

Workshop on industrial hemp

18 January 2023

Palais des Nations, Geneva, Switzerland

The UNCTAD Commodities Branch has recently produced a report on industrial hemp that will provide the background material for a workshop on the ecological properties and economic potential of this commodity on 18 January 2023, in the Palais des Nations, Geneva. National experiences will also be shared on the development of an industrial hemp value chain.

08.00 - 10.00 Badge collection for in person registered participants

10.00 - 10.30 Opening remarks

10.30 – 13.00 Hemp in modern times

The session will discuss the botanical characteristics, environmental properties, and uses of industrial hemp.

13.00 - 15.00 Lunch break

15.00 - 17.30 Hemp market potential and opportunities

Based on practical experiences from various regions in the world, the session will discuss the market potential of industrial hemp and the new opportunities for growers brought by recent regulatory developments in several countries.

17.30 - 17.45 Conclusions

17.45 - 18.00 Closing remarks



Practical information

Documents and provisional programme

The report *Commodities at a glance: Special issue on industrial hemp* is available at https://unctad.org/system/files/official-document/ditccom2022d1_en.pdf

The detailed programme of the workshop is available at <https://unctad.org/meeting/workshop-industrial-hemp>.

Venue

The workshop will be held in room XXI of the Palais des Nations, Geneva, Switzerland. It will benefit of simultaneous interpretation in English and French, and will also be held online (link will be sent by email one day before the event to registered participants).

Participation

This workshop 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.

Experts will participate in the workshop in their personal capacities and are expected to have proven expertise in the subject matter. They may be selected from government ministries such as those dealing with trade, industry, agriculture, and may also be selected from the private sector, including representatives of producer associations or cooperatives, and non-governmental organizations.

Registration

Online registration is mandatory for all those wishing to attend the meeting and is required to be included in the list of participants. Please register for this session at <https://unctad.org/meeting/workshop-industrial-hemp>. Registration requires uploading an official letter of nomination to represent an organization at this workshop. For government representatives, a note verbale or an email from the permanent mission in Geneva will suffice.

Contacts

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