

UNCTAD's Productive Capacities Index (PCI) Briefing for UNCTAD member States

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Abstract

UNCTAD has argued that building productive capacity is the pathway to prosperity for all. The newly launched Productive Capacities Index (PCI) is a multi-dimensional index, unique in its ability to capture the key drivers and enabling factors that foster productive capacities. The index supports countries in understanding their economic structures and identifying areas where targeted national policies and action are needed. The PCI covers 193 economies for the period 2000 to 2018, and is composed of 46 indicators across eight categories of productive capacities: natural capital, human capital, energy, ICTs, transport, private sector, institutions and structural change.

The PCI is powered by a data-driven and interactive portal (available at https://pci.unctad.org), with publications, manuals, resources and tools that allow policymakers to measure their country's performance in achieving their national development goals, as well as meeting the UN's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The PCI is a powerful and dynamic analytical tool for use in research, diagnostics, national planning and more. Furthermore, the PCI allows the identification of national gaps and limitations that hinder efforts aimed at fostering productive capacities and structural economic transformation necessary to the economy's socio-economic development. It could further enable member States and their development partners to design evidence-based policies and monitor progress in their implementation.

Programme

Opening statement

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Response and exchange of views

Moderated by Mr. Paul Akiwumi, ALDC, UNCTAD

Closing statement and the way forward

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Modalities

The briefing will be held online in English via Webex. Participation is open to representatives and delegates of UNCTAD member States. Please access the event through the following link: https://rtce-unog.webex.com/rtce-unog/j.php?MTID=m8b3ecb917a83da8cffc6f85779bb7de3

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