



NOTIFICATION

Multi-year Expert Meeting on Investment, Innovation and Entrepreneurship for Productive Capacity-Building and Sustainable Development

Tenth session

Palais des Nations, Geneva, 27–28 September 2023

The tenth session of the Multi-year Expert Meeting on Investment, Innovation and Entrepreneurship for Productive Capacity-building and Sustainable Development will be held on 27 and 28 September 2023 in room XXVI, starting at 10 a.m., Wednesday, 27 September 2023.

Background and purpose of the meeting

The topic for the tenth session of the Multi-year Expert Meeting, “Recent developments, challenges and opportunities in sustainable economic diversification”, was approved by the Trade and Development Board at its seventy-third executive session.

Green technologies provide transformative solutions for countries to diversify their economies in a sustainable manner with cleaner and more efficient production. The UNCTAD *Technology and Innovation Report 2023: Opening Green Windows – Technological Opportunities for a Low-Carbon World* analyses the opportunities presented by the green revolution and examines pathways for developing countries to strategically position themselves to seize green windows of opportunity to build a smarter, more inclusive and more sustainable society.

Responding to the renewed call made by member States at the fifteenth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (TD/541/Add.2, paragraph 127 (kk)), participants will discuss opportunities for developing countries to diversify their economies towards sectors with lower carbon emissions. Discussions will address the policies, instruments and institutional reforms needed at the national and international levels to promote more sustainable diversification and innovation.

To facilitate the discussions, the secretariat has prepared a background document entitled “Recent developments, challenges and opportunities in sustainable economic diversification” (TD/B/C.II/MEM.4/28).

Nominations and registration

Member States of UNCTAD are requested to nominate experts in the relevant fields by 25 August 2023. Experts, who will participate in the meeting in their personal capacities, are expected to have proven expertise in the subject areas and may be selected from governmental and non-governmental organizations, the private sector and academia. Specialized agencies and intergovernmental bodies that wish to participate in the meeting, as well as non-governmental organizations in the general category and those in the special category that wish to participate as observers, are requested to register by the same date.

Online registration is mandatory and should be completed through the following link: [Multi-year Expert Meeting on Investment, Innovation and Entrepreneurship for Productive Capacity- building and Sustainable Development](#). Nominations and 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 and/or myem-iae2023@unctad.org.

Financial assistance

Depending on the availability of funding, financial assistance through the Trust Fund for Financing the Participation of Experts may be granted to a limited number of officially nominated experts from developing countries. Governments requiring funding are invited to specifically request financing in their letters of nomination. The decision as to which of the nominated experts should receive financing will be based on the direct involvement and expertise of the experts, on the principle of equitable geographical and gender representation and on the needs of beneficiaries. Changes in the experts nominated will be considered new nominations.

Nominations with requests for financing should be received by **15 August 2023** and should be accompanied by the following information about each nominee: curriculum vitae; postal and email addresses; telephone and fax numbers; and name of contact person in the relevant permanent mission in Geneva. Once the list of experts to receive financial assistance has been finalized, all travel arrangements will be made in accordance with United Nations rules and regulations.

Background documents and contributed papers

The provisional agenda for the meeting, together with the secretariat's annotations thereto, will be circulated as document TD/B/C.II/MEM.4/27. Meeting documentation will be made available on the [UNCTAD website](#).

Experts are encouraged to prepare and submit brief papers (maximum 10 pages) related to their studies, findings and/or national experiences. These papers will be made available at the meeting in the form and language in which they are received. Papers should be submitted by **15 September 2023** to the contact provided below.

Logistics

The session will be held with physical participation, in room XXVI of the Palais des Nations. The secretariat will provide remote connections that will allow for external monitoring.

Before entering the Palais des Nations, participants are requested to collect their badges at the United Nations Security Service, Pregny Gate entrance, 14 Avenue de la Paix. The Security Service is open from 8 a.m. to 4:45 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 through the Pregny Gate. 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.

Further information and contact detail

All enquiries concerning substantive issues should be addressed to the coordinator in the substantive division to: Mr. Wai Kit Si Tou (sitou@un.org).



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