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## NOTIFICATION

### Global Commodities Forum

Geneva, 13–14 April 2015

The Global Commodities Forum will be held on 13 and 14 April 2015, in the Palais des Nations, Geneva, Switzerland. It will commence at 10 a.m. on Monday, 13 April, in Room XXVI.

The sixth meeting of the Forum, organized by UNCTAD with the support of its partners, is a major multi-stakeholder meeting where participants can debate potential solutions to perennial problems in the commodity economy.

The theme of the 2015 Global Commodities Forum is “Trade in commodities: Challenges and opportunities”. The first sessions on the programme will reflect on the significant shifts seen in commodities markets over the past year, especially the fall in oil prices, and discuss their implications for resource-rich developing countries, as well as for other stakeholders in the commodities value chain. This stock taking will include a session, organized in collaboration with the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, devoted to the policy space available to raw-material-exporting countries, including, for example, the increased use of export restrictions by these countries since 2008.

The latter sessions of the Forum will look forward, examining the development implications of the “new normal” in commodities markets and trade policy. For example, the programme will close with a session that re-examines the commodities supercycle in the current context of lower prices. Representatives from exporting countries will discuss what lower commodities prices mean for their budgets, national development plans and more generally, for their interaction with the global trading system.

### Participation

Registration should be completed online. To do so, please use the following link: [Global Commodities Forum](#). Nominations and related communications concerning representation at the meeting should be sent to the UNCTAD secretariat, Intergovernmental Support Service, Palais des Nations, CH-1211 Geneva 10; fax: 41 22 917 0214; e-mail: [meetings@unctad.org](mailto:meetings@unctad.org). or [gcf@unctad.org](mailto:gcf@unctad.org).

The Global Commodities Forum assembles stakeholders from throughout the commodities economy, including high-level representatives from national governments, businesses and international organizations, as well as experts from civil society, academia and the press. Participants will attend this meeting in their personal capacities.



Member States of UNCTAD are requested to help disseminate the information about the Forum to the main stakeholders in their countries, thus facilitating their participation.

Specialized agencies and intergovernmental bodies wishing to participate in the meeting, as well as non-governmental organizations in the general and special categories wishing to participate as observers, are requested to inform the UNCTAD secretariat of the names of their representatives by 7 April 2015.

## **Logistics**

The meeting will take place at the United Nations Office at Geneva, Palais des Nations. Simultaneous interpretation will be provided in the six official languages of the United Nations. 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 (Bâtiment E) of the Palais. 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 has provided special clearance.

## **Enquiries**

Other enquiries about the event can be addressed to the following staff members from the Special Unit on Commodities of UNCTAD.

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