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NOTIFICATION

Intergovernmental Group of Experts on E-commerce and the Digital Economy Fifth session

Geneva, Switzerland, 27–29 April 2022

The fifth session of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on E-commerce and the Digital Economy will be held with physical and remote participation from 27 to 29 April 2022. The session will open at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, 27 April. The provisional agenda for the session is contained in document TD/B/EDE/5/1.

Background and purpose of the meeting

The substantive agenda items for the session are as follows:

- (a) Recovering from COVID-19 in an increasingly digital economy: Implications for sustainable development;
- (b) Working Group on Measuring E-commerce and the Digital Economy.

Further information and documentation for this session may be found at <https://unctad.org/meeting/intergovernmental-group-experts-e-commerce-and-digital-economy-fifth-session>.

Written contributions

To facilitate deliberations and the informal exchange of experiences and good practices on the topics to be discussed, member States and observers are requested to submit written contributions to the UNCTAD secretariat by Friday, 25 March 2022.

Written contributions that share experiences and good practices with regard to digitalization in the context of the pandemic are particularly welcome, to inform the discussion on the first substantive agenda item, based on the guiding questions approved by member States following the fifteenth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development in October 2021, as follows:

- What is the role of digitalization during the coronavirus disease pandemic and during recovery in countries at different levels of development?
- What have been the challenges faced in harnessing digital solutions to cope with the pandemic?
- What are the lessons to be learned from policy responses?
- Moving forward, what is the role of international cooperation?

Participation

This session is open to all member States of UNCTAD. Other organizations, including specialized agencies, intergovernmental bodies and non-governmental organizations in the general and special categories, as well as academia and the private sector, may participate as observers.

Online registration is mandatory for all those wishing to attend the meeting and is required in order to be included in the list of participants.

Please register for this session at <https://indico.un.org/event/1000433/>. Registration requires uploading an official letter of nomination to represent an organization at this meeting. For government representatives, a note verbale or an email from the permanent mission in Geneva will suffice.

The session will take place during UNCTAD E-commerce Week 2022, which has the overall theme of “Data and digitalization for development”. Further information may be found at <https://unctad.org/eweek2022>. All participants at the fifth session of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on E-commerce and the Digital Economy are encouraged to register for E-commerce Week 2022, at <https://indico.un.org/event/1000432/>.

Further inquiries regarding registration should be addressed to meetings@unctad.org.

Logistics

The session will be held with physical participation, in room XIX of the Palais des Nations, and remote participation, through a simultaneous interpretation platform in the six official languages of the United Nations. A link to the formal virtual meeting will be sent to registered participants, at the email address used for registration, one day in advance of the start of the session.

Before entering the Palais des Nations, participants are requested to collect their badges from 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. 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 with them. Taxis are not allowed to enter the grounds of the Palais des Nations; visitors should therefore be dropped off at the indicated entrance gates. Furthermore, luggage may not be brought into the buildings unless the Security Service gives special clearance.

Contact details

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