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## BRIEFING

### **Implementing the Sustainable Development Goals: Trade in biodiversity-based goods and services**

**Geneva, 25 November 2015**

The UNCTAD BioTrade Initiative will hold a briefing on implementing the Sustainable Development Goals, with a focus on trade in biodiversity-based goods and services on Wednesday, 25 November 2015, from 2.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. in Room XV of the Palais des Nations, Geneva. This event is organized in connection with phase III of the BioTrade Facilitation Programme.

#### **Background and purpose of the meeting**

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development,<sup>1</sup> which includes 17 Sustainable Development Goals, was adopted on 25 September 2015 during the United Nations Sustainable Development Summit in New York. The Agenda sets the path for Governments, United Nations agencies, civil society and businesses to work together to end poverty, promote prosperity and ensure people's well-being while protecting the environment from 2016 to 2030. The new agenda presents challenges that should be addressed and opportunities that can be seized.

Implementation of the new agenda will require a major effort in moving from decisions to actions. The briefing will provide Geneva-based trade representatives and other participants with an increased understanding of the opportunities and challenges that would emerge from the Sustainable Development Goals in relation to trade, biodiversity and livelihoods development, focusing on Goals 1, 2, 12, 15 and 17. It will show how trade and biodiversity programmes, such as BioTrade, can be leveraged to help countries and organizations realize these Goals.

The 2030 Agenda seeks to bring about transformations that benefit people and the planet, and that enhance partnerships. In this regard, the briefing will feature a presentation of practical cases, such as those related to the BioTrade Initiative and others led by private stakeholders, that contribute to biodiversity sustainability and sustainable use and that can help achieve the Goals. Several short presentations will be made by speakers, followed by a discussion among participants.

#### **Documents and contributed papers**

The provisional programme is attached. For updates please consult the link below.

#### **Registration**

Registration should be completed online. To do so, please use the following link:  
<http://unctad.org/en/Pages/MeetingDetails.aspx?meetingid=952>.

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<sup>1</sup> See A/RES/70/1.

## **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. in order 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.

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