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NOTIFICATION

**UNCTAD 15 Ministerial Conference Virtual Pre-Event
UN Inter-Agency Cluster on Trade and Productive Capacity: Joining forces for a new path of
development at the country level**

Tuesday, 21 September 2021

The UNCTAD secretariat presents its compliments to the delegates of member States and has the honour to extend an invitation to a virtual UNCTAD 15 Ministerial Conference Pre-Event entitled UN Inter-Agency Cluster on Trade and Productive Capacity: Joining forces for a new path of development at the country level to be held on Tuesday, 21 September 2021 from 3 to 4.30 p.m. CEST-Geneva time (from 1 to 2.30 p.m. UTC time).

This pre-event will bring together high-level speakers (Deputies) of agencies from the United Nations Inter-Agency Cluster such as UNCTAD, FAO, ITC, UNIDO, UNDP and ILO, to present the case for joining forces in joint cluster programmes.

The COVID-19 pandemic has brought to the fore a series of pre-existing conditions that demand a renewed development model supported by a strong multilateral system. In this context, the entities comprising the United Nations Inter-Agency Cluster on Trade and Productive Capacity are joining forces to provide countries with coherent and coordinated assistance.

During the pre-event, the United Nations Resident Coordinator from Comoros will provide the audience with insights from their country, calling for an effective partnership with the United Nations system with a view to establishing sustained and well-funded development assistance.

The meeting, chaired by Ms. Isabelle Durant, Deputy Secretary-General of UNCTAD, will include the following speakers:

- UN Resident Coordinator in Comoros: Francois Batalingaya
- FAO: Elizabeth A. Bechdol, Deputy Director General
- UNIDO: Hiroshi Kuniyoshi, Deputy to the Director General
- UNDP: Haoliang Xu, Assistant Secretary-General,
- ILO: Moussa Oumarou, Deputy Director General for Field Operations and Partnerships
- ITC: Ashish Shah, Director, Division of Country Programmes

You are cordially invited to connect to the UNCTAD 15 Pre-Event by clicking on the link below:
https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_NQ8zJdOYS8i7i64xApRz0Q

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Isabelle Durant'.

Isabelle Durant
Deputy Secretary-General of UNCTAD

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