



ROOM XXVI
Palais des Nations, Geneva

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APRIL 2013
10 a.m. – 6 p.m.



MULTI-YEAR EXPERT MEETING ON

**PROMOTING
 ECONOMIC INTEGRATION
 AND COOPERATION**

10 a.m.– 10.30 a.m. **ITEM 1: ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

ITEM 2: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ORGANIZATION OF WORK

10.30 a.m.– 1 p.m.

ITEM 3: SUPPORTING INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT TO PROMOTE ECONOMIC INTEGRATION: THE ROLE OF THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS

SESSION 1:

Opening statement by:

H.E. Mr. Selim Kunalp (Turkey)

Introduction by:

Mr. Richard Kozul-Wright, Director, Economic Cooperation and Integration among Developing Countries, UNCTAD

SESSION 2: Infrastructure development: What kinds of partnerships work?

This session will examine the role of public sector, private sector and public–private partnerships (PPPs) in infrastructure development in developing countries.

Panellists:

- **Amar Battachariya**, Director, G24 Secretariat, Washington DC
- **Tony Addison**, Chief Economist, United Nations University World Institute for Development Economics Research, Finland
- **Gillian Fawcett**, Head, Public Sector, Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, United Kingdom

Q&A and discussion from the floor

3 p.m.– 6 p.m.

SESSION 3: Lessons from regional experiences

This session will review the contribution of regional development banks to infrastructure development in developing countries, emphasising its role in cross-border infrastructure projects for promoting regional integration.

Panellists:

- **Naomi. A. Chakwin**, Resident Director General, European Representative Office, Asian Development Bank, Frankfurt
- **Simone Saisse**, Manager Strategy and Business Environment of the Brazilian Development Bank, Brazil
- **Malebo Mabitje-Thompson**, Chief Operations Officer, Industrial Development Division, Department of Trade and Industry, South Africa.

Q&A and discussion from the floor



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ITEM 3 continued:

SESSION 4: Trade facilitation: The development dimension

The fourth session explores the development dimension of trade facilitation in the context of multilateral trade agreements.

Panelists :

- **Selina Jackson**, Special Representative to the United Nations and the World Trade Organization, World Bank, Geneva
- **Jayant Dasgupta**, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of India to the World Trade Organization
- **Martin Khor**, Executive Director, South Centre
- **Eduardo Zepeda**, inter-regional policy coordinator of the Development Policy and Analysis Division, United Nations Department of Economics and Social Affairs

Q&A and discussion from the floor

SESSION 5: Introduction of Chairman's summary

Closing plenary session



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