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NOTIFICATION

Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting

Thirty-second session

Geneva, 4 to 6 November 2015

The thirty-second session of the Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting (ISAR) will be held from 4 to 6 November 2015. It will open at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, 4 November, in room XVIII of the Palais des Nations in Geneva.

The session provides the opportunity for member States to discuss key emerging issues in the area of financial and non-financial accounting and reporting. High quality accounting and reporting is a critical component of an enabling investment climate and an important tool for promoting socially and environmentally responsible private sector practice.

As per the agreement reached by member States at the thirty-first session of ISAR, the topics proposed for the main agenda items at the thirty-second session are:

- (a) Key foundations for high-quality corporate reporting: International audit and assurance requirements and good practices on their implementation;
- (b) Review of good practices on enhancing the role of corporate reporting in attaining the sustainable development goals.

Additional topics will be considered under “other business”, including follow-ups on topics addressed at previous ISAR sessions – such as compliance-monitoring and enforcement of corporate reporting requirements. The UNCTAD secretariat has prepared 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.

Participation

Registration should be completed online. To do so, please use the following link: [Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting](#). 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.

The session is open to all member States of UNCTAD. Member State representatives and alternate representatives and advisers wishing to attend the session are requested to provide their credentials to UNCTAD by **21 October 2015**.

Specialized agencies and intergovernmental bodies wishing to participate in the session, as well as non-governmental organizations in the general category and those in the special category that wish to participate as observers, are requested to inform the UNCTAD secretariat of the names of their representatives by the same date.

Logistics

Before entering the Palais des Nations, participants are requested to collect their badges from the United Nations Security and Safety 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 a timely fashion and proceed to the meeting in Building 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; visitors should therefore be dropped off at the indicated entrance gates. Furthermore, luggage may not be brought into the buildings unless the Security and Safety Service gives special clearance.

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