



## PROGRAMME

Monday, 21 June

**10 a.m. (hybrid format)**

**Opening plenary**

**Item 1 – Procedural matters**

- (a) Election of officers
- (b) Adoption of the agenda and organization of the work of the session (TD/B/68/1)

Opening remarks by Ms. Isabelle Durant, Acting Secretary-General, UNCTAD

**Item 2 – High-level segment:** Extraordinary times call for extraordinary measures: Preparatory meeting on the road to UNCTAD 15 and LDC5.

**(a) Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Trade and Development**

Panel

- The Honorable Mia Amor Motley, Prime Minister of Barbados (via video message)
- Ms. Isabelle Durant, Acting Secretary-General of UNCTAD
- Steve McFeely, Chief Statistician, UNCTAD

*Followed by statements by Regional Coordinators and member States.*

**3:30 p.m. (hybrid format)**

**Item 2 – High-level segment:** Extraordinary times call for extraordinary measures:  
Preparatory meeting on the road to UNCTAD 15 and LDC5  
(b) LDCs Priorities for the Road to LDC5

***Opening remarks***

Ms. Isabelle Durant, Acting Secretary-General of UNCTAD

***Keynote speaker (video)***

Ms. Amina Mohammed, Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations

***Speakers***

- H.E. Mr. Victor Francisco Dos Santos Fernandes, Minister of Trade and Industry, Republic of Angola
- Dr Bright Okogu, Chief of Staff, World Trade Organization
- H.E. Ms. Rabab Fatima, Ambassador of the People’s Republic of Bangladesh to the United Nations, Co-Chair LDC5 PrepCom
- H.E. Mr. Robert Keith Rae, Ambassador of Canada to the United Nations, Co-Chair LDC5 PrepCom
- Prof. José Antonio Ocampo Gaviria, Chair, Committee for Development Policy

*Followed by exchange of views and statements by member States*

**Tuesday, 22 June**

**10:00 a.m. (hybrid format)**

**Item 4** – Annual report of the Secretary-General

Presentation by Ms. Isabelle Durant, Acting Secretary-General of UNCTAD

Question and answer session

*Followed by*

**Item 3** – General debate.

Statements by regional groups, member States, intergovernmental organizations, and non-governmental organizations

**2:00 p.m.**

**Extended Bureau meeting (via WebEx)**

**3:00 p.m. (hybrid format)**

**Item 3** – General debate (continue)

Statements by regional groups, member States, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations

**Wednesday, 23 June**

**10:00 a.m. (hybrid format)**

**Item 3** – General debate (continue)

Statements by regional groups, member States, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations

**3:00 p.m. (hybrid format)**

**Item 5 – Technology and Innovation Report 2021: Catching Technological Waves – Innovation with Equity (UNCTAD/TIR/2020)**

Presentation of the report by Ms. Shamika N. Sirimanne, Director, Division on Technology and Logistics, UNCTAD

***Panel:***

- H.E. Mr. Fortunato T. de La Peña, Secretary, Department of Science and Technology, The Philippines
- Ms. Susan Cozzens, Professor Emerita in the School of Public Policy, Georgia Tech, Vice President of GLOBELICS, and Associate Editor of the journal Innovation and Development.
- Mr. George Essegbey, Chief Research Scientist, CEO, Technology Development and Transfer Center (TDTC), Science and Technology Policy Research Institute (STEPRI) of the Council of Science and Industrial Research (CSIR) of Ghana.

*Followed by Interactive debate*

**10:00 a.m. (hybrid format)**

**Item 9–. Activities undertaken by UNCTAD in support of Africa (TD/B/68/2)**

Presentation of the report by Mr. Paul Akiwumi, Director, Division for Africa, Least Developed Countries and Special Programmes, UNCTAD

*Followed by*

*Statements by regional groups, member States*

**Thursday, 24 June**

**3:00 p.m. (hybrid format)**

**Item 12** – Institutional, organizational, administrative and related matters:

(a) Report by the Chair of the Advisory Body and appointment of members of the Advisory Body

Followed by Q & A

**Item 7** – Provisional agenda of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on E-commerce and the Digital Economy

**Item 8** – Report of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Financing for Development.

Followed by Interactive debate

**Friday, 25 June**

**10:00 a.m. (hybrid format)**

**Item 10** – UNCTAD contributions to the implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic and social fields.

**Item 12** – Institutional, organizational, administrative and related matters:

(b) Designation of intergovernmental bodies for the purposes of rule 76 of the rules of procedure of the Board

(c) Designation of non-governmental organizations for the purposes of rule 77 of the rules of procedure of the Board

(d) Review of the calendar of meetings

*Followed by*

**Item 6** – Report of the Preparatory Committee to the fifteenth session of the Conference.

Informal negotiations of the Prepcom (continues)

**3:00 p.m. (in person meeting only)**

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Informal negotiations of the Prepcom (continues)

**Monday, 28 June to Thursday, 1 July**

**10:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m. (in person meeting only)**

**Item 6** – Report of the Preparatory Committee to the fifteenth session of the Conference.

Informal negotiations of the Prepcom (continues)

**Friday, 2 July**

**10:00 a.m. (in person meeting only)**

**Item 6** – Report of the Preparatory Committee to the fifteenth session of the Conference.

Informal negotiations of the Prepcom (continues)

**3:00 p.m. (hybrid format)**

**Closing plenary**

**Item 6** – Report of the Preparatory Committee to the fifteenth session of the Conference  
*Progress report on the negotiations*

**Item 11** – Provisional agenda of the seventy-first executive session of the Trade and Development Board.

**Item 12**

(e) Review of the lists of States contained in the annex to General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX);

(f) Administrative and financial implications of the actions of the Board.

**Item 1(c)** – Adoption of the report on credentials

**Item 13** – Other business.

**Item 14** – Adoption of the report.