environmental authorities, business associations and private companies engaged in international trade and that are affected by environmental policies. Experts from international organizations dealing with issues relevant to the briefing session will also be invited.



Specialized agencies and intergovernmental bodies wishing to participate in the briefing session, as well as non-governmental organizations in the general category and those in the special category wishing to participate as observers, are requested to inform the UNCTAD secretariat of the names of their representatives by e-mail to Henrique Pacini (henrique.pacini@unctad.org).

Logistics

The meeting will take place at the Palais des Nations in Geneva in Room XXVI. Simultaneous interpretation will be available in English, French and Spanish.

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 room. Participants are requested to carry 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 entrance gates. 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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