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NOTIFICATION

**Illicit Trade Forum
Second session
Room XVII, Palais des Nations, Geneva
6 and 7 September 2022**

UNCTAD will host the second session of the Illicit Trade Forum from 6 to 7 September 2022. The meeting will be organized in collaboration with the Transnational Alliance to Combat Illicit Trade.

Background and purpose of the meeting

Illicit trade significantly endangers all aspects of the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals, creating a triple threat to the financing of development by crowding out legitimate economic activity, depriving Governments of revenue for investment in vital public services and increasing the costs of achieving the Goals by eroding the progress already made. Further, identifying, quantifying and combating illicit trade requires significant investments from member States and collaboration between international organizations, along with cooperative efforts from private sector stakeholders.

To address these issues, the two-day forum will hold interactive panel discussions on the following topics:

- Illicit trade in times of crisis
- Mitigating illicit trade through maritime transport
- Trade in falsified medicines: A danger to health and development
- Illicit financial flows related to trade, tax and criminal activities

Member States, in the Bridgetown Covenant adopted at the fifteenth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, stated that UNCTAD should “support international efforts for the development of a methodology to produce estimates of the total value of inward and outward illicit financial flows and of illicit trade”. At the second session of the Illicit Trade Forum, the UNCTAD secretariat will present a work programme on potential areas for cooperation and collaboration, through which to address illicit trade and work towards fulfilling this mandate.

The forum will encourage an active dialogue involving a wide range of stakeholders, including member States and representatives from intergovernmental organizations, non-governmental organizations, academia and the private sector. Delegates will be encouraged to share their experiences, views and best practices.

Participation

Registration should be completed online at [UNCTAD Illicit Trade Forum, second session](#). Communications concerning representation should be sent to the UNCTAD secretariat, Intergovernmental Outreach and Support Service, Palais des Nations, CH-1211 Geneva 10; email: meetings@unctad.org.

The forum is open to all member States of UNCTAD. Those wishing to attend are requested to provide the UNCTAD secretariat with the credentials of their representatives and the names of their alternative representatives and advisers by Thursday, 1 September 2022.

Specialized agencies and intergovernmental bodies wishing to participate in the meeting and non-governmental organizations in the general category and those in the special category that wish to participate as observers are requested to inform the UNCTAD secretariat of the names of their representatives by the same date.

Logistics

The session will be held with physical participation, in room XVII 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.

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